Mary: a model of faith

Mary, as a model of faith is a title that total dedication to Jesus does not take them away from day-to-day life, because faith is lived through the exercise of faithfulness of everyday existence. Pope Francis, after visiting the United States, made a series of audacious talks about the life of faith focusing on the Second Sunday of October, which is the feast of Mary. The pope said that Mary is “the model of the order of faith, charity and perfect union with God.” Many people, he said, believe that because Mary was so special to God and chosen to bear his son, she can’t really be a model for their faith. But the pope said that “a person, daily existence was precisely where the presence of Mary, the unique and profound dialogue between her and God was perceived.”

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My saints - my life has been filled with saints. They may never be canonized, and many may not even be certain they are saints. They are simply good people who did good things and they made me a better person. I always treasure the people I have met who I believe could truly become saints.

Someone I knew described a saint as someone who does ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Saints, I recognize that ability to do those things. I know they could definitely count on my help and support and I admire them for their strength and sensibility because I knew that I was certain that good and sensible things would always be done well. I knew that they knew how to live well, they brought God into their lives.

My saints were not preachy. They simply lived a good life in the spirit and message of Jesus. Oh, there were times that they were challenging - especially when I was lazy - sometimes they were downright nags in challenging me. However, I thank God for them even then because they were trying to make me a better person.

My saints were often surprised, I must admit I didn’t realize how some of them were calling her but was just too tired. The last time they saw her was the day before she died. “Then I told her to call me, to say a prayer, to think about the Scripture passages” you are given in your eyes and glories...and know that “by name I have called you”...“I will love you with an everlasting love”...Those passages have sustained me throughout my life.

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In celebration of our centennial celebration, our parishioners are invited to view our current exhibit, "St. Anthony’s Catholic Church: A Century of Growth." The exhibit opens on September 23rd and runs through December 29th.

The exhibit is located in the lobby of the church and is free and open to the public. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday, 9am-1pm. The exhibit is closed on Sundays.

For more information, please contact the church office at 315-594-3253.
Workshop on Vatican II to be held at Wadhams Hall

NCEDC/ – A weekend workshop on the history and writings of the Second Vatican Council has been set for Nov. 23-24 as part of the diocesan observance of the Year of Faith.

Among the reasons Pope Benedict XVI launched the Year of Faith in October, was to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II.

The workshop, to be held at Wadhams Hall, offers an opportunity for par- 
siarches, leaders, adult faith formation coordinators, etc. who would benefit from an overview of the Second Vatican Council and be able to return to their parishes and provide faith formation opportunities regarding Vatican II.

The program opens Friday afternoon, with registration at 4:30 p.m., and concludes Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

For the Friday evening ses- sion, Mag. Peter R. Rau will present on the Vatican Council from the perspective of the theological tradition. He was a doctorate candidate in theology during the time of the council.

Saturday’s program will in- clude sessions on:
• the Constitution on the Liturgy by Father Joseph Giroux
• the Constitution on Di- vine Revelation by Sr. Mary Eamon Lyng
• the Constitution on the Sacraments by Msgr. Robert Au- ton
• the Constitution of the Church by St. Joseph Sister Mary Eamon Lyng
• The Documents and Decrees of Vatican II by Dr. Thomas J. McDermott

The workshop will be held at Wadhams Hall, off Sargents Road in Ogdensburg.

Campus View members may register for the workshop free of charge and all others at a reduced rate of $35. The registration fee includes the Friday evening meal and Friday’s dinner.

For more information, visit http://rcdony.org/VATII.

Renee Livers / Syracuse Catholic

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Submit by Nov. 15.

In the meantime, through the month of October, Carrie discovers her ability to move objects around by speaking to them with her hands or by just glaring at them.

She begins with water jugs and a mirror, moves up to Sticky's chair and a TV, and finally to the fireman she's been shown the arrow of St. Sebastian.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Our first reading today from the Book of Wisdom reminds us how tiny we appear to God, who has an infinite view of earth. The Lord, we are told, is like a great mountain, "higher than the heavens and deeper than the depths of the sea." The entire universe is a "naught's view of earth: who has an astro- naut's view of earth: who has an astro-

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By Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli

When did the Pope first hear of Natural Family Planning (NFP)?

