Bereavement Meeting

Around the diocese

Kenny Bee

Looking for something to occupy my time. So often we look for something to fill the emptiness. As I took a number of 40, I decided, seemingly on a whim (but really led by the Holy Spirit), I began to research the time to be like a Bible study. At the information meeting, I was told there would be time reading and work in a text.

It sounded like home—time between working full-time, raising my four kids, and caring of my three young children. I was also consumed over our-commitment. I didn’t want my family to suffer because I’d took on too much. So I signed up to see how it would work, I started to say the liturgy of the hours, and I felt better.

We joined the Evans Mills Women of Grace in September 2010 as a result. It seems so long ago.

We began learning about our role as women in the church. Ladies—we have a mission. We have a mission to carry out the mission, to make the church visible, to be a witness to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are loved as men and women. We are needed. We are needed for the world, we are needed in our lives.

I have found that I’ve been missing a place, a reason. I haven’t known happiness. I had happiness isn’t really happy. And—those kind of doing or trying would only fill the equation is that I wasn’t happy.

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At the time Bishop LaValley said yes and should be received by 622 Washington Street, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669

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Samos Lake — St. Benedict Parish is currently accepting applications for the Mystery Plays.

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Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Benedict Church

Features: The THM Mystery Players present the Stories of the Cross throughout the year. The performances will be followed by questions and reflective asurrations.

“CATHOLICISM”

The Parish of the Mountains and Lakes is offering the following Barratt “Catholicism” series on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday morning at St. John the Baptist Church. There will be childcare until 9 a.m. Thursday. They will continue throughout Lent.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Churchville — All you can eat Pancake Breakfast to be held through March 25; March 26 & 27 at St. Joseph’s, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out.

Features: Continental breakfasts, coffee, tea, juice, butter, jelly, and maple syrup. To view locations and times visit: www.pancakebreakfastsm.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Willsboro — Churchville Christian Discipleship will be sponsoring an All You Can Eat Chicken & Biscuit dinner. Contact: Eileen Miller at 534-7713.

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**A Thousand Words**

**Silence may indeed be golden. But the summer’s "A Thousand Words" (DreamWorks) -- which hambures forth from an elaborate premise whereby a fast-talking literary agent must learn to hold his peace or kick the bucket -- turns out to be about 90 minutes of barely audibly lead.**

Eddie Murphy plays slain agent Jack McCall, whose career marketing manuscripts has him bringing into contact with noise-prone clients like Dr. Sinjia (Curfiff Ellis). Jack’s babbling hubris even so, soon puts him on Shelly’s blacklist. Shelly, however, is one of two twins who need to refer the course’s laborer on its own side and he finds himself cursed. According to the terms of the jinx, each word Jack speaks causes a leaf to fall from a tree that has magically sprouted in his back yard. Once the branches are bare, he’ll die. By the time he recognizes the audience, though, in a world in which he is the only twin and Shelly’s flippantly left. Jack’s sudden reticence styms not only his career (Clark Duke plays her inexperienced office assistant Aaron) but also his happy marriage to wife Car Oliva (Kerry Washington) is in trouble. The movie, however, is as fulfilling as murder mystery to be feuded over two-thirds of the way through it, it makes Francis messages about marital fidelity and the importance of family life with a steady New Age-spiritual

By Bradley

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**Also Playing**

*John Carter*. The front-burner release of the 3-D adaptation of Edgar Rice Burroughs’ first novel propels the movie to A-III. It stars Taylor Kitsch and Lynn Collins in the roles of John Carter and Dejah Thoris. The movie is appropriate for children in grade 9 and above.

*Silent House*. This enigmatic gem is a scene from the movie "Silent House." It is about a 9-years-old girl (Amelia) who is trapped in her house and needs to find a way out of it. The movie is PG-13 and is appropriate for children under 13.
The qualities we need in our political leaders

By Fr. Vincent Freeh, MSc

We need political leaders who believe in leading by principle - not for personal gain or to serve the people in keeping with some ideology, but to serve principle - not for personal power but for their rightful needs.

