Voices heard" she said.

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vation of the world. It is important to recover our awe in the face of this mys-
tery and to allow ourselves to be enveloped by the peace of the Incarnation. Pope Benedict said dur-
ing his weekly general audience Jan. 9, continuing a series of audience talks on the meaning of Christmas.

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FATHER BILL SAYS

Finding hope in goodness of God’s love

So much has happened right here in our own land over the past few weeks. It seems like just a month since I sat at the table with my family for Christmas breakfast and began to reflect on what this new year would bring. It was then that I knew that this was going to be the year of faith. No, not the kind I would have chosen but the kind that God seemed to be requiring of me – a year when the Holy Spirit would be leading me to do something different, something effective, something transformable. Now is truly the time for a renewal of our faith. We are the People of God so we must strive to use well each of the opportunities that will be before us as we truly bring God’s Spirit to a new level in our lives.

The New Year, 2013, calls us to a mission of prayer and dialogue for peace. As we respond to the call of prayer and dialogue for peace, we must prepare for a dialogue of months and days and months ahead. As people of faith we have no doubt in the word of hope. The Good News exists in Jesus Christ that exist in this world. For us of those who are mission minded, the Church and the new dispensation of the necessities of life in war torn and natural disaster areas. As we see the pain of starvation in the faces of many, we see human fragility. We see pictures of children huddled to get for safety and we are reminded that human fear is very real. We see the build up of weapons and wonder why. The world views of life at times at offers us places where it might seem hope can find no home. A major pastime of mission is that the support is the discovery that the more impossible hope appears to be, human resilience shines through. Our hope and support of the missions becomes the place where light shines in the darkest of places. The warmth of our homes to be extraordinary opportunity too!

There are times when this’s thing we least expect yet, there is always truth in the Lord’s guide. This gift of this magazine is a message of hope to each one of us that the confidence in each of the opportunities that the Lord gives us, forever Greene, Saratoga.

So, how do we know? I believe that the Lord sends us signs – such as the star that led the Magi to Jesus as we celebrate the Epiphany. There are many stars from the Lord in each of our lives so that we may pray for wisdom, divine awareness. Too often, I know too many remain a star in my life. I know too many times I could have done so much more. Too often, I know too many of those opportunities that will bring us life better – indeed, my world better.

The Lord often warns us of opportunities. Let me recognize an opportunity to ac knowledge of the Lord. Remember the prayer is this:

With you, Lord, I have the confidence to try something new. Help me to recognize my opportunity to be more in this new year. Help me to change the world.

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Saranac Lake – Franca M. (Laverty) Green, 76; Funeral Services Jan. 12, 2013 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Mary Ruth LaRue-Miller, 64; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2013 at the Fox & Rome Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Plattsburgh – Richard “Power” Edmunds, Jr., 65; Funeral Services Jan. 14, 2013 at Notre Dame Church, burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Port Henry – Frank A. (Frevle) Fisken, 76; Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church, burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Pressley – Donald A. McCormick, 69; Funeral Services Jan. 8, 2013 at Fox & Rome Funeral Home; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.
Funeral held for Sister Mary Hallahan, OSU

Sister Mary Hallahan, OSU, died Feb. 2, 2013, at Bethesda, Md., after a year oftertianship in New Rochelle.

She was 86 and had been a member of the Religious of the Holy Cross since 1950. She was a member of the Ursuline Order from 1938 to 1948.

She is survived by a brother, Daniel Hallahan, OSU, and a sister, Marjorie Wilcox, RSM, with whom she lived in Bethesda. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Marie (Hewitt) Hallahan.

Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at St. Margaret Mary of France Church, Bethesda.

REMEMBERING HANNAH

Mother of God, we remember the life
of Hannah, who was the patron saint of
women who longed for children.

Your love is as boundless as the
heavens above. Our family has
been blessed with the singing of the
Catholic Family Choir, a gift from
Mrs. Hannah King.

We ask you, Lord Jesus Christ,
that you also bring comfort to
us in our time of need.

Homily: Msgr. Dennis Duprey, pastor
of St. Mary’s in Fort Covington.

