ADRONCROCE RENAISSANCE

Bay of Naples: without the veil of mortality. The Promont- roy of happiness of sin and punishment, like that of a new baptism. Contact: For more information about prepa- ration for the Rite of Nazification, call 315-760-4368, or visit www.divinemercysunday.com All parishes are welcome.

LIFEGUARD MEETINGS

Watertown - Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph’s Church

Features: Training includes: Respect, Ex- pectations of the Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benedic- tion. All are most welcome to attend.

Contact: Mary Ann 348-6260.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

Eggcellence - Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary will hold Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Date: April 17

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Place: K of C Hall

Cost: $6.00 Adults; $4.00 Children 6-11, under 5, free; Desserts, $1 extra

Buy-Sell-Trade. Concession stand available, breakfast served until 11 a.m.

Contact: For more info on how to pre- sale tickets by calling Phil Brasher at 315-389-4584. A pre-sale cost: Adults, $6; Children under 12, $4;

ST. LAWRENCE

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

St. Lawrence Parish, 1959 Chestnut.

Date: April 16

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Place: St. Lawrence Church

Cost: Adults, $7; Children 6-11, $5.50, under 5, free

NOVEMBER FOR MILITARY

Opulence - Noble Heart Church is holding a November for Military in the Church.

Date: November 4 through April 22

Place: St. James School

Take-out available, phone ahead for the service and deliveries, 267-3330

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

MARCH 23, 2011

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Once again we watch helplessly as brothers and sisters across an ocean endure unspeakable sor-
row. An earthquake. A tsunami. The death, destruction, guilt and shame. In Japan, it could mean more than a lifetime to begin to capture the panic of a mother holding her son under a radiation de-
fect. In the Third World, it can be the story of the Samaritan woman. How willing are we to share what Christ, the Samaritan woman told him was known by Jesus when she went up to the well with him? She was not ready to listen. But then the words of God once set free are not willing to be open to the messages of infinite love for us. I read in the papers this past weekend how, again, we will, again, turn to God with pleading hearts.

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We place clay on our eyes and do not see each other as persons with dignity. Prejudice, violence, and war stars our hearts to walk blindly and with- out direction.

We are called to take the positives of the barrier and the light for the Church to cherish the Word of God. As Christian educators we are called to take the positives of the barrier and the light for the Church to cherish the Word of God.

This Scripture reading is prepared at the Fourth Sunday of Lent, let it take the posture of a question and to speak to the Church today as it speaks to the young people reading this homosexuality is not an issue of importance to us. Our time is not that of our news items from social media sites.

Since we launched the page last week, the focus has been on giving con-
fersing that would appeal to young Catholic voters, i.e., for-
cent leaders by Amanda Miner and Rachel Daly, news about

Guggenheim and so on. We’ve also had some fun searching through the NCC files to post old photos of A Family Church pictures.

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The Church of the Assumption; burial in parish cemetery.

North Country Catholic has launched a website at www.northcountry-
catholic.org. This site contains features that are unique to the North Country Catholic.

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As a faith family, we can only recognize the Divine Light within us that surpasses those who would spread the Gospel of Light and use that same Light, open the eyes of those who seek Jesus in faith. As we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Second Sunday of Christ at the Church of the Assumption, “Who is this child that we may believe him?” let us pray tenderly for the Light of Christ.

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Sunday, March 28 – Location TBD
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Sunday, March 28 – Location TBD
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MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
March 24 – Location TBD
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LENTEN ADORATION
Plattsburgh – Come spend an hour with the Host of the world. Archdiocese of Baltimore will offer Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays at St. Peter’s Chapel, 207 E. Front St. Call: 518-566-2845 or email: adoration@stpetes.org

Lenten Parish Mission
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: St. Francis Church
Features: On Friday mornings, the Steak of the Cross will be held at our Lady of Mercy Chapel from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Mass at 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Eucharistic Procession
Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: St. Francis Church
Features: Procession will be held throughout the month of March in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

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In this Third Sunday of Lent, the Scriptures present two powerful stories about thirst: thirst for water. The Israelites’ thirst in the desert was as great as Moses feared for his life as God told Moses to strike a rock - and water gushed forth. It satisfied them for a while, in the Gospel, Jesus breaks the law to speak to a Samaritan woman who had gone to Jacob’s well to draw water.

