**Prayer means...**

Praying to God means suffering. Christians must suffer for their faith, and Pope Benedict XVI validated this by saying, “It is an act of faith that we embrace suffering.”

In Psalm 22, he said, “despite the presence of suffering, the psalmist recognizes God’s closeness and a divine love that is so radical” that he can still say “Father, I am ready to paint a mis-

In the present issue, the Church is offering a mini-pilgrimage to scenic locations around the diocese. The Diocese of Ogdensburg, Volume 66, Number 21

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In a couple of weeks, Bishop LaValley will be traveling to the Vatican to let the Holy Father know how we’re doing. He’ll be joining the other bishops of the United States who have been invited for the Synod on the Family. Every five years, each bishop in the United States is invited to travel to Rome to attend the Synod on the Family and should be received by the Pope. The Bishop could talk about Marilou Kilian, the current Synod on the Family coordinator, and the Bishop could bring them together for prayer, study and adventure.

Church: A Family of Faith
 Attitude Adjustment
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sept. 24-25
By Sister Mary Estelle, S.J.
Attitude Adjustment

Do you see what we mean and what will? In the parable, Jesus points out that what we do with what we have will be rewarded or cursed. Every day we find ourselves focused on having a self-sufficient attitude that transforms our actions into authentic Christian living. We need to work on becoming more open to the possibilities that God has in mind for our lives, that others might not see. Every day we find ourselves focused on having a self-sufficient attitude that transforms our actions into authentic Christian living.

Some thoughts on the Missionary Cooperation Plan
From the Director’s Desk
Mary Elizabeth Buss, S.S.J.
The Summer of 2011 draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parishes and Pastors on West side of the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their participation in another successful Missionary Cooperation Plan. This past summer brought an increase in the number of visitors coming to the West side of the Diocese. The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) introduces each parish to a real life missionary who represents a mission cause from a faraway place. In doing so, it serves as a prepare and helps to prepare your parish for the World Mission Sunday in October. It also makes the needs of the missions more real and more personal. The faithful of the parish have an opportunity to identify with a missionary that might otherwise be relegated to a bulletin or pulpit announcement. There is a connection to this walking, to this witnessing that there has been a successful and satisfying parish experience. The MCP, the enthusiastic response to Mission Appeals also im-

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The Department of Worship is studying regional images of the Pope and prayer your experience. We are trying to make sure that the prayer of the people is not lost to the people.

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Ogdensburg – Waldo E. Stickel, 82; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2011 at St. Michael’s Church.


Attica – Peggy (Hanlon) Leonard, 58; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church.

Bellevue – Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ; Funeral Services Sept. 20, 2011 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Collegeville – Richard Leonard, 74; Memorial Services Sept. 17, 2011 at Holy Guardian Angel Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Cape Vincent – Sally LaLonde Tierney, 77; Funeral Services Sept. 17, 2011 at St. Mary’s Church.

Lake City – William D. Reed, 86; Funeral Services Sept. 24, 2011 at St. St. Peter’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mack – Ethel C. (Heiner) Flick, 78; Funeral Services Sept. 14, 2011 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in parish cemetery.

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**Religious Education Classes**

**O C T O B E R**

- **Date:** Oct. 9
  **Time:** 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  **Place:** St. Bernard’s Church
  **Features:** They will have their 30th annual all-you-can-eat Beef/Roast Pork dinner.

- **Date:** Oct. 2
  **Time:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  **Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
  **Features:** Please take this opportunity to stock up on the food for your autumn parties.

- **Date:** Oct. 2
  **Time:** Noon to 4 p.m.
  **Place:** North Country Catholic Schools & Christian Education
  **Features:** They will be promoting their autumn curriculum materials offered here.

- **Date:** Oct. 3
  **Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  **Place:** Sacred Heart Chapel at the University of the South, 1300 N. Broadway
  **Features:** Visit the Religious Documentation Center and browse through the materials offered here.

- **Date:** Oct. 4
  **Time:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  **Place:** Samaritan Medical Center, Lower Level of the Heart and Vascular Institute
  **Features:** She held the pastoral association meeting for the fall season.

- **Date:** Oct. 7
  **Time:** 7 p.m.
  **Place:** Southside Church
  **Features:** The North Country Catholic Church will be holding their 38th annual all-you-can-eat Beef/Roast Pork dinner.

- **Date:** Oct. 15
  **Time:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  **Place:** Sacred Heart Chapel at the University of the South, 1300 N. Broadway
  **Features:** Take-out will be available.

- **Date:** Oct. 21
  **Time:** 7 p.m.
  **Place:** Sacred Heart Chapel at the University of the South, 1300 N. Broadway
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- **Date:** Oct. 29
  **Time:** 6 p.m.
  **Place:** Sacred Heart Chapel at the University of the South, 1300 N. Broadway
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- **Date:** Oct. 30
  **Time:** 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
  **Place:** Sacred Heart Chapel at the University of the South, 1300 N. Broadway
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- **Date:** Oct. 31
  **Time:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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**November**

- **Date:** Nov. 1
  **Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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**December**

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**January**

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Women of Grace make a spiritual journey

By Barbara Evans Mills

Five women from the Catholic Parishes of St. Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, Philadelphia and St. Theresa in Philadelphia recently took a spiritual journey of a lifetime to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine near Niagara Falls Aug. 12.

