Preparing for Easter – a sacred journey

Catholic music daily, or putting a little more energy up chocolates, alcohol, or Facebook. “Where exactly am I on this journey?”

We can find our own answers to these questions and move forward. The first step of the journey at all. Many of us may be wandering through the season, falling short of where we promised. Others may be somewhat directed in their journey, staying true to our Lenten sacrifices and receiving direction.

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It was a sound that brought back a million memories. This sound had filled the nave of St. Peter’s Church in Ogdensburg, not with the noise of a hundred people, but with the sound of one voice, a voice that had been heard many times before and would likely be heard again. The voice belonged to our Lord Jesus Christ, and it was His voice that filled the church with song from deep within the soul of humanity.

The cry of “if only…” came from the sisters in their loss of Lazarus. Both Martha and Mary acknowledged their faith that Jesus was the one who could bring life back to their brother. The cry of “if only…” was filled with song from deep within the human heart. It was a sound that brought forth a million memories… And with your spirit!

From now until the First Sunday of Advent, we will be reviewing plans for change and the possibilities for growth that lie ahead. It is this life of grace dwelling within us that keeps us unbound. God’s grace unites us with the one who is sitting at the right hand of the Father. It is this life of grace that allows us to be “And with your spirit.”

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Family and the new year of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Let your own life be unbound by this call to faith and by the grace of God. Pray and ponder this call to faith in the context of the readings for this Sunday and the context of the readings for the entire year of the liturgical year.

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Ogdensburg – Patricia J. (Goldsmith) Conley, 68, Funeral Services March 31, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and grant us the grace to live a life of faith. Amen.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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The National Honor Society plays an active part in the life of our school, promoting the ideals of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Membership in the National Honor Society is by invitation only and is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and other qualities. The National Honor Society is open to students in the junior and senior grades who meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a full-time student in good academic standing.
2. Must demonstrate leadership and service in extracurricular activities.
3. Must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
4. Must participate in community service.

The National Honor Society recognizes the importance of being a role model for others. On the day of the dedication, all students will be recognized by name and student number, becoming a member of the National Honor Society. As you know, back in 1921, the National Honor Society was founded with four purposes in mind: to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to create enthusiasm for leadership, and to develop character.

Any one of these is a most noble end in itself. Put the four together and you have an internal special, something that is still to be desired by all of us. As we open the door, ever ready to welcome and the heart of the world. Let’s take a moment or two to think about why these four purposes can be and should be connected by your faith. When it comes to enthusiasm, there is none greater than that of learning. You have the opportunity to be always learning the wonders, the awareness of God’s creation to see so much very tiny, to sort through all of that to reach something wonderful about our world. We’re glad to be here...
In Keeseville - Altar and Rosary Society welcomes men

In February of 2009, with the link of other parishes merging or dissolving, we are also linking together, we are one family, one church, one church family. Much can be done working together. 

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine's "honey-do" list. We are also looking to do a similar thing with our religious organizations. Joining the society does not require any application process or waiting to be invited. It is open to any member of our churches, especially in faith filled events like Easter. It is open to any member of our churches, especially in faith filled events like Easter.

The film contains some mildly sexual humor. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

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The sad fact is that most of us stop bothering to love our faith after Confirmation and thus many projects neglect their daily duty to remain in the experience of faith.

Unfortunately, at most parishes, in the hour before the Lord's Supper there is little emphasis on the good news arising from the Church. And the Mass is an extremely private workplace and thus an effective place to begin the work of spreading the good news arising from the Church. And we must not neglect our work to come forth from what we believe, and still many do not agree.

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Why be Catholic?

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Here are eight grounded reasons!

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Archbishop Dolan speaks on behalf of US bishops: Commitment to address clergy abuse remains firm

By Cris Mauch
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) — Pope John Paul II is being beatified for two main reasons: The cause of his impact on his church and on the Catholic Church, but because of the pope's virtues of faith, hope and charity, ready to defend the poor and defend the weak, said Archbishop Dolan of San Francisco.

"Clearly his cause was put on the fast track, but the process was done carefully, with respect for the rules Pope John Paul laid down," Archbishop Dolan said April 1, during Mass at the Paulist Center in Washington, D.C.

The cardinal said the church wanted to respond positively to many Catholics' hopes to have Pope John Paul beatified quickly, but it also wanted to make sure that the archdiocese, "as part of an entire church, is responding to the requests of the people," in accordance with the rules of canon law.

"We repeat what we have said before," he said. "We believe that he is a candidate for sainthood. We pray that he may be found worthy of sainthood."
Students from Carthage Augustinian Academy recently competed in the 2011 New York State Regional Science Olympiad at SUNY Potsdam. The team, which included twelve students from Grades 6-8 won the Spirit Award and brought home a total of 14 medals. Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. Medalists from the Academy include two first places by eighth graders. In the Dynamic Planet competition, Noah Lander and Kara Marks won gold medals and in the Science Crime Busters category, Sara Weber and Kara Marks won gold medals. Pictured with their coach Mary Ann Grey in the front row are Courtney Leonard, Kelsey Lawton, Sara Weber and Mia Brown; in the second row Janice McClain, third row Kara Marks, Evan Vogts and Remington Hannah; back row including Greg Iseneker, Tyler Luffman and Noah Lander.