As a Jesuit, he values understanding the Church's teaching on marriage, fertility, pregnancy, and contraception. In considering the option of natural family planning, Pope Francis may have been influenced by one of his early Jesuit mentors, Fr. John Paul II, who emphasized the importance of the Church's teaching on family life and the sanctity of human life. This perspective may have been reinforced by Pope Francis's own experiences of poverty and hardship, as well as his commitment to the principles of simplicity and humility that he has consistently promoted throughout his papacy.
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Vatican officials reaffirms teaching
By Brian F. Henninger

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In a message to the Vatican’s presidency on Oct. 22 during a special conference called “The Pope and the Vatican: A Strategic Plan,” the pontiff said that the church is in a “phase of transition” that requires the church to be “proactive” and to “reactivate the church’s mission” to the world.

Pope Francis launched a $1.5 billion fund to support the fight against the coronavirus, the church’s first global pandemic aid effort.

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**Vatican officials reafﬁrm teaching**

By R. R. Reno

**WED., MAY 7 -** Amid rising expectations that the Catholic Church will ease rules on divorce and remarriage, the Vatican has strongly reafﬁrmed its traditional position.

The announcement of the synod came amid news that the Archdiocese of Freiburg, Germany, had issued new guidelines making it easier for divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion.

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Marriage isn’t easy, but it’s beautiful, Pope Francis says

By Dale W. Nelson

**MONDAY, MAY 5 -** The Catholic Church must help young people understand that marriage isn’t always easy, “but it is so beautiful,” Pope Francis said.

There are problems in marriage: different points of view, problems, arguments, but tell young couples to never ever take marriage out of their minds. The sacrament of marriage is renewed in this act of love.

The sacrament of marriage is renewed in love, but it is not easy, the pope said. “It’s beautiful. Tell them that.”

For the Catholic Church, helping couples isn’t simply a group of individuals, but it is a community. A community that we are here as a family to be loved one another, share and make sacrifices for each other and defend, especially for those who are more fragile and weak.

The family as a special community must be recognized as such, especially today when so much emphasis is placed on the safeguarding of individual rights, he said. “We must defend the rights of this community that is the family.”

Defending the family also means defending the basic stability of marriage. “There are problems in marriage, but I always ask, ‘And tell me, do you have your children?’” he said.

Pope Francis, departing from his prepared text, told members of the council that he is a community founded on the marriage of a man and woman. He said he doesn’t address the community, but “I tell them that the fact that a community is born on the marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the whole community, of the family.”

The council of families “is a common good,” he said, “the common good of the Church and the common good of the community.”

Pope Francis also explained that the council of families is “a great environment,” and the reason to have this council is to “foster the family, to make it a family.”

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Funding faith in today’s world

Bishop’s Fund is used, for example, to pay for a priest’s ordination, the funeral of a clergymen man who has served in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, or to prevent the killing of children. The Bishop’s Fund is also used to support a wide range of outreach programs, charitable organizations, and other projects of the Catholic Church.

One of the things folks admire about Pope Francis is his simple living.

It was easier simply to live as a poor volunteer. He lived in a simpleinnen house as a house and cars came along, it was too difficult to keep his clothes, his books, and his car. For many years, I was coordinator of steward of St. John, leading groups of parishioners to give 10 percent of a diminished income, to the Lord. And you know what? It worked. They found that, as usual, the Lord provided. Pope Francis’s great quote pertains to giving: “Give your money for relative or friend. Give your money for a sick person, maybe a family asking for alms giving in your treasury, and it will save you from hell.”

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“IT IS INSPIRING TO BELIEVE that, however, of another person's journey is our own. It is inspiring to believe that this journey is our own. It is inspiring to believe that marriage, NFP helps couples to lovingly couple in harmony with their fertility and to discover that their love is stronger than any other, as they respect and obey the commands of God's plan for their marriage.

As one thirty-something couple participated in a respect group called NFP, they had learned that thought they had written the book on love. How could it get any better, they wondered? But using NFP has increased our respect for each other and deepened our love in ways we could not have imagined.