Jesus, tired, hungry, and thirsty, asks her for a drink of water. She broke all the rules in speaking to him. Now he keeps on talking, ignoring what she is really looking for. We know that she had tried cheap love, and we presume she was no stranger to intoxication, power, and money. This isn’t a gentle lady who can’t get her hands from the well, but a tough, cynical, No wonder she is made to this travel-dusty Jew, who she is sure will avoid her with downcast eyes.

Jesus despaired Samaritans who worshiped God on the wrong mountain. But Jesus doesn’t follow the accepted prejudice. Jesus forgets his own needs, and offers this woman living water, spiritual grace. Incredible!

Finding her curious and open to this miraculous water, he proceeds to raise her vision.

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Catholics everywhere mourn the death of Pope Benedict XVI
The death of Pope Benedict XVI, who served the Catholic Church as its spiritual leader for eight years, was announced on February 28, 2021.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the archbishop of New York, said in a statement that the Pope’s death was a “tragic loss.”

Bishops and parishioners around the world have also offered their condolences and prayers for the Pope’s family, friends, and followers.

The Pope, whose real name was Joseph Ratzinger, was born on April 16, 1927, in Marktl, Germany. He was the first German Pope since the 18th century and served as Pope from 2005 to 2013.

He was known for his progressive views on social issues, such as the environment and human rights, and for his efforts to modernize the Catholic Church.

The Pope’s death has been met with sadness and mourning around the world, with millions of Catholics offering their prayers and condolences.

The Pope’s successor, Pope Francis, has praised his predecessor’s commitment to the poor and marginalized and has called for continued efforts to address the ongoing global crises.

The Pope’s ashes will be placed in a casket and carried through the streets of Rome before being laid to rest in the Vatican’s St. Peter’s Basilica on March 23.

The Pope’s death has also sparked a discussion about the future of the Catholic Church and the selection of a new Pope.

Eligible cardinals will gather in Rome’s Sistine Chapel on March 16 to elect the next Pope. The new Pope will be chosen by a two-thirds majority vote of the cardinals.

The selection process is expected to take several days, with the new Pope arriving in St. Peter’s Square on March 19 to lead the cardinals in a procession to the Vatican’s Basilica of St. Peter.

The new Pope’s first major public appearance will be on March 21, when he will address the crowd in St. Peter’s Square and begin his papal reign.

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WOY organizers expect more than 1 million in Madrid

By Olga Vives

WHEN IT CAME to the 2011 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the generosity of the Holy See already had enrolled more than 1 million people. The collections, which took place from March 5 to 11, were held in 26 of the Pope’s home countries, with the goal of raising close to 2 million euros.

The tradition of collecting the Works of the Holy Father for the poor dates back to 1871, when Pope Pius IX called on Catholics to support the Church’s charitable works. The practice has continued ever since, with the money collected being used to support Church initiatives around the world.

This year, the collections were held in a number of countries, including the United States, Canada, and Latin America. The money raised was used to support a variety of initiatives, such as schools, hospitals, and social services.

In the United States, the collections were held in parishes and diocesan offices, with the money raised being used to support local charities. In Canada, the collections were held in diocesan offices and parish halls, with the money raised being used to support education and social services.

In Latin America, the collections were held in parish halls and diocesan offices, with the money raised being used to support education and social services.

Overall, the collections were a success, with more than 1 million people participating. The money raised was used to support a variety of initiatives, and the tradition of collecting the Works of the Holy Father for the poor continues to this day.
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• The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart have no members in Japan. They have information on the Grey Nuns of Ottawa which ministered in Japan for many years. The Provincial House of the Grey Nuns of Ottawa is situated in Sendai itself, but not on the seaside. They suffered from the earthquake and afterwards, but no one was hurt and their building remained as it was rebuilt in 1995.

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Sister Ellen also shared an email she received from one of the Yokohama Atonement Sisters who run a kindergarten there.

Dear Sister Ellen,

Thank you so much for your concern and prayers. We are just coming up of the disaster so this is just a brief report. As time passes they are finding unbelievable damage all through the extensive area of northern Japan. We are getting help from USA, China, Russia, New Zealand, England, Australia, Germany, Philippines, France, South Korea and more - as of today there are 69 countries extending helping hands! We are very grateful for their generosity.

They found that the magnitude of Friday’s quake reached 8.9. They warned us since they had trouble with nuclear power plants and there, we may have shortage of electricity and so we have to conserve electricity.

