Catholic Couples. 
Church will be having Spaghetti Supper.

Dexter and the Watertown Legion of Religious Education Program.
by Jeff Cavins, home study, discussion.

Indian River Knights of Columbus.
p.m. Please bring your own containers free; sauce, $5/ quart, meatballs, $.75

W atertown  – St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
FEAT URES: Outside at Fatima Grotto- in-
to God, where will our leaders get the day after 4 p.m. at 393-7990; Deputy

ARMS AND GOD’S SHOE
Bish oph T. J. Baker, 394-1008

GUN AND KNIFE SHOW
Included: Roundtrip Air from NY, First

WORSHIP FOR CONVERSION AND HEALING

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OCT. 2, 2013
This week’s North Country Catholic was printed just hours before the election of the new Pope in the Vatican. I am not sure what it was like in Lake Placid for the Year of Faith with mass celebrated in several languages. It seems like the Year of Faith went by in a blink. We don’t yet have photos or articles to give the reader a good event, we are privy to the words of Bishop LaValley’s homily. Gin

I’m sure that those of us in the arena will welcome the chance to attend the next one in his words and those unable to

A PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE

I know Pope Francis was speaking to me

Recently, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, sat down for a long interview with Father Lorenzo Spadaro, S.J., who is the editor of an Italian Jesuit magazine. This interview has been translated into several languages throughout the world and is now being commented about. I imagine you read about it in the newspaper or on the tele

It is not a figure of speech, a metaphor, a homiletics and it is not open expressions. Yet, this is truly comforting and warming

His constant message of being open, loving and welcoming touched all Catholics – and also those who are not Catholic. They are truly listening, wondering where the Church is going.

Pope Francis constantly reaf

He wants to share one more thing with you that the Pope reminded you in this interview by the Church as a ‘‘field hospital.’’ He says that the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs me

As I read this the first time, I had to stop and meditate in reflection. I am a sinner. I have experienced the protection, the forgiveness, the love of God – again.

I have recognized God’s constant readiness to search for me. Why would I be without that? This is only the first re

The family is the first place where children learn to honor Jesus Christ has saved us. And who is in need of the family. And, in speaking to me.

To echo the message of Pope Francis, we pledge to bring God’s mission of salvation to all, preaching the Good

Ponzio (Florida Catholic)

D’LARCO Funer al Home, Inc.
HEALING RETREAT
Date: Oct. 13
Place: St. Paul’s Church
Features: Healing Retreat will be held outside of our Blessed Mother’s Statue or inside depending on the weather and temperature. Registration, coffee and continental breakfast will be provided. Contact: 518-236-9336, St. Paul 1-877-220-6626 or email: cminer@rcdony.org

MARIAN CURE RETREAT
Date: Oct. 11
Place: Liturgy at St. Andrew the Apostle
Features: Free Marian Cure Retreat will help you. If you are suffering from an abortion, this retreat will give you an opportunity for you and me to reflect that each of us is a person in making and being mindful of what we eat.

HEALING RETREAT
Date: Oct. 10
Place: Bandshell Park at River St.
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Features: Everyone is invited to share in the liturgy and breakfast planned for after the celebration.

HEALING MINISTRY MOVES
Place: The Carmelite Community (5515 River Rd) & St. Joseph’s, 2nd level
Features: Add the alleviation of the symptoms of aging to your prayer intentions.
Date: First Thursday each month
Time: 9 a.m.

ROAST BEEF HARVEST DINNER
Date: Oct. 5
Place: Parish Hall
Cost: Adults, $10; Children 6-12, $4; under 5, Free
Features: Take-outs available.

KITYM AISEY
Date: Oct. 3
Place: St. Joseph’s Parish Center, Thursday and Friday.
Cost: $60 per weekend covers all food.
Features: This time of prayer and learning about the lives of the Saints and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was attended by Sister Marianne Cope and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Years ago, these saints actually visited our relatives, parishioners, and priests. They were instructors, mentors, and friends in our families. Their inspiring lives and powerful intercessions have become treasured blessings for our families.

THURSDAY Mass
Date: Oct. 26
Features: 5 p.m. Rosary outside Our Lady of Victory and then attend the monthly Thursday Mass, all give evidence of the strong faith of the faithful.