The women arrived at the shrine Aug. 11, the day before the shrine marked its 55th anniversary.

The group attended daily Mass, after which they encircled by candles and the statues of the Apostles surrounded by two smaller shrines - one for Our Lady of Fatima and another for Our Lady of Loreto. The other is a scene of Jesus' birth in a stable covered with two layers of glass and plexiglass which can be seen the night sky of the Northern Hemisphere.

The group celebrated its 55th anniversary Aug. 12.

While at the shrine, the women attended daily Mass and view the entire grounds.

Denise Betterman, Kim Nowak, Gail Patrick, Rose Perkins and Kristina Dean, traveled to the small town near Niagara Falls Aug. 12, staying overnight and visit the Basilica Aug. 13.

This was the day the shrine celebrated its 55th anniversary.

The group, which originally met while part of a scripture study program called Women of Grace, recently decided to visit Marian shrines, beginning with the Basilica.

One special moment occurred when the Rosemary in the chapel attached to the Fatima store, a Catholic gift shop on the grounds.

The group finished with the Litany of Loreto, a powerful list of all of Mary's titles. Other people entered as the group was praying and joined their voices.

“Was a moving moment for me,” said Ms. Perkins. “I know Our Lady was pleased.”

An unexpected result of the trip was the impact on the friendship among the women. All Ove believe they’ve shared a special connection by sharing this experience. Ms. Perkins said she received a honoring and spiritual strength from her “Women of Grace sisters.”

The surprise benefit was the friendships that I developed with the four other wonderful women,” she said. Shrine Director Father Julio Ciavaglia said the shrine witnessed crowds of up to 10,000 visitors per year, many from different ethnic backgrounds.

Citing the draw as being from the Blessed Mother, Father Ciavaglia said many have received a sense of peace, and a renewed sense of purpose.

One of the top descriptions or experiences people tell us is a sense of peace,” he said. “People do receive this from coming and seeing the statue, the natural beauty. More importantly and most subtly, it’s the peace they receive in coming to confession from being absolved of their sins.”

The women hope to make more trips to Marian shrines in the future.

The group met on a weekly basis at St. Mary’s in Evans Mills and studies the Women of Grace course which is designed as a ministry for women and created by Johnette S. Bonkhave, host of the television program, The Abundant Life, seen on EWTN.

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Ezekiel 18: 25-28

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In the context of the United States, the poverty rate among whites increased from 8.9 percent in 2009 to 9.1 percent in 2010, compared to 20.8 percent of blacks, 18.1 percent of Asians and 11.7 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

The median income for all families in the United States was $49,445 in 2010, down from $50,599 (in 2010 dollars) in 2009. The median income for families with a female householder with no husband present was $37,093, down from $39,274 in 2009. The median income for families headed by white females was $37,774, down from $40,459 in 2009. The median income for black families was $31,297, down from $33,431 in 2009. The median income for Hispanic families was $28,023, down from $30,398 in 2009.

The percentage of children living in poverty increased from 20.7 percent in 2009 to 22 percent in 2010. The percentage of families in poverty increased from 14.3 percent in 2009 to 15.1 percent in 2010. The percentage of families living in poverty increased from 16.2 percent in 2009 to 17.1 percent in 2010.

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By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

WHY are we so deaf to the cries of war in one land and so sensitive to the cries of war in another land? Is it that we have a democracy and they don’t? Is it that we are a church-state separation-minded country and they’re not? Is it that we don’t want to offend anyone’s religious sensibilities and they do?

When Pope Benedict XVI hosted a symposium on religious freedom in the 20th century in 2005, he noted that “religion is a human resource that can be used both for good and for ill.” This is particularly pertinent to many societies today that are struggling to impose their religious worldview on others. The question of religious freedom and its impact on democracy is a topic that is of concern to many around the world.

In the book “The Soul of the World: Why We Must ROSE To the Occasion,” author John MacMillan writes, “The soul of the world is what we make of it. It is the sum total of our lives. It is the result of all our actions, of all the choices we make. It is the product of our imagination, of our convictions, of our values, of our beliefs. It is the reflection of our society, of our culture, of our history. It is the expression of our humanity, of our dignity, of our worth.”

MacMillan goes on to say that “the soul of the world is not something that we can ignore. It is something that we must confront. It is something that we must take seriously. It is something that we must work to improve.”

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Meanwhile, in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, there is a genuine fear of religious groups, parties or movements trying to eradicate religion, which is often done in the name of the law. When religion becomes the primary source of society and the state, it loses the public sphere, he said.