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Instruction have three monasteries in Japan. One is in Otsu within the northern part and was damaged greatly but the Sisters are safe and are not in need of help. They conduct in the Kagoshima-ken which is in the Southern part and has not been damaged. All the above congregations have asked for prayers for their members and for the people of Japan who are undergoing this disaster,” Sister Ellen said.

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Disaster in Japan affects diocesan congregations

Apostle Sister Ellen Denahay, diocesan delegate for religious, surveyed the religious congregations of the Diocese of Ogdensburg to discern if any congregations have members in Japan.

The Congregations below have members in Japan and they have provided information:

- The Brothers of Christian Instruction have three schools in Japan located in Tokyo, Yokohama and one in Shizuoka. None of the schools was affected and no injuries have been reported.
- The Daughters of the Sacred Heart have members in Japan who ministered in the city of Sendai.
- The Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are safe and are not in danger.
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- The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement Friary is located at Tsunami-Ki, Yokohama, and they are safe with no damage or injury to their members.
- The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement have five inactive Japanese sisters and one Canadian sister living in and conducting a kindergarten in Kamiyama, Midori-ku, near Yokohama and they are safe with no injuries to their members.
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All of the above congregations have asked for prayers for their members and for the people of Japan who are undergoing this disaster,” Sister Ellen said.

“...Sister Ellen also shared an email she received from one of the Yokohama Atonement Sisters who run a kindergarten there. Dear Sister Ellen. Thank you so much for your concern and prayers, because our monastery in Tokyo withstood the earthquake so this is just a brief report. As time passes they are finding unbelievable damage. We are so grateful...”

“...Dear Sister Ellen, you probably get this follow-up of the disaster so this is just a brief report. We are getting help from USA, China, Russia, New Zealand, England, Australia, Mexico Singapore, Malaysia, Germany, Philippines, France, South Korea and more - as of today there are 69 countries extending helping hands! We are so very grateful for their generosity. They found that the magnitude of Friday’s quake raised upward to 9.0! They warned us since they had trouble with nuclear power plants up there, we may have some shortage of electricity and so we may have to conserve electricity. We are so grateful for your concern and prayers...”

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WYD organizers expect more than 1 million in Madrid

By Cindy Woodward

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- With more than 1 million Catholic youths expected to converge in Madrid for World Youth Day in August, organizers are busy making final preparations, including the choice of new songs for the crowds to sing in addition to the much-criticized official hymn.

"The hymn is my nightmar," Yago de la Cierva, executive director of WYD 2011, told reporters at the Vatican March 15. He was responding to a Spanish journalist, who asked how they could have chosen what she described as an awful song for the theme hymn.

De la Cierva said, "It's very beautiful for the type of music it is, but maybe we have made a mistake" in choosing the piece. Once it became clear that the song was not popular, especially in Spain, he said, "we made a mistake" in choosing what she described as "an awful song for the theme hymn."

Briefing reporters about the preparations, he said the Pontifical Council for the Laity had asked that the hymn be written in the officially used Spaniard, "not something like a English, which is the same wherever you go."

"This will be a Spanish fiesta," he said. In addition, De la Cierva said the traditional bond between the faith and art will be highlighted, especially during the Stations of the Cross exercise, which is among many events late at night. We expectant the crowds at about 10 p.m. and we don't go to bed before midnight," he said. "Obviously, the church leaders will not begin later" than was usual at previous World Youth Days in other cities.

WYD 2011 also is attempting to reflect the Spanish reality in its budget. "We expect m ore than 6,000,000 times by March 15," World Youth Day will be celebrated in Madrid Aug. 16-21. With the event five months away, organizers said more than 250,000 people already had enrolled.

De la Cierva also said people signed up to participate officially in the full program represent only about 25 percent of the total number of those who are expected to travel for the main events with the pope. Because of the economic crisis, he said, WYD Madrid should draw well over 1 million people.

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When you think about the evangelization message and the function of youth parish, even for the next three years, how would you judge your parish? In order for your parish to be revitalized, it must be Christ centered through prayer, faith-sharing and community living.

The parish must be mission-focused in organizing its activities and be itself in a way that fosters a faith that is living, explicit and fruitful (Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us).

The parish must be results-oriented which builds a shared faith-vision, establishes priorities and sets up accountability structures for achieving them. What does an evangelizing parish look like?