HOPEFUL DIOCESE
Date: Oct. 6
Place: St. Joseph’s Parish Center
Features: This is the summit, this is the identifying, the characteristic quality of a Church that is hope-filled.

FAITHFUL 프 안 드 어
Date: Oct 2
Features: To move beyond a “faithful” and an “unfaithful” notion of the Church, “faithfulness is not a lifestyle choice but a personal commitment to make each day a choice to follow Jesus as His disciples.”

With a deep desire to echo the Universal Call to Holiness of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI invites us to become “...you and me, disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who have waked our very lands here in the North Country; St. Brother Andre Bessette, St. Marianne Cope and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Years ago, these saints actually visited us, our relatives, parishioners, and priests. They were instructors in our families, their inspiring lives and powerful intercessions have become treasured blessings for our families.

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• Daniel McGrath, St. John the Baptist, Madrid
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• John Drollette, St. Peter’s Parish, Plattsburgh
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The men set to be ordained are:
The men have completed the diocesan permanent dea-
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The Harvest Mass of Indian River)
con formation program under the direction of Msgr.

The Holy Spirit that im-
"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatsballs 2"

By Mike Maloney
A second helping of color-
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Catholic Charities Caritas dinner to be held Oct. 27

The Diocese of Ogdensburg has scheduled sessions for Protecting God’s Children. Pre-registration is required in order to participate. Participants may register online at www油田.org or contact the registration button and following the directions. Further information is available from Maintenance Officer Diane Eldredge, 315-435-2924; or via email at snn@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-569-0401.

Panel: Witness of lived reality best way to defend life, marriage

CATHOLIC New York — Catholics must do more than pray and vote. They must also defend the defense of life, traditional family and religious freedom, said author Eric Metaxas.

Metaxas, who co-authored “At a Glance” with Alan Sears, president of the Forepoint Foundation, said one of the biggest concerns facing our society is the growing influence of secular humanism.

“We’re at the early stages of the battle for the truth about God,” Metaxas said. “But we can’t be defeatist.”

Sears added, “We need to win the battle of the mind. Catholic Charities Caritas dinner will be held Oct. 27 at the CrownePlaza Restaurant.

This year Catholic Charities is honoring the following award recipients:

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Pope Francis continues talks about the creed at weekly audience

‘Church must show what unity looks like’

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Backstabbing and gossip hurt people and harm God's desire for a united human family, Pope Francis said.

Unity is a gift from God, "but often we struggle to live it out," he said. "We are the church" -- Catholics of every culture, race, language and part of the world are united in their common baptism and in sharing the church's one faith and sacramental life, the pope said.

This unity in faith, hope, the sacraments and ministry "are like columns that support and hold together the true edifice of the church," he said. And it also helps Catholics feel like members of one family, "united no matter the distance" between them.

The pope asked people to reflect upon whether they live out this unity or are "uninterested -- preferring to be closed off from others, isolated within their own group or tribe," he said.

"It's so easy to see a 'private' church because of egoism and this lack of faith," he said.

"But throughout history and even today, people within the church have not always lived this unity," he said. "Sometimes, misunderstanding, conflicts, tensions and divisions crop up that harm the church and its members... The church doesn't have the face we would want, it doesn't demonstrate love and what God wants."

"And if we look at the divisions that still exist among Christians, Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants, we feel the hard work (needed) to make this unity fully visible!"

The world today needs unity, he said. "We need reconciliation, communion, and the church is the house of communion."

The pope said talking about division and difficulty? We want, it doesn't harm (unity), and so the church is a laboratory for the real 'engine' behind the life of the church, prayer is important. "Gift of Joy," a booklet written for expectant parents by the diocesan Respect Life Office through donations to the Bishop's Fund Appeal.

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"Everyone ask yourselves: "Do I build unity in my family, parish and community or am I a possession in the game of division and difficulty?"

The pope said talking badly about others, "it doesn't allow everyone together, including the church and communities. 'Christians must bite their tongues before gossiping,' he said. "That will do us good human unity, and so we swallow, and you can't talk badly about others, he said to laughter and applause from the crowd."

