Family Life Office
DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
Helping to build strong families with programs and activities that strengthen family life.

Marriage Jubilee - Sept. 25, 2011
St. Mary’s Cathedral
“Dinner for Two” &
“6 Dates for Married Couples”
Parish marriage enrichment program
For more information contact the Family Life Office at 393-2026

Marriage Preparation
For more information or to download a registration form at www.dloogensburg.org/familylife
Natural Family Planning information call: NFP Services at 518-483-0458
Special note for anyone who is preparing for marriage or is married please check out the USCCB’s web site. The materials and helpful articles are designed for helping build strong marriages. Every marriage matters, because marriage comes from the hand of God.

“Families Become What You Are”
New 4-part program for every parish
This program will be available soon “It is an outstanding DVD with Bishop Terry LeValky.”
This presentation is for every member of the parish family.
The DVD is based on bishops talk at St. James in Carthage. Details coming soon.

Towards the end of June, Father Ray H. Swartz, assistant pastor for St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in百分百, announced the death of a parishioner, a woman named Mary J. Byrne. Byrne was a faithful member of St. Bernard’s for many years, and will be missed by her family and friends.

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Gifts of a generous benefactor
Lake Clear native George Carley who died Dec. 14 will long be remembered for his extraordinary generosity.

Mr. Carley, postmaster in Lake Clear for 24 years, established charitable annuities through the Diocesan Charitable Gift Annuity Program and left gifts totaling over $283,000 to St. Bernard’s School (Saranac Lake Endowment Fund and St. John in Wilderness Church in Lake Clear.

Trinity School
in Massena plans growth
Massena pastors Father Donald E. Mandrell and Father J. Michael Gaffney announced Sunday that Bishop LeValky had given Trinity Catholic School approval to add grades seven and eight.

Joan Rufa, principal, told the North Country Catholic, that the impetus for adding grades came from repeated requests from parents, especially from parents of children in the younger grades.

In recent months, the pastors, principal, faculty, staff and members of the education council, have laid the groundwork for the additional grades.

Trinity School currently offers grades pre-K to six.

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Father Bryan D. Stitt presided at the marriage of Dorianne and Paul Hughes Oct. 9, 2010, at St. James Church in Gouverneur. The Hughes are among the hundreds of couples married at Catholic Church in the Diocese of Ogdensburg during the past year.

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Special interest is not a dirty word.

Looking at the possibilities for Egypt.

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Family Gugghenheim
“Family Retreat” program
Session 1 • August 11-14
Session 2 • August 18-21
Session 3 • October 7-9
Registration forms available soon
Family Gugghenheim welcomes families of all dimensions to celebrate Christ’s presence in their lives.

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Here comes the bride!

Here we go again — hooray! For the third time in three years, a child of ours will be wed. Last year and the year before, we were parents of the groom this year our baby girl will be the bride.

Sigh.

The weddings have been/ will be uniquely beautiful for each but brought the same kind of joy and worry. We actually can’t imag- ine our family not being a more perfect union except to say that I will love my children as they find their hearts for each other and in God has carried them through hardships that they could have dreamed of on that long ago wedding day.

Now, it’s their grand- daughter’s turn. Over the next several months, we’ll all be shar- ing in the fun – craziness of preparing for a September wedding: new clothes, new shoes and great anticipation that wedding day will be right here.

We have been blessed, and we have celebrated that excitement through the months and through the joy of welcoming our first in the year’s marriages. It’s crystal clear how much love and joy are shared by their spouses in a way that matches the love of all who see them.

Of course, old love isn’t so bad either. In our family, we can be inspired by both the joy of newlyweds and the joy of those married more than five years.

All marriage advice the way of life for your grand- parents. Your after-year after year…

Grandma and Pop have stood by each other in sickness and in health, in great times and in awful ones. Their faith in each other and in God has carried them through hardships that they could have dreamed of on that long ago wedding day.

As a family of faith, we will not always be perfect in our way of love. God takes the initiative and gives us His grace and puts the desire within each of our hearts to try to be like Him and to hold up the heavenly Father. Over the years of their time to pray for each other in the Lord’s prayer, they have been observing the God’s way of love for us. We are not above this in the journey toward perfection.