One of the ways an evangelizing parish works is to provide an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality and belonging. Those who are away from the Church want to feel the sense of belonging. They want to "feel at home," especially if they have been away from the Church a while.

An evangelizing parish uses the ordinary and everyday events as an evangelizing moment, especially at Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations, Weddings, funerals, parish regis- trations and diocesan and parish social events, etc.

Let's pray that you judge your parish an evangelizing one.

Come and learn more how your parish can become an evangelizing parish during the ecumenical day on March 5-9.

Dominican Sister Patricia Thomas of BENO Interna- tional will focus on a variety of strategies and resources for parishes to continue their outreach.

Anyone who is involved in parish ministry -- pastors, parish leaders, lay ministry leaders, parish evangelization team trains, coordinators and facilitators of small communities is encouraged to at- tend the workshop.

More than ever we need to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are waiting to be invited back into the life of the Church. Your presence is a gift and builds the Body of Christ. Further information is available from pastors, parish evangelization contact persons or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, SSJ at

Bishop Terry Lonald LaValley is fifth bishop

What does it mean to be an evangelizing parish?

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March 26 – Rev. Bernard Marron, O.F.M. Conv., 1980


March 23 – Mary Paul – July 1987


March 18 – Rev. Francis McShane, O.F.M. Conv., 1992


March 10 – Rev. Dr. B. Sliding, O.F.M. Conv.


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March 6 – Rev. Peter J. Loyola, O.F.M. Conv.

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March 2 – Rev. Peter J. Kavanagh, O.F.M. Conv.


February 20 – Rev. Michael P. Connelly, O.F.M. Conv.


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February 14 – Rev. Peter J. Loyola, O.F.M. Conv.


February 12 – Rev. Peter J. Kavanagh, O.F.M. Conv.


February 10 – Rev. Mary L. Buttram, O.F.M. Conv.


February 8 – Rev. Daniel J. Laughlin, O.F.M. Conv.


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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Lent: a time to let Jesus satisfy our thirst

In this Third Sunday of Lent, the Scriptures present two powerful stories about thirst—thirst for water. The hardness of thirst in the desert was so great Moses feared for his life so God told Moses to strike a rock—water gushed forth. It satisfied them for a while. In the Gospel, Jesus breaks the law to speak to a Samaritan woman who had no Jacob’s well to draw water. He broke all the rules in speaking to her. Now, he keeps on talking, ignoring Jesus’, tired, hungry, and thirsty eyes. He breaks the law, and water gushed forth. A question: “Are we thirsty?”

“Careful the things you say, and the things you do, Children Will Listen. Careful the things you do, Children Will Listen.”

Monsignor Paul E. Whitmore

RESPECT LIFE

Teach by example; children will learn

By Kathleen M. Gallagher

Director of Pro-Life Activities, New York State Catholic Conference

Children will listen. Careful the things you do, Children Will Listen. Careful the things you say, Children Will Listen. Children may not obey, but children will listen. Children will look to you for which way to turn, To k now what to do, Careful before you say, “Listen to me.”

Prosecutors in Philadelphia are reportedly considering the death penalty for grisly abortionist Kermit Gosnell. You may recall the horror of Gosnell’s practices, which was revealed two months ago following his arrest for eight counts of murder. Gosnell is charged with the death of one woman in a botched abortion and seven instances when women were prematurely born and then gruesomely killed in what Gosnell called ‘abortion’ procedures.

I read the grand jury report on Gosnell’s crimes. To say that it sickened me is an under-statement. The facility Gosnell ran was disgusting. Horrified by human blood, animal feces and baby body parts. According to police, unsuspecting and desperate women were drugged and bound, performed on and diseased, forced to deliver their fully-formed babies on toilets before the infants were whisked away and butchered. Gosnell raked in millions of dollars from his fraudulent life-endangering business. Everyone has a body in my body says this man is deserving of the most severe penalty there is.

But kill him? No. The State of Pennsylvania should not kill Kermit Gosnell. Why? Two: Jared Lee Loughner, who last week pleaded not guilty to 47 federal charges follow-ing the senseless shooting rampage in Tucson that killed sixteen innocent people, including a nine-year-old girl who had her entire life ahead of her. The horrific attack also left 13 others with serious injuries, including Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

Against Loughner could carry the death penalty. The federal government should not kill Jared Lee Loughner. Destroying life is never the proper way to defend life.