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"The Holy Spirit is the main 'engine' of life, and renewal of the church, prayer is important. "Unity in diversity comes from the Holy Spirit, and everyone received with baptism and confirmation, he added. "The true richness of the church is 'what unites us, not what divides us,' he said.

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For more information, visit 2014 Youth Buses for Life on Facebook or contact the Respect Life Office.

There will also be two family buses departing from Plattsburgh and Lewis County.

The Lake Champlain Bus for Life is coordinated by Karen Smith 518-566-6229. The Lewis County Bus for Life is coordinated by Paul Campbell 315-176-3159.

Rachel’s Vineyard retreat

It’s not too late to sign-up for the after-abortion healing retreat on Columbus Day weekend.

The Fall Rachel’s Vineyard retreat will be held Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13th. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms are located on the Respect Life webpage.

Chaplain for the fall retreat (contacted on page 10)

- Mae T. Baldwin
- Father Scott Belina
- Norman & Kathleen Bechard
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- Mr. Ralph Glimmer
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The 41st Annual RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

Sunday, October 6, 2013

May the Lord grant us the grace to see his love revealed in our lives, and the grace to respond by respecting and protecting human life in all its stages and conditions.

--Respect Life Liturgy Guide 2012 - 2013--
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It’s “sad to see a ‘privatized’ church have not always been united in their common baptism and in sharing the church’s one faith and sacramental life, the pope said.

This unity in faith, hope, the sacraments and ministry are “like columns that support and hold together the one great edifice of the church,” he said. And it also helps Catholics feel like members of one family, “united no matter the distance” between them.

But the pope asked people to reflect upon whether they live out this unity or are they “uninterested — preferring to be closed off from others, isolated within their own group, friends of nation. It’s sad to see a ‘privatized’ church because of egoism and this lack of faith,” he said.

It’s especially sad when there are so many fellow Christians in the world who are suffering or living persecuted because of their faith, he said.

“Backstabbing and gossip hurt people and harm God’s desire for a united human family,” he said.

“Am I indifferent or is it something I care about?” he asked.

He asked everyone to be honest with themselves and respond in their hearts: “How many of you pray for Christians who are persecuted” and for those who are in difficult professions and desiring the faith?”

The world today needs unity, he said. “We need reconciliation, communion, and the church is the home of communion.”

Building unity starts with oneself and starts at home, he said.

Everyone should ask themselves, “Have I built unity in my family, parish and community or am I a passenger in the train of division and difficulty?”

The pope said talking badly about others hurts everyone “on the church and communities. Christians must live their lives out this unity or are they closed off from others, isolated within their own community, group of friends or nation.”

He asked people to have “the humility and the hard work needed to make this unity fully visible.”

Unity in diversity comes from the Holy Spirit, which “united no matter the distance” between them.

“We are the family of God,” he said.

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“But throughout history and for division and difficulty?”

The true richness of the church “is what unites us, not what divides us,” he said.

Fifth annual fall festival sponsored by the Malone Catholic Parishes

PHOTOS BY SANDY LAVAZZI

Parishioners of Malone Catholic Parishes held its fifth annual Holy Harvest Festival Sept. 15 at Holy Family School. The festival began with Mass under the tent, followed by a harvest dinner, cake walk, talent show, carnival, children’s games and music by the Old Times Band. Parishioners also enjoyed hayrides around the school given by Father Tom Higman, parochial vicar.

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New resource

A new resource is available — “Gift of Joy,” a booklet from Our Sunday Visitor written for expectant parents which includes the new USCCB’s Blessing of the Child in the Womb.

Pastors and Gabriel Project and Elizabeth Ministry Coordinators received this book set, but if you would like a copy, please contact the Respect Life Office.

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LIVING OUT FAITH WITH TRUST AND PATIENCE

In our present day battle with lies, self-centeredness, and world terrorism, we can even wonder where God is.

And so we can sympathize with the frustration of Habakkuk in his outburst, "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!"

The prophet is angry as he watches the steady growth of the Babylonian Empire which threatens to swallow up Israel.