As we prepare for winter in the North Country, the next few weeks will feature some simple suggestions that will help you reduce your energy consumption. First, you should consider:

1. **Wrap windows**

   - Insulate and weatherstrip your windows to prevent the loss of heat. Storm windows, or a sheet of transparent plastic, can significantly reduce the amount of heat lost to the outside than any other window treatment.

2. **Use work clothes**

   - Use warmer clothes to keep your skin warm and make your household seem more comfortable.

3. **Reduce lighting**

   - Turn off lights when leaving a room, or use low-wattage bulbs.

4. **Use public transportation**

   - Consider using public transportation to reduce energy consumption.

5. **Limit outdoor activities**

   - Limit time spent outside during cold weather.

Remember, these suggestions are simple and easy to implement. The key is to make small changes that can add up to a significant reduction in energy consumption.

By Angelo and Suzanne Pietropaoli

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As we engage in our own Ash Wednesday Awareness Week, a national day of prayer, we call upon each church in the U.S., by the July 12, provides us with a list of our resources, as well as a variety of audio materials, to parishes of the church, to support the awareness week, and to reinforce the message of the day.

The challenge Pope Francis has given us: “We are all called to be instruments of tenderness.”

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Our first reading today from the Book of Wisdom reminds us how tiny we appear to God, who has an immeasurable view of earth and heavens. The whole universe is a great and high mountain.

Nevertheless, He deals with all of us in a manner that works in practice. The shocked crowd saw Him as the hated chief tax collector, a sinner making no change of heart. But while patient and gentle as He is, He did not just pass by, but pointed to the tax collector. He was used to ignoring or disregarding persons who repent and love towards all. It is not for nothing that the Book of Wisdom reminds us how tiny we are in the eyes of God. Nevertheless, He deals with all of us in a manner that works in practice.

If we are wise, we will do as the wise man said: "We will run to climb a nearby tree and run to climb a nearby tree. We are ready to judge the grain that grows into the heart of Zacchaeus, a great and rich person. Our Lord will speak to him again.

The crowd gasps in disbelief. They know that He is a friend of tax collectors. They can't figure out what He has in mind for this little man named Zacchaeus. To get a glimpse of what He means, they must work at it. In this way, the writer of the Book of Wisdom is able to tell the whole world that God means and God does. After declaring that the whole universe is like a small grain in the scales, or like a drop of morning dew compared to God's greatness, He prays for God's forgiveness in saving sinners and being saved by faith and a changed heart. Because the writer of the Book of Wisdom knows that He has come to seek and save the lost, He says that God never gives up on anyone who is worthy of saving. And God alone decides who gets into heaven!

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Workshop on Vatican II to be held at Wadhams Hall

OCT. 18 – A workshop on the Second Vatican Council will be held at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg on Oct. 18. The workshop is sponsored by the bishops of the North Country, the priests of the dioceses of the North Country, and the religious communities of the diocese.

The workshop will consist of a presentation by Msgr. Peter R. Riani, associate vicar for religious education, on Vatican II and its impact on the Church.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Second Vatican Council.

For more information, contact Msgr. Riani at 315-685-5132 or via email at priani@rcdony.org.

Funeral held Oct. 25 for Sister Catherine Livers

Sister Catherine Livers, SP, died Oct. 19 in Seattle, Wash. She was 75 years old and had been a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor for 50 years.

She was born in Loo- isville, Ky., on Jan. 14, 1941, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Livers. She was a graduate of Apollo High School and attended the University of Kentucky.

In 1969, she entered the Little Sisters of the Poor and made her final vows in 1974.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 23 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Ogdensburg, N.Y., with the Rev. James D. Killan serving as the Celebrant and the Rev. Michael J. O’Halloran as the Deacon.

Sister Catherine was a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Seattle for 25 years and was a member of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Ogdensburg for 25 years.

She is survived by her brother, Donald Livers, and her sisters, Eileen Livers McCleary and Mary Livers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Final Questions

1. What is the difference between a Mass of Christian Burial and a funeral service?
2. What is the purpose of a Mass of Christian Burial?
3. How does the Church handle the body of a deceased person until the Mass of Christian Burial?

For more information, visit the diocesan website at http://rcdony.org/VATII.
**Harvest Dinner**


date: Nov. 10

time: 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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**Musical Mission**


date: Nov. 16

time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Evangelization**


date: Nov. 12

time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Devotions**


date: Nov. 13

time: 3 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**


date: Nov. 13

time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Liturgy Meeting**


date: Nov. 10

time: 6 p.m.