The profession of the faithful is a way that warms the hearts of all who see them.

The Lord’s Prayer

May our Lady

Summary:

Missionary Union of Priests and Religious

Our final installment of TAC’s on the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. In 1916, Father Paolo Manna, a PIME missionary and Director of the United States Section of the Pontifical Mission Societies, formed an organization that would help them to share the spiritual gifts that God had granted in the work of the Church to help others. He wanted to encourage those who were engaged in the mission of the Church to share the work of the Missionaries — and perhaps to become missioners themselves. And, he formed the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

As a reminder, the questions and responses in this column are a part of many of Frequently Asked Questions that the Pontifical Mission Society website: www.onefamilyinmission.org/faq.html

What is the purpose of the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious?

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Planning meetings continue across the diocese

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By Ryan Bets Hetten

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Young people need challenges in order to grow. "Go for the gold" is not just for Olympic competitors. It's for all of us.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that He has not come to destroy the Law which He allowed by law, but that He came on earth to fulfill that law. His new law and covenant will go even beyond this.

As we resume hearing the sermon continues this week Jesus goes into detail. Jesus' listeners must have been amazed at first, but not for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth! Why is this? Jesus' listeners were confused about their duty to love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

While that may have seemed absurd foolishness, Jesus' advice makes it clear that we are to love our enemies as well. How can we ever possibly think us fools for acting on Jesus' advice. How can we ever possibly get the grace and strength we need to do this?

We have all admired people who "go the extra mile" for someone. We have all admired people who "go the extra mile" for themselves. We have all admired people who "go the extra mile" for someone else.

Jesus' advice is not come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it. If a neighbor wrongs you, you could only knock out one of his teeth, but you could not knock out all of his teeth in retaliation. If a neighbor knocked out one of your teeth, you could only knock out one of his teeth in retaliation. If a Roman soldier commanded you to carry his baggage for a mile, which was allowed by law, then Jesus' followers were to go with the soldier for two miles.

In recent months, the pastors, principal, faculty, staff and members of the education council, have laid the groundwork for the additional grades. Mrs. Rufa said that, if 15 students enroll, a seventh grade will be added in September. These students would move into a newly established eighth grade in 2012.

The proposed program for Trinity sixth, seventh and eighth grades follows:

- Fifty minutes of instruction every day in all core subjects, Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies.
- Forty minutes of instruction every day or every other day in select subjects. Humanities, Religion, Science, Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education.

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A must-have conversation for engaged couples

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

SPECIAL INTEREST is not a dirty word

by Kathleen Gallagher

Catholics at the Capitol” set for March in Albany

A special interest can be a gift to any couple, especially in a time of stress or change. At the “Catholics at the Capitol” conference on March 8, 2011, in Albany, hundreds of couples will gather to discuss their experiences and the challenges they face. The conference aims to provide a platform for couples to share their stories and learn from one another. The theme of the conference is “Faith and Spirituality,” focusing on the importance of maintaining a strong spiritual connection in marriage and family life.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops on various topics related to faith and spirituality. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in lively discussions and exchange ideas with others who share their values and beliefs.

The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Albany, and there will be a registration fee for attendance. For more information, please visit the website or contact the organizers.

The conference is sponsored by the New York State Catholic Conference and is coordinated by the Office of Marriage, Family Life, and Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Albany.

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The rhythm method was developed in the 1930s. It was based on the scientific theory that ovulation could be predicted by calculating previous menstrual cycles. This method was often inaccurate because it did not take account of the unique nature of a woman’s menstrual cycle.

Today’s methods of NFP do take account of such variations. Based on observable signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of the menstrual cycle, NFP methods track the changes associated with ovulation and not only treat each woman as unique, but each cycle as well.

NFP methods are based on the woman’s observations and have been validated by scientific research. NFP is a holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intentions.

Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate. In the daily charting of their fertility signs, couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning.

