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Obituaries

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Reside - John A. (Keller) Bruntz,
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Reside - Thomas H. "Mike" (Dowd),
Church, Saratoga Springs.

Reside - Mark F. (Adkins) Dodg,
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Church, Saratoga Springs.

Reside - Edward F. Whalen, 76; Fu-
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Reside - Patricia J. (Kendall) W-
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Church, Saratoga Springs.

Reside - Werner J. Steinaker, 91; Fu-
nal Services Dec. 23, 2011 at St.
Church, Saratoga Springs.

Reside - Mary M. (Gang) Lap-
Tupper Lake - Francis "Pat" Rabatoy, 91;
Church, Altona.

Reside - Malcom "Corky" I. McCul-
Church, Altona.

Reside - John J. LaFrance, 89; Fu-
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Church.

Reside - Mary L. (Butterfield) P-
Watertown - Louis M. Lucidi, 69; Fu-
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Church.

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Gratitude for the New Year!

From Director’s Desk
Sister MaryEllen, SSJ
Diocesan Mission Director

In November, we received a note from our friend at The Marywood Children’s Hospice. They are embarking on the Mutual Cooperation Plan in the summer of 2010. Sister Virginia mentioned in her note to our Manager and Promoter of Mission Awareness there, had these amazing diocesan jubilees and The Champlain, a woman and married couples celebrated its 40th anniversary with the Bishop Mugevero. 

Throughout the year, we have developed our own Christian formation program for one year. In the Catholic Church, there is a rich diversity, but one Body, the Body of Christ. This is what God has done for us. He has freed us from the slavery of sin and death and gives us an eternal inheritance in His holiness. This is not to say that we are without faults. The Church itself is a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven. For this reason, we believe in the Church and call ourselves Catholics.

It is the Church of the living, Tragedies and joys, triumphs and failures, it is the Church of the world. In our life, the Church has been our comfort and our strength. The best Christian testimony is love for others.

As the family of faith, we need to be united as we strive to bring this Good News to the poor and suffering. The best part, the BEST part of our year was when we tried to understand on the way to the bus. This is what it means to me to be a Catholic. What does it mean to you? The child’s response was: “The best part, the BEST part of the Year, because I got to ride the bus! And on the bus, I got to see other children and adults. It was so much fun!”

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Bishop LaValley said, “We are all aware that poverty impacts the lives of many. North Country residents year after year. In addition, the food made by some of our parishes and local community organizations is a food assistance Grant program. While we cannot guarantee what amount we will distribute in this round is indeed modest in light of the need around us, this distribution will begin once more a concrete sign of the care of the Church for our neighbors in need and a very specific step on our part to help them,” the bishop said.
Based on the real-life experience of British writer Benjamin Mee, this amiable and ambitious holiday feature puts a Capraesque twist on the notion of caring in the face of loss, and has some star wattage to boost its commercial prospects. If only it didn’t endorse soci ety’s expectation that “getting over” it means a loved one must have passed within a prescribed time period.

Of the various endangered species populating “We Bought a Zoo” (Fox), a realistic and animated family friendly film about the deaths of the following clergymen men who have served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg:  

**Jan. 4, 2012**

- Rev. James Edwin O’Haire, 1913; Msgr. Frederick P. Diviney, 1961
- Jan. 7 – Rev. Leonidas Geoffrion, 1974
- Jan. 12 – Rev. Dr. Leonard T. Pease, 1974

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Gospel writers knew that family history matters

By Effie Caldarola

Isaiah had foretold that that Mass had promised that one day all the nations of the world would eventually come to the universal mission of salvation. Our feast today celebrates the chosen people whose history is so important to the Scripture and the liturgy.

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Celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany

In his book “Eternal Echoes,” the great Irish writer and philosopher John O’Donohue wrote exquisitely: “The memory of our past, a vision and an extension of his presence. We are both an extension of his memory and an expression of his love. We are his legacy and an expression of his love.”

The Son of God is the one Judge and Actor of Truth and the one Source of Light, and we are called to be like the “epiphany,” providing the light and guidance, showing the way in our own small but important part of the universal mission of salvation. That means being faithful to our destiny, sharing what we learn with others, taking part when possible in prayer and study of the Epiphany. This is the way for us to recognize the Divine in the darkness and confusion in the world in which we live.

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Catholic News Service

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The perspective of a journalist's point of view, here's a "top 10" remembrance of the closing year. From a personal point of view, here's a "top 10" of personal reflections on the great themes of evangelization, and the conclusions one can draw from them.

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When I visit an antique shop and see those framed pictures, it sits at the back of my mind to think that someone gave those old photos away. But even if they were just thrown away, optimistically, that maybe others would pick them up for something smaller, more functional values to keep.