Stop for a moment to consider the absurdity, the irony and the tragedy of it all. In an effort to demonstrate that God is indeed Gosnell and Jared Lee Loughner’s ghastly killings were wrong, the government may now seek their death by lethal injection. What kind of example does the government set when it resorts to killing in order to show that killing is inappropriate and immoral? This country will never successfully build a culture of life if its solution to violence is more violence. Respect for life must apply equally to all, even to the perpetrators of all crimes.

The United States Bishops recently reiterated this point when urging the Governor of Arizona to sign a bill abolishing the use of capital punish-ment. Our almsgiving, our habits of prayer, our generosity are the litmus test.

And what are we planning for the remainder of Lent? It’s all about quenching our thirst for life and love—shun the type of thirst-spacer that doesn’t really satisfy, and to earnestly beg God to give us this living water.

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Our mission also compels us to be an advocate for the vulnerable, to stand for the poor, and to be a guarantee that everyone in our society for all of its citizens.

At the Movies

The Lincoln Lawyer

By John Makely

A generally engaging central character, convincingly brought to life by Matthew McConaughey, lends service to "The Lincoln Lawyer" (lslangajite). Yet, though vi- brant, this thriller is also frequently lengthy and includes numerous visual elements that nar- rowly characterize its appropriate audience.

Matthew McConaughey portrays the titular Los Angeles attorney, Michael "Mike" Haller, a par- ticularly formidable private defense pet of attorney who on the supposed advice of Continental - license plate "GOODLUCK" - serves as his travel office. Though given to ethical corner-cutting, Mick is funda- mentally decent and usually has all clients' best interests at heart.

On the personal side, too, Mick is able to reconcile with his ex-wife, Maggie (Maria Teresa Toniato), a prosecutor with whom he has a young daughter.

When Mick is offered the chance to represent Beverly Hills playboy Louis Roulet (Brian Phillippe), victim of a powerful real estate de- nisty, it seems like an easy step up to the big tunes. All the more so, since the high police-finger against the client is much up in a single case but at first seems quite trimly. Clues human, an intrepid investigator - and companion (William H. Macy), however, soon suggest a more complicated reality. Driven by McConaughey's kinetic performance, director Brad Furman's adaptation of Michael Connelly's novel makes for a lively drama, both inside the courtroom and beyond. But its protagonist's oc- casional scams and eventual resort to borderline vigilan- cies, his client's libel suit and his life as a kinetic and - above all - action-oriented society for all of its citizens.

Well-grounded adults dis- pensed to divise challenging material, occasionally at least a few flats aside the grit. A filming contains consid- erable explicit violence - in- cluding scenes of rape, violent vigilations issues, brief - nonconsensual marital lives.

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Michael Pena and Matthew McConaughey star in a scene from the movie "The Lincoln Lawyer."

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God be praised…forever. Amen. May our total trust in Him nourishes us with the bread of life, strengthens us in overcoming our own weaknesses, and nourishes us with the food that doesn’t perish, so that we may bear fruit to the glory of God. Amen.

TODAY’S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

March 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral

Rite of Election 2011 held

In anticipation of the Rite of Election, the Liturgy of the Word begins with the recitation of the Our Father. At this time, there is a marked increase in visitors, some of whom may be new to the Church. Following the readings, the Bishop addresses the gathering, reminding them of their call to discipleship and inviting them to accept it. The homily may focus on a passage from the Old Testament or the New Testament, emphasizing the importance of faith and commitment to the Church.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the central act of the Mass, where the travels the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ. During the Eucharistic prayer, the Bishop prays for the community and asks for God’s blessings on them. The faithful respond with the “Amen,” signifying their consent to the prayer and participation in the sacrament.

VOCATION IN THE WORLD:

Lent is a time for reflection and preparation for the celebration of the Easter sacraments. It is a time to focus on our faith and commitment to the Church. The following are possible activities during Lent:

1. Meditate on the readings from the Gospel of Matthew.
2. Practice random acts of kindness.
4. Offer a fish fry on Ash Wednesday.
5. Sponsor a Stations of the Cross

Lent is a time for renewal and growth, and the faithful are invited to participate in these activities to deepen their faith and strengthen their relationship with God.
We groan our prayer

Once again we watch helplessly as brothers and sisters across an ocean endure unpalatable suffering.

An earthquake. A tsunami.

The death, destruction, guilt and sorrow...and the news.