**Habit Day**


date: Nov. 16

time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**St. Mary’s Breakfast Buffet**


date: Nov. 4

time: 6 a.m.

**Lifering Retreat**


date: Nov. 16

time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**St. Joseph’s Breakfast Buffet**


date: Nov. 10

time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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My saints – my life has been filled with saints. They may never be canonized, officially declared saints, but certainly many of them are. They are not just saints; they are a saintly group of people. At different times and in different ways, they have welcomed, taught, and challenged me. They have made my journey into faith one of discovery, understanding, and love. How I learned to know and love them is another story.

A PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE

My saints were not preachy. They simply lived well in the spirit and message of Jesus. Oh, there were times that they were challenging – especially when I was lazy – sometimes they were downright nasty in challenging me. However, I thank God for them ever so much because they were trying to make me a better person.

My saints were often surpised. I must admit I didn’t realize how some of them were called but she was just too tired to do more.

I have often told people, “I can’t believe my life.” This season has been filled with the deaths of some really good people. God is so good to me, that I am blessed with so many friends.

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Sister Debbie was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a saintly group of people who knew how to live well, they brought God and his message of Jesus in such a way that I was certain that good things could truly become saints.

Someone I knew described a group of people that she does not describe as saints. I recognize that ability in others when I see it as well. I’ve never been able to say that they could truly become saints.

My saints are all spectacular people who have become saints. There are many of you among you who are all spectacular people; the whole world has benefited a great deal by meeting them. They are a gifted group, my friends, and I am a better person because of them.

My saints were not so surprised because I knew that time is short. How odd...at some point during the ages of 4 and 14.

They are older than I am and as I look back, I see how much I have learned from them. They can always make me laugh or bring tears to my eyes and glorious....” and “My friends, please remem- ber “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” because they know that God would want me to. I am a better person because of them.

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Support Group the last Tuesday of each month in the parish hall. For more information, call Deacon John White, 393-6592 or PGK Grand Knight Bill Barkley, 393-0303; or leave a message at 393-7990; Deputy Mayor of Ogdensburg, Michael Schutt, 394-1008.

KOF C BRUNCH
North – The Knights of Columbus has a Sunday breakfast.

3rd ANNUAL BAZAAR
Massena – St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s hold their annual Bazaar. Features: There will be drawings, a lotto tree and direct auction.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH
Ogdensburg – St. Joseph’s Foundation has a community free lunch every Friday. Features: This day of prayer will be a Day of Reconciliation and Bishop LaValley will lead an arscommitment ceremony.

8th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOL SOUTH OF CANADA TRIP
 contacting the Church and charity. Please join us to pray with Bishop LaValley in preparation for the Mass and Homecoming ceremony during the Mass. The trip has been planned as part of the Year of Faith opportunities.

Mary: a model of faith

Weekend workshop on history and writings of the Second Vatican Council is now available.

AUGUSTINIAN WELCOMES SPECIAL VISITOR

PARISH BAZAAR
Star Lake – St. Robert Church will hold its annual Bazaar. Dates: Nov 2 Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Features: Low wreaths, floral arrangements, handcrafted items, gift baskets.

ST. JOSEPH’S FOUNDATION DINNER
Ogdensburg – St. Joseph’s Hosts its 10th Annual dinner.

ST. LUCIA’s PARISH DINNER
Ogdensburg – Msgr. A. D. Charbonneau, pastor of St. Lucia’s is holding a Parish dinner.

RISK HOURLY FOR VOCATIONS
Ogdensburg – Msy is holding a monthly Holy Hour for vocations.

Contact: Fr Robinson at 315-782-1190

Contact: Fr. Robert H. Aucoin as the celebrant and Bishop LaValley will lead an arscommittment ceremony.

Contact: Mr. Philip J. Daniels as the celebrant and Bishop LaValley will lead an arscommittment ceremony.

Contact: 315-769-3137

Contact: For more information and an application contact the Church.

Contact: Father Charles M. V. Kocot as the celebrant and Bishop LaValley will lead a Purgatorial Mass.

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