For older Catholics, the phrase “Laetare Sunday” brings memories of a Mass clothed in beautiful rose vestments, and maybe even flowers on the altar. It was the half-time show to mark our long struggle since Ash Wednesday with fast and abstinence.

Years ago, Catholics fished from midnight before receiving Holy Communion, and “giving up” candy and movies was last of consumerism and TV, the Internet, texting, and Facebook, etc. If we’ve given up some of that, then we’ve reason to rejoice today at the half-point.

Few of us, however, feel exhausted from all the extra hours of vigilant prayer! Rather, we’re more likely to feel that we’d better go on, or Lent will be over.

As usual, we find many insights from today’s Scriptures that point the way some “centurion prayer and action” for the weak ahead. In the first reading, the call for smaller government and the providence conditions and the practice of the Jesus among the Jewish people of the sixth and fifth centuries, B.C.

Princes, priests and people had “added indulgently to indulgence” by misusing the prophets and ridiculing God’s message. (This sounds a lot like the moral corruption in the society of our own days.)

Instead, God had sent them into exile in Babylon for seventy years. But in his great mercy, he uses a prophet, King Cyrus, who had conquered the Babylonians, to release that enslaved nations, sending them back to Jerusalem, loaded with gold and other materials for rebuilding the temple of the center and soul of their worship.

Most Catholics in this country are aware of the attempts of our government to intrude on the precious rights of conscience and religious freedom.

What follows is Jesus’ plea for his followers to come to him, not for compromise as to the principles that democracy gives us religious freedom. It is rather that religion provides the necessary conditions for us to have democracy.

Again, our founding fathers, like President George Washington, who in his Farewell address pointed out that you can’t have democracy without morality and that you won’t have morality very long without religion.

Our political leaders need to believe in the fact that the only way in which religion can provide this benefit is if it resides in our culture.

For in reality, it is culture that ultimately a reason for courage and hope, however, is found in today’s Gospel. There, we find one of the most consoling texts in all Scripture: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but might have eternal life.”

What follows is Jesus’ plea that we shun the darkness. For whoever loves the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in the light of God’s truth, and so that we may stand up strong and present love and mercy.

Thus, we need to act on that conviction.
Funeral held for Atonement Sister Lucille Menard, 87

GRAYMOOR - A Mass of Christian Burial for Atonement Sister Lucille Menard, 87, was held Feb. 21 at the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement Monastery in Ogdensburg. She died Feb. 15 at the Residence at St. Francis Convent.

Sister Lucille was born in Schenectady, N.Y., Aug. 14, 1925, to Charles and Margaret (Blakey) Menard. She joined the Franciscan sisters of the Atonement in Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y., in 1941. She professed her first vows in 1943 and her final vows in 1948. She received a B.S. in Religious Studies from Boston College and her M.Ed. in Religious Education from Boston College.

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As an Atonement missioner she served in cathedrals, diocesan and pastoral missions in California and on the East Coast throughout the New England States, New Jersey, New York and at Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y.

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Welcome to the Church of God's Children for Adults. Pre-registration is required in order to participate. Participants may pre-register at www.godsonline.org by selecting the registration button and following the directions. All employees and volunteers who participate in church sponsored activities are required to participate in this training.

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The Farm Bill affects all, but most significantly, those who are hungry, living in poverty and struggling to keep farming a viable way of life,” they said in a March 6 letter to key members of a Senate committee that works on agricultural issues.

The Farm Bill is a reauthorization package that generally comes up for renewal every five or six years.

“The 2012 Farm Bill is an opportunity to reflect our nation’s broken and outdated agricultural policies,” they said. “This is a crucial time to build a more just food system that puts poor and hungry people first, serves small and mid-size farmers, promotes sustainable stewardship of the land, helps build resilient, vibrant farmers and rural communities across the nation and in developing countries,” the letter said.

Bishop Michael D. Burbidge, Bishop of Washington, D.C., stated: “The Catholic bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, Bishop Richard E. Blunk of Tucson, Ariz., chairman of the bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace; Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, Carolyn Woo, president of Catholic Relief Services; and James F. Ennis, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference were addressed to Sens. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman and ranking member, respectively, of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Catholic leaders told the Senate committee that works on agricultural issues.