Or maybe they just didn’t want to be around the memories growing foggy. And then there’s that box of photos in the attic. Who knows what other relatives are staring out at them with the memories growing foggy?

My Christmas project was to peruse the old, sepia-toned picture of someone, probably Grandma’s brother or Uncle Joe — more questions about who those folks were, or Grandpa’s cousin, his name. The question is, why did they die? Was he killed in the war? Or maybe they just didn’t care about their identity, that your identity is not merely your own personal history, but an already acknowledged expression and extension of your family.

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**Church in Peru., along with Msgr. Joseph Aubin and Father Alan Shnob.**

**Court St. Monica of Peru. Catholic Daughters are shown above with State Chaplain Father Scott Seymour who celebrated Mass at St. Augustine’s.**

**Catholic Daughters hold Memorial Mass**

**Adirondack Center, New York (518) 343-5800**

**American Legion.**

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**Will be held Aug. 11 in Lyon 2012.**

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**CLERGY DISPLAY**

Axe and Sword Display – Msgr. Sechi Hall will have a display of relics from different countries. All are welcome to view the display after the 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday, January 15 (New Year’s Day) and January 29, 2012. (Theophany). The display will also open after the Dedicate Mercy Devotions on January 29. Contact: 315-349-4568.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Treadwell Mills – 310 N. St. Nicholas Street (Nunley’s) 315-369-5400. Space is limited, so call for reservations.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Plattsburgh – Eucharistic Adoration is held throughout the year every Wednesday evening through the month of February. Contact: call 518-560-1060 for information.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Plattsburgh – The Champlain Valley Right to Life holds its 18th Annual March for Life. Dates: Jan. 15, 21, 27. Place: Newton Center Features: After the March there is a presentation by lambs of Hope, followed by a reception.

**Cherished Moments**

**SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER**

Blessed Sacrament – A chartered bus will leave the church parking lot of St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. for the Jan. 23 parking lot of St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh. Cost: Adults, $6; Children under 12, $4; take-outs available. Contact: phone 315-788-8480; website: www.wpbs.org.

**DIOCESE ECONOMICAL SERVICE**

The Diocese economically assistance program for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be cele-

**FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY**

Mass – St. Michael’s Church will be praying the Rosary to the Immaculate Conception in preparation to the celebration of the Most Holy Rosary in November. Contact: 716-282-5717.

**CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY**

Place: Newman Center

Cost: Adults, $7; Senior Citizens, $6; Children under 12, $4.

Place: St. Hedwig’s Church

Time: 3 p.m.

**RESPECT LIFE VIGIL**

Watertown – A vigil of reflection and silent prayer on the third Thursday of each month. Time: 4 p.m.

Place: The Village Plaza / 315 Sherman St.

Time: 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Greek Orthodox Church

Time: 4 to 5 p.m.

Place: St. Nicholas Church

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**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

Rosary – Divine Mercy Devotions for the month of January will be held. Dates: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25. Time: 3 p.m.

Place: St. Nicholas Church

Time: 4 p.m.

**DIVINE MERCY ADORATION**

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Clifton Park, NY – World renowned Catholic Carol Lentz and Evangelists to offer healing and Renewal Days on various dates this year. Dates: April 20-21, 2012 Featuring Sister Kate of Mary and Elizabeth of the Holy Face. For more information call 315-1023333 or 626-1027.

**EUCARISTY FROM ANCIENT GREEK OIKUMENIKA:**

Eccumenical Service Sacred Heart Massena January 15, 2012 Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

**January 4, 2012**

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355 Diocesan Mission Director

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I hope and pray that each of you, especially this holy season, will come and treat the time we get to spend with our family members. Never be afraid to acknowledge those you love. Thank them and let them know that love is an outward, visi- ble sign for others to emulate. Life is short… love without limits. I love you Charlie… DAD!

Obituaries

Rosen – Thomas C. Audubon, 64; Funeral Dec. 23, 2011 at St. Patrick’s Church, Basilica of the Assumption, Altona.
Sarvis-Swar - John & Julia Lyn, 71; Funeral Services Dec. 31, 2011 at Immaculate Conception, Watertown.
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Thayer – Catherine M "Moe" (Maier) DePeters, 86; Funeral Services Dec. 31, 2011 at St. Matthew’s Church, Glenwood.
Toon & Braxton Funeral Home, funeral in Glenwood Cemetery.
Tubby – Gertrude M (Reichl) Budz, 82; Funeral Services Dec. 29, 2011 at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Home; Basilica of St. Peter’s Cemetery.

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