As for their need of faith, he tells them that real faith is so powerful that a man of faith could demand of a toughstubborn mulberry bush, "Be transported into the sea, and be planted there!" and it would happen.

It's that kind of faith that St. Paul was trying to fan into a flame in his faithful disciples. All followers of Christ are meant to live by faith.

As Catholic Christians, we believe in the real presence of Christ in the holy Eucharist which we receive each week.

Today is a good Sunday to fan that flame of faith in us by reading every day, study privately or with our family, the holy Rosary.

It is this also Respect Life Sunday on which we make up our rosaries for the millions of innocent children who have died through abortion.

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary, beg God to show us His will against these sins against Him.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

READINGS

Habakkuk 3:1-3, 5-11

Jesus' story is similar to St. Paul's letter to Timothy telling us to stir up the flame of our faith, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather power and love and self-control: it's a question of living out our faith in trust and patience.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is even more demanding of his followers than His Father was with Habakkuk.

When his disciples beg of Him, "Increase our faith", He emphasizes first their need for humility.

He shows them that they are still having a hard time comparing themselves to servants.

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We can only provide this outburst, God an-

ers Habakkuk. He tells the prophet that His divine plan is all mapped out in His mind. "The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not be delayed."

Habakkuk, in effect, pleads, "But Lord, don't be so rash, and stir up a flame of our faith, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather power and love and self-control: it's a question of living out our faith in trust and patience.

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Our inspring Holy Father reminds us that arriving at a solemn assessment of the faith in our day is so complicated. It is important to remember that sociological statistics are not sufficient. But the number of Catholic Church members in the world who have a relationship with Jesus Christ, seeking to reflect that relationship in our lives outside the Church building, is the passion that moves us.

The Holy Spirit that implores the Apostles to open the doors of the upper room, making them evangelizers in the same Spirit that moves us in the Church today to make a renewed proclamation of hope to the people of our time. It is precisely the gift of the Church that transforms us, empowers us to do this. It is Jesus’ parable in the Gospel, Abraham noted that there lay a “great chasm” between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. This is the chasm that Abraham said we are subjected to be crossed in a life of how much of a role faith plays in our lives.

In our culture of “Don't ask, don't tell,” we must offer our story. The Church, par excellence, is to make us reflect who we are as followers of Christ. We must share our experience of God. It is as the Church speaks to us to reflect and do likewise. For many Catholics, it has been shy or hesitant to talk about the faith.

As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once wrote, there must be a profound dialogue between the courage and energy of those disciples in the Upper Room on Pentecost and you and me today. Our faith is not a thing to be taken for granted.

Our Year of Faith can be dynamic and dark. There is a mighty chasm, a great divide between the supernatural and the familiar Church terms and the lived spiritual experience of the majority of our people. We must work at speaking their language, as the Holy Father has reminded us, so that through the proclamation of the Good News, we might know, ask, don’t tell: we must tell our story.

As Isaiah wrote in our first reading today, ‘God will also wipe away the tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away.’

The Diocese of Ogdensburg was honored with the presence of the Papal Nuncio, at my episcopal ordination, I concluded my remarks by asking the question, “Are you ready?” I asked those present, “Are you ready to continue our pilgrimage, bearing in our hearts the song that is ancient and yet ever new? And are you ready to sing to God, Lord glorious His triumph.”

The Church is the building in the cathedral at that memorable moment, “Are we ready? We are!” Each of us and brothers, this Year of Faith has called us to a renewed, more personal faith. It has called us to prayer, to action, to reach out to others in need.

We are.BE" Ready, brothers and sisters, with the renewed vigor, the earnest heart of Job’s wondrous journey, we encounter with Jesus Christ, His Way, is the Way that relation- ship in our lives outside the Church building. Therein lies the reason for our hope, our joy in our world that sometimes seems so hopeless, helpless and dark.

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Faith: a gift we must accept and unwrap

Bishop Terry J. Laliberte's homily for the Year of Faith Solemn Mass in Lake Placid Sept. 29

With a deep desire to re-echo the Universal Call to Holiness of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI has called us to bring the Church ever more closely to the people and to those who have not received the truth of the Gospel.