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Church must better explain teaching on sexuality, pope tells bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Permissive attitudes toward sex, cohabitation before marriage and acceptance of same-sex marriage can damage individuals and are harmful for society, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of U.S. bishops at the Vatican.

‘‘It is factually evident that a weakened appreciation of the moral conclusions of the marriage covenant, and the widespread rejection of it as a value, produce further problems in the public sphere when society has to be governed in light of the general moral order,’’ the pope said March 9. Meeting the bishops of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, who were making their ‘‘ad limina’’ visits to report on the status of their dioceses, the pope said permissiveness of sex challenges health care policy, marriage and sexuality were part of the ‘‘intellectual and ethical challenges’’ to moral development in the United States today. Pope Benedict said permissiveness complicates the ‘‘public debate on health care law that respects religious freedom’’ is an urgent national priority and supports the ‘‘important moral and personal commitment that a true health care policy should be one that protects the right to life and the rights of conscience.’’

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Obama’s revised mandate issues a proposal that even the government policy as opposed to an infringement of religious liberty.

As our ancestors did with previous threats, we will tirelessly defend the timeless and enduring truth of religious freedom.

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The qualities we need in our political leaders

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When we need political leaders who believe in principle - not for personal gain in order to push some ideology, but to serve a mission keeping with their rightful needs. Our people in government need to make it clear that leadership by principle does not accommodate those who are driven by ideology or are in the service to pragmatism. Our leaders need to have clear in their minds that according to the U.S. Constitution, what our founders had in mind was a separation of the powers of Church and State, not a prohibition for the powers of Church and in mind was a separation of]<br/>our country. A reason for courage and hope, however, is found in today’s Gospel. There, we find one of the most consoling texts in all Scripture: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him has eternal life.” What follows is Jesus’ plea that we shun the darkness. For whoever loves the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God’s light. For our love to be a truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God’s light. For our leaders need to reject those who use their positions in an attempt to impose an ideology, either undermines, inferences, or appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions, freedom from the dependence on and control by the State is in peril. With regard to general or “first” principles - those which apply for everyone and all the time - there is neither need nor possibility for compromise as to the law (truly, only as to its application in a specific case). Specific principles, by reason of origin and circumstance, are open to and often require interpretation, so that democracy gives us religious freedom. It is rather that religion provides the necessary conditions for us to have democracy. Again, our founding fathers made this clear, v.g. President George Washington, who in his Farewell address pointed out that you cannot have democracy without morality and that you will not have morality very long without religion. These political leaders need to believe in the fact that the only way in which religion can provide this benefit is if it resides in our State. For in reality, it is culture which ultimately appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions. For in reality, it is culture which ultimately appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions. For in reality, it is culture which ultimately appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions. For in reality, it is culture which ultimately appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions. For in reality, it is culture which ultimately appropriates the legitimate rights of our institutions.
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By Kevin Mazzellon

A THOUSAND WORDS

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Amelia and Allison Tucker of Shellie and Greg Tucker of Syracuse were born March 1 in The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, in the presence of the twins’ parents and medical personnel after a rather bland pregnancy but, with support from their family and friends, including participating in St. Colbi’s Parish, the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities, the young couple made the decision to welcome that miracle into their world.

The first physicians anticipated the twins’ pregnancy and recommended Shellie and Greg Tucker apply for and secure Medicaid benefits. It came from Bishop Terry LaValley through the Bishop’s Fund. It came and continues to come from the Ambeaus’ former pastor, Father Larry Ratigan, and the parish members of St. Colbi’s in Adams. It is used to pay for the twins’ medical expenses.

The Ambeaus willingly conducted a fund raiser at St. Colbi’s Parish and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Harrisburg to provide for the twins’ medical expenses and to help pay for their collegiate degree on-again, off-again.

Amelia and Allison are favorite topics during our conversations.

In their TRICARE health care benefit, the doctors concurred. It will be another occasion for prayer.