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On Ash Wednesday, Deacon Mark Bennett of St. Peter's Church signed the forehead of Peyton Falb.

Jonathan Temple studied how guitars produce musical sound for his project for Seton's recent science fair.

Samantha Bashaw, Ben Caron and Haley Moore worked as a team for the school's science fair.
Develop a strategy for the future

Retired Army Lt. Colonel brings his skills to a Catholic school system

By Kevin Mastellon

When a former Special Forces officer who served in the office of the Chief of Staff to the Commander of the United States Forces in Korea returned to Fort Drum in Northern New York last year to take as principal of a Catholic School, he was also as surprised as the students that a Department of Homeland Security office in Washington would be overseeing and empowering the Iraqi security and the President’s pro-

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By Ed Egan

North Country Catholic

A news release from Trinity Catholic School, Massena, N.Y.

— The Trinity Catholic School cafeteria was full March 15 with people who came to hear about the school’s new school cafeteria program, opening this fall.

“The office would oversee and coordinate a comprehensive strategy for Homeland Security in the White House.

The first- and second-graders heard from teachers, principal, Joan Rufa. “This will be done by reaching out to others in the community.

The school-day time schedule for the new pre-

The school-system’s need for a full-time person in the position presented by Principal, Joan Rufa. “This is my fourth institution.

“We know that curriculums are standard, but home and careers, music, projects of French or Spanish, and a Diocesan required Religion class, with each class lasting 50 minutes with a possible extension up to 100 minutes, if needed.

Rufa. “This will be done by reaching out to individuals and stakeholders, one-on-one, or one-to-many, to present possible solutions to improve the already strong learning environment within the school.

“Academic performance and other measures of Catholic, told Massena parents March 15 that she wished that she would have had the opportunity to learn from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and from school gardens, and 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NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

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Further information about Rachel's Vineyard is available through a national office or at local parishes. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. The cost is $100 per couple. Lodging and materials are available. Registrants are asked to cover the cost of their retreat location and taxies from home to the retreat location. Additional information is available at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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In his weekly blessing, the pope, speaking at his studio window, appealed for a suspension of fighting in Libya, which has been ravaged by fighting between government forces and rebels, and where civilians are being caught in the crossfire.

"As I was preparing for the weekly blessing, I was moved to think of so many people who are suffering in Libya," Benedict said.

The pope said the United Nations Security Council had adopted Resolution 1973, establishing a no-fly zone in Libya, "but I want to pray that it may be a zone of peace and safety for the people of the country."

The pope said he was praying for Libya and the North African country, and he asked people to pray for the Virgin Mary to make her intercession felt in the country.

The pope also said he was praying, as soon as possible, for a quick conclusion of the economic crisis that is weighing on the European Union and the European economy.

The pope said he was asking the Virgin Mary to intercede for the nations of the Middle East, which are going through the suffering of terrorism.

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The Way of the Cross will be presented at St. Mary’s Church in Ticonderoga April 11 at 8 p.m. by junior high students from St. Mary’s School. A scene from last year’s presentation is shown. All are invited to the evening of prayer.

**Why be Catholic?**

1. The appreciation of creation. We Catholics are fundamentally sacramental. The Catholic faith sees gifts of creation in its most important rituals: water and oil, bread and wine, human touch.

2. A universal vision. The Catholic Church has a world-wide faith, with many different cultures and customs. We are Christians and Catholics first. Our church was founded by Jesus Christ and John of the Cross articulate this divine human touch.

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7. A profound sense of history. The Catholic Church has been around for 20 centuries. That’s four to five times the age of the oldest Protestant denomination and 10 times the age of the United States!

8. An optimistic attitude. You know, our belief in an afterlife really does come in handy on a bad day.

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**Lenten Giving Tree**

Parishioners of St. Martin’s Church in Port Leyden and St. John’s in Lyons Falls are devoting efforts in their Lenten Longing program to support their local food pantry. There are food items as well as monetary amounts on each cross of the Lenten Giving Tree. Bernadette Law selects a cross from the “fill-the-pantry” tree. Above, St. John’s parishioners Tammy Cambridge, Mary Ellen McManus and Boniface Law select a cross from the “fill-the-pantry” tree.

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OUR READERS WRITE

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- Time: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Location: Parish Center and Adoration Chapel.

lenten adoration  

- Lenten Adoration services will be held as hour with the Lord during the season of Lent. The schedule of these will be announced near the end of the season of Ash Wednesday.
- Parish: Sacred Heart Church.
- Time: 7:00 to 7:45 a.m.
- Location: Inside Sacred Heart Church.

prayer vigil  

- Prayer vigil for the unborn will be held in the building every Sunday night of the month.
- Parish: St. Mary's Chapel.
- Time: 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Location: Inside Sacred Heart Church.

camp bedford open house  

- Camp Bedford is open for the 2011 season.
- Parish: Civilian Training Unit, Civilian Training Unit.
- Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Bedford, New Hampshire.

pork roast dinner  

- The Knights of Columbus and the St. John Paul II Council are hosting a Pork Roast Dinner.
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Preparing for Easter – a sacred journey

By Zack Leader

BY Zack Leader spend some time on a Guggenheim rock, one of his favorite spots in New York City. Leader is a Franciscan missionary who works with students at the university.

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