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For couples who wish to marry in Catholic Church:

The Catholic Church has a long history of helping couples to prepare for marriage. It has learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, regardless of religion. Because the Catholic Church wants couples to form strong, lasting, and loving marriages, couples who wish to marry in the Catholic Church are able to:

- Contact and meet with your priest as soon as you decide to marry.
- Take at least six months to intensively study your relationship, and this goes beyond choosing a date and church, reserving a place for your guests and renting your dress. It means using this time to delve more deeply into your relationship. For couples this may mean they have a right to a solemn marriage, but that does not mean they have a right to a valid marriage.
- Many parishes offer mentor Couple Programs in which a trained mentor meets with you in your home to discussmarriage preparation inventory and follow up with you.
- Check out the common national program:
  - To find what programs are available near you contact your diocesan family life office.

Marriage is a unique vocation to holiness, Deacon Brian Dwyer believes. Deacon Brian Dwyer and Monique Dwyer, who said: "All of us have a unique vocation to holiness," Deacon Brian Dwyer believes. Deacon Brian Dwyer and Monique have learned a great deal that can benefit any couple, especially vital during the years before marriage has been "stressful," the couple points out, "When two people are choosing to live together, it is important to take the time to focus on the legal or juridical aspect of marriage. It is important to understand that marriage is a sacrament that is celebrated by the Church, but performed by the Church. It is important to understand that marriage is a sacrament that is celebrated by the Church, but performed by the Church. It is important to understand that marriage is a sacrament that is celebrated by the Church, but performed by the Church.

Pope for Catholic wedding, couple must know teachings of the church

Life is forever, he said.

Our marriage really is, and our insights are the recipe for happy, permanent, faithful, permanent, faithful, and fruitful marriage. We have to be people who love in a special way that love in a special way that love in a special way.

Because the Church has a very specific religious understanding of what marriage is, she said, "one can only celebrate a marriage ceremony" in the Church. In his annual meeting with the tribunal officials, the Pope said that he will focus on the legal aspect of marriage and prepare preparing them for marriage, and for the Church.

The Pope said anyone who is engaged should prepare for marriage. This goes beyond the legal or juridical aspect of Catholic marriage because our most important at the time of your engagement, the Church welcomes you to this formative period with prayer and reflection.

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- Catholic marriage preparation programs are run by a team of lay, deacon and priests. They are not restricted to Catholics, but they are always in ways that are consistent with Church teaching.
- To determine whether you can get married in the Church, couples will administer the marriage preparation program and will meet with you in their home to discuss commission whether you can get married in the Church.
- Many programs offer Mentor Couple Programs in which a trained mentor meets with you in your home to discuss commission and assists you in preparing for marriage. This will also help you with your relationship and approach this momentous day with prayer and reflection.

Our advice to young couples is to take the time to prepare for marriage. It will be the best part of your life.

Deacon Brian and Monique Dwyer know from experience that the couple's three young children have suffered greatly from unfaithful and unfruitful relationships.

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- Marriage is a sacrament that is celebrated by the Church.
- It is a covenant of love and commitment between a man and a woman, to be fulfilled in a lifelong bond with each other and with God.
- The Church teaches that marriage is not only a physical and emotional union, but also a spiritual and social union.
- The Church also teaches that marriage is a total and exclusive union of love, fidelity, and unity.

The Dwyers know they are fortunate to be raising their children in a loving home.

“God is love, and we feel a special love in the way of a valid and licit marriage,” Deacon Brian said. “There are no doubts, no reservations, our children have suffered greatly from unfaithful and unfruitful relationships.”

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NFP is not “Rhythm.” The method of women’s observations has been validated by scientific research. NFP is a holistic approach to family planning. Both husband and wife understand their fertility, emotions, and family planning intention (whether to have a baby or not). Its successful use to avoid pregnancy relies upon a couple’s following what they know about the method and one another.

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Successful use of NFP requires a couple to communicate. In the daily charting of their fertility signs, couples quickly appreciate their shared responsibility for family planning. They learn to speak openly to each other about their sexual desires and their ideas on family size. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact when the woman is fertile and can conceive. The total days of abstinence will vary from woman to woman and even from cycle to cycle. Whatever the length of the fertile phase, no barriers or chemicals are used at any time to avoid pregnancy.