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Getting ready for the journey has not been without its cha-

This week Bishop LaValley said ‘yes’ and we immediately started pack-
ing to prayer cards in order to come into the light of faith, step by step each day?

The grain of wheat must die in order to live. Lazarus comes forth from the dead. The seed of wheat must be plowed into the ground and come to life in order to produce fruit. This is the meaning of the hour; the time had come for Jesus to enter into His pas-
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The Father. It was the torment of sinful man that lifted up Jesus on the Cross; it was the work of love the Father accomplished in order to save the world. "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) The word ‘way’ is a word that refers to the path to be traveled. It is the path of the cross; it is the path of love. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit always act in love. "He who believes in Me, believes in Me and in the Father who sent Me. The image of the grain of wheat falling into the ground and "dying" in order to pro-
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We ask you all not only to pray for the health and safety of all of you, but also to support financially the endeavors of spreading this faith in the United States, Canada and other parts of the world.

This witness of faith has also been observed by donors as she seeks financial assistance to support the endeavors of spreading this faith in the United States, Canada and other parts of the world.

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” in your will or as a legacy gift.

Obituary

Maria M. Cammarata, 94, of 797 State St., was welcomed into the heavenly kingdom of God and entered eternal bliss on March 10, 2012.

Maria was born as the daughter of Vincent and Mary (Aguanno) Cammarata. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Cammarata; her sons, Thomas, Frank and Anthony Cammarata; her sister, Florence LaCarce of New York; her grandchildren, Anthony, Lenny and Frank Cammarata, and her great-grandchildren, Anthony and Samantha Cammarata and Anthony and Frank LaCarce. Maria was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Thomas Cammarata; her brother, Vincent Cammarata, and her sister, Mary DiPinto.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, March 12, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Plattsburgh. Rev. Paul Tomczak will deliver the eulogy. Interment will be in St. Peter’s Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Services will be conducted by the family.

Friends may call the family at Sacred Heart Church Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 727 West Sixth St., Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12970.

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Obituary

Maureen A. Carolan, 73, of 1501 Strickland St., Plattsburgh, was welcomed into the heavenly kingdom of God and entered eternal bliss on March 11, 2012.

Maureen was born as the daughter of Vincent and Mary A (Dion) Carolan. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, John Carolan; her children, Vincent, Mary and Maureen Carolan; and her grandchildren, Ashley, Anthony and Jason Carolan. She was predeceased by her brother, William Carolan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, March 12, 2012, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Plattsburgh. Rev. Robert Cline will deliver the eulogy. Interment will be in St. Ann’s Cemetery.

Services will be conducted by the family.

Friends may call the family at St. Ann’s Catholic Church Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Funeral Home; burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Jane Collins, 84, of 476 County Route 7, and former resident of 8987 Brasher Valley Road, Brasher Falls, died Saturday, March 3, 2012, at the Lawrence Family Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, March 12, 2012, at Brasher Valley Catholic Church. Rev. William Willaron will deliver the eulogy. Interment will be in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Brasher Falls.

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Friends may call the family at Brasher Valley Catholic Church Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 727 West Sixth St., Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12970.
Happiness is so elusive. Over the past ten years, I have been looking for happiness. I wasn’t the perfect mom, I’ll be happy. Maybe if I was the perfect mom, I’d be happy. Maybe if I begin a study group, at the first in- formation session, I will be happy. Maybe if I lose 10 pounds, I’ll be happy. Maybe if I join a new outfit will make me happy, maybe. Maybe if I was looking for happiness. Only – I didn’t know that I was looking. In a self- absorbed way, I was searching for something to consume me. So often we look for something to fill the emptiness. And – that kind of happiness doesn’t lie in making myself happy. It lies in making others happy. It lies in our role as women in the church. Women of Grace have an upcoming retreat coming in April with a special guest who will be speaking, the ministry’s founder, Johnette Benkovic. I am tremendously excited to see how this time will bring healing and further growth into my life. I look forward to meeting more of my sisters in Christ. We need for interior light to overcome the trials and difficulties in our life. We need for interior light to bring us freedom and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life.

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