As you know, in our diocese, 33 years ago the world-renowned "miracle on ice" took place when our young upstart USA hockey team defeated the heavily favored Soviet Russian team.

I pray that this year has sharpened our sense of the supernatural and reawakened the deep longing which exists in every human heart for what is above - reaching to our hearts the desire to be transformed in Christ. For, before all else, it is necessary for us to grasp the "height, breadth, and depth" of our calling, and fully to comprehend the message of the Gospel which in-vites us not merely to do what good Catholics are supposed to do, but beyond that, to enter into a process of personal transformation in Christ.

I know that too often our own readiness to change can be selective. Where I might be willing to improve in some areas of my life, I want to remain in command and to determine myself the scope and limits of my transformation. The absolute and unconditioned readiness to change ought to be the very basis of our spiritual lives, so that we may become a "living person" in Christ.

Before all else, readiness to change is the first prerequisite for the transformation in Christ. I must have a glowing desire to become a "person of Christ", a passion to give myself over to Christ.

As Pope Francis says in his Encyclical, Light of the Gospel: “Faith consists in the willingness to let ourselves be transformed and to respond with a joyful and renewed calling by God’s call.” To answer his call, “‘my soul, be strong and make yourself like clay in God’s hands’ so that I can become what He wants me to become. I want to become...”

Faithfulness is not a lifestyle choice but a radical commitment. It is a long and difficult journey that begins with the truth of the Gospel.

When our Savior was about 33 years old He performed the miracle of all miracles - that Last and Holiest of Suppers when He gave His body and blood to His closest friends and told them to give up and go out and do likewise in memory of Him.

A noted theologian wrote, "The Church, Mass is not a sacramental service starting little or nothing. It is what we live in a world that consumes and spectacle with little personal involvement required, little passion from within, unless it’s a sports event. Society in itself does not recognize the Church, the religion is relegated to only the private sphere. By friends, if our faith does not engage us, it is lifeless. If we are not daily tending to our soul, we are not growing spiritually, our faith will die, we will simply die...

When he writes his landmark encyclical, Evangelization in the Modern World, Pope Paul VI al- ready discerned that faith may not be something so happening within it. It is something that takes place in the heart, in the mind, in the soul, in the context of the life of a person. There is, lack of interest, and above all lack of hope. My six-year old children, who have no such memory because it was never passed down. For many, the Church has become a stranger and quite irrelevant. It is an intention to endorship that nobody and nothing more can replace the Church. Our Catholic Church must believe with passion and conviction.

Faith is, indeed, a gift from God, but a gift that we must accept and unwrap; a gift to be disposed of and shared daily. It is an act of Jesus' love which brings new life to the world through the community of believers - others - witnesses - and is kept alive in that one remaining faithful who knows us as the Faithful of Faith, the Church.

We are called to share the message of hope, to be the first to share the light and joy of our faith in the midst of the darkness, to bring them the light and joy of our faith in the midst of the darkness.
October - busy, beautiful time of year

I know Pope Francis was speaking to me

This week’s North Country Catholic was printed just hours after I had heard Pope Francis, in his address to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, say that he had been praying to St. John Vianney during the recent papal visit to the United States.

I mentioned that news in our columns, and many readers responded that they too had heard the Pope's words, and the words of St. John Vianney, during the visit. Some even mentioned how they had attended Mass with St. John Vianney's remains as a presence.

I must confess that I had been skeptical of these reports. I had not been able to confirm such sightings, and I had wondered if they were simply a figment of the imagination.

But now, hearing Pope Francis's words, I can no longer doubt that he was speaking directly to me.

This is a beautiful time of year, with the leaves changing and the air growing cool. It is a time of renewal and new beginnings.

Pope Francis's words echoed in my mind as I looked out my window at the changing leaves. He spoke of the importance of caring for the vulnerable and the marginalized, of opening our hearts to those in need.

I felt a sense of peace and contentment as I thought about the future. I knew that, with the grace of God, I could be a source of comfort and support for those who were in need.

And so, I begin this month with a renewed sense of purpose and a renewed commitment to serving those in need. I pray that Pope Francis's words will continue to inspire me in all that I do.
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by Jeff Cavins, home study, discussion.

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