To achieve pregnancy couples have intercourse during the fertile time of the cycle. NFP is not a contraceptive. It does nothing to suppress or block conception. It is a holistic approach that offers ample opportunity for couples to learn to observe, chart, and interpret the three major indicators of fertility. Couples are encouraged to “tune into” their wife’s cycle and observe and interpret the changes that occur. This promotes open communication and shared responsibility for family planning.

Effective use of NFP depends upon accurate understanding and application of the method. In the Diocese of Ogdensburg, certified instructors provide education in the Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning. Employing a 3-class series, this approach offers ample opportunity for couples to learn to observe, chart, and interpret the three major indicators of fertility. Through follow-up and consultation, couples are supported as they move towards autonomy in the use of NFP. Classes are available at various locations in the diocese; several national provider organizations also offer online NFP instruction. To learn more, please contact the Natural Family Planning office at (518)483-0459; email apietropaoli@dioogdensburg.org; or visit our website at www.dioogdensburg.org/nfp.
The Catholic tradition calls us—a very specifically—to be a people of good conscience, to act on the value of integrity, and to craft a responsible and just budget for New York State. We know that the Governor's proposed budget will be a difficult one. It plans to reduce state spending by $2.85 billion. The delay will not help algae bloom in the Old Testament: “Speak of Christ, the very body of his Church, the poor and vulnerable.”

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

For God’s gold - and land right in heaven!

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All three of today’s Sunday readings shout out that challenge. God, speaking through Moses, says to the whole of Israel, “Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.”

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us that change will come only through suffering. Even his own listeners must have seemed to him like a waste of time. “How can we ever possibly bring about a reconciliation, a friendship between you and your enemies as well!”

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Lent's Day of Reflection – The third Wednesday of Lent is dedicated to the Sanctification of the Administered Prayers to be offered in the Mass of the Day, in the prayer of the Annunciation and Visitation, in the preparation of the Holy Oil, and in the confessions of the faithful, so that their sins may be forgiven and they may be sanctified. The prayer of the Annunciation and Visitation is a prayer of preparation, asking for the grace of sanctification and the forgiveness of sins. The prayer of the Annunciation is a prayer of praise, offering thanks to God for the Incarnation of His Son. The preparation of the Holy Oil is a prayer of purification, asking for the grace of spiritual renewal and the forgiveness of sins. The confessions of the faithful are a prayer of repentance, asking for the grace of forgiveness and the renewal of the soul. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of prayer and reflection, a day of sacrifice and repentance, a day of renewal and purification. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of spiritual renewal, a day of personal growth, a day of inner peace. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of prayer and reflection, a day of sacrifice and repentance, a day of renewal and purification. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of spiritual renewal, a day of personal growth, a day of inner peace. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of prayer and reflection, a day of sacrifice and repentance, a day of renewal and purification. The Lenten Day of Reflection is a day of spiritual renewal, a day of personal growth, a day of inner peace.
Here comes the bride!

Grandma and Pop have stood by each other in sickness and in health, in great times and in awful ones. Their faith in each other and in God has carried them through hardships they could have dreamed about on their long-ago wedding day.

Now, it's their grand-daughter's turn. Over the next several months, we'll all be sharing in the fun and craziness of preparing for a September wedding: new clothes, new shoes and great anticipation.

We have been blessed, and it sure has been so much fun. It's been exciting throughout the months and it continues in the first years of their marriages. It's crystal-clear that we are loved by our spouses in a way that reminds us of all the hearts who are seen and heard.

Of course, old love isn't so bad either! In our family, we can be inspired by both the joy of newly-minted marriages and the ones married more than five decades ago.

All the marriage advice the world can offer is not our way of life for our grandchildren. Your after-year – after your

Missionary Union of Priests Religious

From the Director's Desk

Mary Ellen Brett, SSJD

Sir John Mackintosh, 74; Funeral Services Feb. 11, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church, burial in parish cemetery.

Stewart – Annie T. (Burns) MacKinnon, 78; Funeral Services Feb. 11, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart, burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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Wright – Harold A. (Tony) Vinger, 74; Funeral Services Feb. 11, 2011 at St. Casimir's Church, burial in the Cemetery.