One key topic, in fact, under discussion at the 2010 special Synod of Bishops for the Middle East was how to promote “positive secularism,” a form of separation of government and religion that still allows people’s faith to have a role in society without consecrating one religion as the religion of the state.

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Four Days of Life campaign begins Sept. 28

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Dwayne Bitner and Brian deVine of Gloucester bring their best ideas to Holy Family School in Malone for the first day of school from left as a gingerbread house referee at St. Peter’s Parish. 

Christopher West was in Malone Friday for the first of two presentations on the theology of God. The first was geared to parents, religion, educators and other school officials. Aaron, Mike Allen and his wife, Kathy, Fred Waterson, and Donna Palk (center) and his wife | Sandy from Montevideo were among the participants. Full coverage of the presentation will appear in next week’s NCC.
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Both Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis have spoken about the new evangelization. “New evangelization” is not about a new person, but about the new Christ Jesus. They want us to know the plan is not over, it is a place to go, a place to live, the life of our resurrection of Jesus. His life to bring to the Church a new life. Together we are understanding the basic things of the faith. When Catholics are not able to express these things, then they do not understand their faith. They search elsewhere to understand the faith. Our family is not about a new person or family that is about a new save to bring it to light for others, to bring it to the world. Our family of faith, our Church, Our family is a family to love, to be kind, patient, joyful. The goals of the Church are to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill our mission of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church. The Church is to make the Church holy. It is to be the Church, to serve the Church, to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church. The Church is to make the Church holy. It is to be the Church, to serve the Church, to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church to fulfill the purpose of the Church. A community of believers...
To change your mind... or not to change

To change one’s mind is not always easy. In his Transformation Plan for New York State, Governor Andrew Cuomo has tried to promote the passage of two bills, that would provide for parental notification if a child is pregnant and for requiring informed consent from the person pregnant. New York City was able to add several abortion restrictions on democratic laws, through the enactment of this legislation. The Reproductive Health Act of 1970 was the first piece of legislation that provided for the legal abortion of a woman within the first trimester of pregnancy. The law was later amended in 1990 to provide for the legal abortion of a woman within the second trimester of pregnancy. The law was again amended in 1994 to provide for the legal abortion of a woman within the third trimester of pregnancy.

Lifelong luncheon planned

WOMEN: Lifelong luncheon will be held at the Best Western Hotel.

DA. LAN FRANCHI: DA. LAN FRANCHI will give a presentation on breast cancer risks and how to avoid them.

Our faith, our family

Women’s Health in the Family

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Five local women who meet for prayer and scripture study expand their horizons with a visit to a Marian shrine 

Denise Betterman, Kim Patrick, Rose Nowak, Gail Patrick, and Kristina Deon traveled to the small town near Niagara Falls Aug. 12. They spent the next day and night Spiritual healing and prayer in a shrine of the Blessed Mother.

The group attended daily Mass, ADORATION, and prayed the Rosary in the chapel that is a place of deep contemplation.

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The women make pilgrimages that offer a more private place to pray and grow in their faith.

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The story of us

In a couple of weeks, Bishop Lavy will be traveling to the Vatican to let the Holy Father know how we’re doing.

He’ll be joining the Bishop of the Diocese of New York for his first ad

Every five years, each of the Bishops of the United States travel to Rome to join the Pontiff in prayer, and to hear the Pope’s Report to the people. This year’s report will be issued September 26th.

The Bishop could tell about Paul who’s begin

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some thoughts on the Missionary Cooperation Plan

From the Director’s Desk

Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ

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**LY H O U R FO R VO CA TIO N S**

Please bring your own containers.

**$.75 Take-out orders begin at 4 p.m.**

**Annual St. Therese Prayer Service.**

Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

**ST. TH ERESE PRA YER SERVICE**

**SPA G H ETTI DIN N ER**

**Features:**
- Spaghetti and meatballs
- Soup
- Salad
- Beverages

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**Features:**
- Several prizes to be awarded
- Prayers will be said for the intentions of those who cannot attend
- Refreshments will be served

**Harvest Dinner**

Features:
- Tasty turkey dinner
- Salad
- Mashed potatoes
- Gravy
- Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall
- Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Date: Oct. 2

**First Saturday Devotion**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Website:**

**Number of Tickets Ordered:**

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Annual Bishop’s Fund Appeal provides support for the work of the Office of Catechesis.

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**Church and State**

Why can’t they get it right?

**What do missal changes mean for people in the pews?**

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Praying in the midst of suffering, Christians model the suffering of Christ and entrust themselves to the care of God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In Psalm 22, he said, “God cannot contradict himself, and so the prayer goes back to describing the painful situation of the one praying... God has an answer to suffering, God has a way out for the soul. God has pity and inter- venes as he always did in the past,” the pope said.

**Ready for Superior Life Month**

Pro-life groups across the diocese have planned special events to mark October as Superior Life Month.

Life Chains have been scheduled at four sites on Oct. 2, Respect Life Sunday.

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