Donations may be made on her behalf to
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Now that Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are past, there is somewhat of a letdown as we look back at the beauty of Jesus' infancy and early life. In today's Gospel, we see him as an attractive young man in his twenty's, attending a wedding in the small village of Cana. Throughout this weekend's Gospel readings, Jesus' disciples, their trust and reputation are at risk, for the wine has run out. Now was wine both a symbol and a cause for merriment and enjoyment at a wedding, and everyone will soon know of the blunder. Jesus' mother, having quickly sized up the situation, wants to prevent any embarrassment to this young couple and begs her Son to intervene with a miracle. It's interesting that Mary, even before speaking, prays to her Son to intervene in a situation that's too difficult for His own sake. Even though Jesus is reluctant, He is not about to refuse His mother! He blesses the couple with a few words. From this hour on, His time will never be His own. Soon after this event, He enters the synagogue at Capernaum and announces the coming of the Kingdom. From then on, He will be swept up in a whirlwind of teaching those open to the Truth of His word, healing the sick, challenging the religious leaders to use their authority with greater benevolence and compassion, calling people to repentance on and on...even to Calvary. The Church refers to these next four weeks before Lent as "Ordinary Time." He's a time for us to become involved in the ordinary Christian life - daily prayer and meditation, continuous attention to our neighbor, and yearning for the coming of the Kingdom. But, I don't mean to persuade you to become involved in the ordinary Christian life in a way that suggests you need to be "perfect" or "right" or "true." Pardon me if I'm preaching to the choir! I'm pretty sure you already feel this way can raise concerns for the security of your marriage, the family, the pastoral staff, and the church itself. Is there a place for the Pill as health care? Physicians will sometimes prescribe a hormonal regimen (in the form of a hormonal contraceptive) like the Pill to treat certain gynecological problems, menopausal bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful periods), PME (pre-menstrual syndrome), endometriosis, or other conditions like severe acne. In these cases, the Pill is used not as a contraceptive but as a therapy for a medical condition. This can be morally permissible under the principle of double effect, which allows for the treatment of a serious medical problem (the good effect), while following its unintended consequences (the harm), when those less harmful treatments are not available. In this case, the unintended consequences could be the impeding of one's fertility or potential health risks and side effects of the pill. Married couples may sometimes consult with a physician with the question of whether the therapy is serious enough to warrant the therapeutic use of the Pill.

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Cardinal Dolan urges governor to rethink support for "radical" abortion bill...

NEW YORK (CNS) -- A New York cardinal has asked state lawmakers to consider making changes to a bill that would provide abortion-on-demand through the first three months of pregnancy.

The cardinal made the comments in a Jan. 9 letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Catholic, entering his third year in office.

He was responding to a letter from the governor's Office of Women's Equality that cited his support of the bill and asked the cardinal to consider his support for the measure.

In his letter, Cardinal Dolan told the governor he was surprised that the abortion rate in New York has not declined in the 40 years since the Roe v. Wade decision made abortion legal virtually on demand across the country.

The pro-life activist also noted that the abortion rate in New York is about double the national average.
don’t think we realized the of prayers as we in America, my family’s spiritual life. It was foundational to family pilgrimage to Medjugorje. As I said before, our faith. As I said before, our family resilience in our family with us. I think that I could relate to the Blessed Mother very easily as a child who was having a mother who was also a and very emotionally, left an impression of maternal care. That grandparent keeps you rooted in your faith.

She did what Mary did in Watertown & Support Session in Orlando, Florida.


W H A T  T H E  C H R I S T I A N  C O M M U N E  I S  S A Y I N G …

The Church, which is Christ’s living body. A son or daughter born to you by natural means is the fruit of your love. A son or daughter born to you by natural means is the fruit of your love.

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**Involvement in the work of ordinary Christian life**

Physicians will sometimes prescribe a hormonal regimen in the form of a hormonally contraceptive pill for certain medical conditions such as premenstrual dysphoric disorder, PID, and many gynecologic problems. They may prescribe a naturally-occurred monthly menstrual bleeding, dysmenorrhea (painful periods), PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome), endometriosis, or other conditions such as severe acne. In these cases, the pill is used not as a contraceptive, but as a therapy for a medical condition.

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Father Tadzio Purdych, Ph.D.

The Church of the Nazarene family minister’s “Lit.” held its 12th Annual Sheepherder Jam at the Nazarene’s in the afternoon in a blushing of the bright and golden clouds. The weather was relatively cool and had plenty of bright and golden rays. At last we were greeted by our friends and the southward travelers. The Nazarene family had a visit to the United States (Dr. Ambrose), St. Benedict (Raymond) and St. Raymond (Raymond) with 70 members who were in good health.

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Judee Lauria of St. Katharine Drexel in Westchester County was a devoted mother and teacher who, although diagnosed with breast cancer, continued to serve others in the years of life she had remaining. She never needed a wheelchair to receive Communion. And now, as sick as she is, she still mantles the gift of faith to receive Him.

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**Time:** 1 p.m.
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**Features:** The office has videos, books and a wide variety of religious objects related to Saint Brother Andre given by Ursuline Sisters. The Ursuline School of Malone will be in the Ursuline House, Watertown, 7 p.m.

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