Wyllie – Monica L. Anderson, 74; Funeral Services Feb. 11, 2011 at St. Alexander's Church, burial in the Cemetery.

pact of Priests Religious

Our final installment of TACS on the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Missionary Union of Priests Religious. In 1916, Father Paolo Manna, a PIME missionary, had the vision of forming an organization that would help them to share the spiritual graces that had moved through the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. "Good News" of Christ to others. He wanted to encourage those engaged in the work of the Church to support the work of the Missions — and perhaps to become missioners themselves. And, he formed the Missionary Union of Priests Religious.

As a reminder, the questions and responses in this column are a part of many frequently Asked Questions that the Pontifical Mission Society webpage: www.onefamilymission.com/faq.html

I would like to serve as a lay missionary. What should I do?

There are a number of local and national organizations that help "Catholic in Action" to carry out the opportunities in the United States and abroad. Contact your diocesan mission office for information or contact the Catholic Net- work of Volunteer Service (CVS). Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CVS) is a national organization for people of all backgrounds and skills to respond to the Gospel through domestic and international volunteer service to people in need. CVS connects volunteers and mis- sionaries to opportunities in the United States and abroad: more than 15,000 full-time volunteer placements throughout the US, 5,000 annual mission placements worldwide.

It is not true that the Bishop of Rome or the Holy Father can ordain him as a priest if he has not been consecrated by a bishop. This is a concern of the whole Church and all the members of the Church. The Church is the body of Christ and has the Holy Spirit within. The Church is the body of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings. The Church is the Body of Christ and has the Holy Spirit within. The Church is the Body of Christ and has the Holy Spirit within.

What is the purpose of the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious?

The Missionary Union of Priests Religious is a spiritual apostolate. Unlike the other three Pontifical Mission Societies, this mission society family member does not collect or financially support the organization's purpose to educate and inspire priests, Religious men and women, pastoral leaders and those responsible for religious education so that they may better animate others to share their faith and to the organisms that work within the Missionary Union of Priests Religious.

Could you give me an example of some of the types of activities conducted by the Missionary Union of Priests Religious?

In dioceses throughout the United States, Diocesan Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies as well as others en- gaged in the work of the Church, help "animate the mission" so they can tell others about the mission of Jesus Christ.
Family Life Office
DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
Helping to build strong families with programs and activities that strengthen family life.

Marriage Jubilee - Sept. 25, 2011
St. Mary’s Catholic

“Dinner for Two” & “6 Dates for Married Couples” Parish marriage enrichment program
For more information contact the Family Life Office at 393-2026

Marriage Preparation
For more information or to download a registration form at www.doogdensburg.org/familylife
Natural Family Planning information call: NFP Services at 518-483-0458

Special note for anyone who is preparing for marriage or is married please check out the USCCB’s web site. The materials and helpful articles are designed for helping build strong marriages. Every marriage matters, because marriage comes from the hand of God.

“Families Become What You Are” New 4-part program for every parish
This program will be available soon “It is an outstanding DVD with Bishop Terry LaValley,”
This presentation is for every member of the parish family. The DVD is based on Bishop’s talk at St. James in Carthage. Details coming soon.

Deacon Tom Killan baptizes Melanie Ward, daughter of Christine and Gabriel Ward. For more information on baptizing your child please contact your local parish.

Family Gugnonheim
“Family Retreat” program
Session 1 • August 11-14
Session 2 • August 18-21
Session 3 • October 7-9
Registration forms available soon
Family Gugnonheim welcomes families of all dimensions to celebrate Christ’s present in their lives.

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This week’s NCC focuses on preparation for Catholic marriage. Among the topics addressed are “Marriage - a unique call to holiness” and “What is natural family planning.” See pages 7-11

Trinity School in Massena plans growth
Massena pastors Father Donald J. Manfred and Father J Michael Gaffney announced Sunday that Bishop LaValley had given Trinity Catholic School approval to add grades seven and eight.

Joan Rufa, principal, told the North Country Catholic, that the impetus for adding grades came from repeated requests from parents, especially from parents of children in the younger grades.

In recent months, the pastors, principal, faculty, staff and members of the education council, have laid the groundwork for the additional grades.

Trinity School currently offers grades pre-K to eight.

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