You and I could more words begin to capture the panic of a mother holding her child in a fusillade under a radiant display of information streaming for her family.

After just a few stories, and I begin to hear it so much more. With more than a little guilt I turn down.

I’m know I’m not alone in wondering how a good God could allow such misery and pain in the world. It’s a mystery all believers have grappled with for thousands of years.

As we wonder, we still turn to God with pleading hearts. That’s what faith is, isn’t it? This week, a friend shared a prayer for Japan that expressed far better than I ever could the depth of our sympathy and all the people of the Pacific faced with this tragedy.

We groan from the depths of our souls, bypassing the words that fail us into the language of our spirits.

Not that, of your grace is the knowledge that death and destruction will never

by Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ

Good and gracious God

Our words fail.

They fail to adequately describe the events in Japan.

They fail to express the depth of our sympathy and all the people of the Pacific faced with this tragedy.

They fail to contain the breadth of the experience.

They fail to convey the commiseration of our souls.

Yet, we fling these dead words towards you because you... know we groan our prayer.

We groan for the people of Japan and all the people of the Pacific, and every creature on earth, that suffered in this tragedy.

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We are called to take the posture of the beggar and beg for the Light of Jesus, to face the truth and the consequences.

Jesus listened very carefully to the Samaritan Woman. He sat and patiently waited for her to come to understand.

She was not quite ready to listen.

But then, one day he became a “fan” and entered into a conversation with her even though she disagreed with Him.

He knew she was struggling with a question that was never really answered: “Who is the Christ that we may believe?” Let yourself be healed with the words of God.

The challenge in the readings from the Gospel is John to this next two Sundays is to begin to see the signs of the Kingdom of God in the Church.

In the Third Sunday of Lent, we have the story of the Samaritan Woman. How willing are we to show the Christ to this Samaritan Woman who believed that she knew Jesus and that she could be with Him? She was not ready to listen.

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**ADORATION CONTINUED...**

**March 10**
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
Place: Visitation Parish Center, Kitchen Available
Contact: Fr. Mahaffy, 315-389-6036

**FRIDAY BLESSING**

The Knights of Columbus continue through the month of April with the Friday Blessing of Children on the First Friday of each month. Contact: 315-389-6036.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday, 5-9
Place: All Saints Church
Contact: 315-389-6036

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Contact: For more info on how to prepare, please call the youth ministry office at 315-393-2920.

**APRIL DANCE MERCY DENTIONS**

Blessed Sacrament Saturday and Sunday Masses are invited to the Chrism Mass.

**ST. JOSEPH**

March 22, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Joseph Church
Contact: Mr. Silvis, 315-393-2920.

**TUESDAY**

March 15, 6-7
Place: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart for the Sr. Kehoe Ministry Program. The speaker will be Christopher Welding, a young adult and diocesan missionary, who will address the topic: "Evangelizing youth at St. Joseph’s, parish life and the opportunity to be a spiritual mentor.

**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

March 17, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**JERSEY CITY**

March 20, 6:30-9 p.m.
Place: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Contact: Father and his closest collaborators, Father and his closest collaborators, Father and his closest collaborators.

**WATERTOWN**

March 22, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**THE PIETES**

March 24, 8 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**ST. MARY’S**

March 25, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

March 26, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**ST. JOSEPH**

March 27, 8:30 a.m. to Noon
Place: St. Joseph Church
Contact: Mr. Silvis, 315-393-2920.

**THURSDAY MORNING MEDITATION**

Place: Visitation Parish Center
Time: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Contact: For more info on how to prepare, please call the youth ministry office at 315-393-2920.

**EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST**

Gouverneur – St. James School will be hosting a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 31 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria. A pancake breakfast will be served with all kinds of sporting items. Come and bring the whole family for fun and fellowship.

**NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC**

Easter Bunny Breakfast

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

**Gouverneur – St. James School**

March 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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March 28, Kindergarten and PreK.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

March 31, 7 a.m. to Noon
Place: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
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**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

History

Join Bishop LaValley for the celebrations of the Year of Faith.

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Contact: Msgr. Timmerman, 315-393-2920.

**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

April 3, 12 p.m.
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**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

April 4, 12 p.m.
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**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

April 5, 12 p.m.
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April 6, 12 p.m.
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April 8, 12 p.m.
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April 9, 12 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Church
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**ST. MARY’S, TROY**

April 10, 12 p.m.
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April 30, 12 p.m.
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