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To our priests: Fr. Mark Reilly Fr. Alan Lamica Fr. William Muench Fr. Paul Kelly Fr. Patrick O'Reilly Fr. Steve Kovacevich Msgr. C. John McAvoy

We appreciate our priests

SMART FAITH

Thank you for the example of your humble and loving service, and for bringing Christ into our lives.

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RESPONDING TO POPE’S APPEAL

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A Prayers at Thanksgiving
From the Director’s Desk
Mary Ellen Brett, SSD
Diocese of Ogdensburg

The rush of the holidays are upon us. As we sit down to Thanksgiving with our families and friends, we are grateful for the gifts of abundance and love that we are so fortunate to have in our lives. Yet, we are also reminded of the many blessings that others do not. For all who suffer the darkness, the pain, those denied dignity, and those who live without hope, grant them the peace of knowing that Christ the King will never abandon them nor tire of tending to their needs.

For the children of the world, may they be protected from all harm; oppressors, violence and disease.

For those tormented by disease, depression, addiction, abuse and hopelessness, may they be comforted and encouraged.

For all Christians, may we be humble stewards of the gifts we have been given – food, clothing, shelter, health care – and may we be remembered with gratitude. With every Eucharist, we come to be reminded that we are blessed with the sacrifice of Our Lord and the forgiveness of our sins.

Thanksgiving is the story of the ten lepers. Each was grateful for something good for you. For the ten lepers, their lives were changed, we are transformed. For each of our blessings, may we be remembered with gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

The classical view of Thanksgiving, the holiday that we celebrate in the United States, is based on the idea of gratitude. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received and to give thanks for them. This perspective is deeply rooted in the American tradition, and it is reflected in the many different ways in which people celebrate Thanksgiving. However, the idea of gratitude is not limited to the United States, but rather is a universal value that is practiced by people of all cultures and religions. Whether we are aware of it or not, we all have so many reasons to be grateful, even during the most difficult times. The power of gratitude is a powerful force that helps us to overcome adversity and to find the beauty and the meaning in our lives. This is why it is so important to cultivate an attitude of gratitude in our daily lives, and to use the Thanksgiving holiday as a reminder of the many blessings we have received. It is a moment to reflect on the people and the things that we are thankful for, and to share our gratitude with others. In this way, we can create a positive and hopeful atmosphere, and contribute to the well-being of ourselves and of those around us.
THANKSGIVING DINNER
Elsbergher Center - Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Thanksgiving Dinner, to benefit Seton Academy students. Lunch will be served and compliments of the Earth to receive individual prayer.

Timberline School Christmas Dinner, to benefit Seton Academy students. Lunch will be served and compliments of the Earth to receive individual prayer.

Jessa Kelly and Jay Lesage. Bake and holiday plants and raffle items. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., dinner at 12:30 p.m. $15 for adults, $10 for seniors, children 5-12 $8.

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A foundation of faith at 50
Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood mark 50 years in Diocese of Ogdensburg

By Mary J. Hine

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THE HUNGER GAMES:
Catching Fire

By John Mcdonough

THE SISTERS Adorers of the Precious Blood arrived in Watertown in the 1880s. Bishop LaValley blessed to house the incomparable mystery of Redemption. "It is from Mary's Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, brought to you by the Precious Blood, that the most beautiful mystery of the Church is to give glory to the Father, through the worshipship of His Son in the mystical Body of Christ, and to honor Mary, immaculate in her conception," he said.

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

On behalf of the Office of Marital Life and Family, Archbishop Charles C. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap., announced the following policy statement:

"We, the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania, are deeply concerned about the seriousness of sexually transmitted diseases in our communities and their effects on human dignity. We recognize that these diseases have a profound impact on individuals and communities and encourage all parishes to develop educational programs and resources that address this issue.

We urge marriage Encounter groups, retreats, and other faith formation activities to include information about sexually transmitted diseases and their prevention, including the use of condoms. We also encourage diocesan and regional health care providers to partner with parishes to offer educational programs and workshops on this topic.

We commend all persons to the protection and guidance of the Church, which teaches that sexual intimacy is to be entered into only in the context of marriage. For more information, please contact the Office of Marital Life and Family at (215) 595-6650.

In Christ and in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.

Archbishop Charles C. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia
The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble will give two performances of a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Anthems, carols, and hymns illuminate the Christmas story along with community readers and congregational singing in the beloved tradition of King’s College, activities at Saranac Lake High School.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CATHOLIC

ATTENTION!

Maurice O’Neil, 1999
1950; Rev. Arthur LaVigne, 1956
Dec. 2 – Rev. Charles Desrosiers, 1944;
Dec. 5 – Rev. Michael Hallahan, 1891;
Dec. 6  – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s
Dec. 8 – 9 a.m., Mass at Holy Family Cathedral
Dec. 9 – 11 a.m., Mass at Medina and St. Mary’s Cathedral
Dec. 9 – 18 a.m., Visit to Seton Central School in Platts-

ADVENT 

Environmental Stewardship

“Earth is full of the goodness of God,” the psalmist proclaims. “You can always find God at all the sights of the earth.”

Suggestions:
Before you share a meal on this Thanksgiving Day, call and remind your family and friends the earth and in gratitude, decide on one action that you are willing to do to protect and preserve the earth for the next generation of all beings.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

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WON’T YOU PRAY FOR EACH OTHER?

December 2013

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Both popes have insisted that being an evangelist means "to have a place in the public square — with strong philosophical and theological arguments and expressions of 'joy and happiness,' not protests."

Archbishop Joseph W. Naumann, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, his closeness, his use of language that is particularly in social media a huge desire on the part of people to share his words and his message."
50th Anniversary

Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood

"Mount of Beatitudes" Watertown, New York

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RELEIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION 2013

Share In The Care
December 7th and 8th

Please give to those . . .

who have given a lifetime.
December 8, 2013

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Gospel today reminds us in the words of John the Baptist that in order to enter the kingdom of which Isaiah speaks, we must turn our lives completely to Christ. Like John the Baptist, our consecrated religious have made a conscious choice to live a life totally focused on serving God and his people.

These are fitting words as we reflect on the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. These women and men never stopped to count the cost as they educated our young, cared for our sick, and worked for justice for the oppressed. In so doing, they made an inestimable contribution to our Church and nation, establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Today, although decreased in number, religious can be found in service to the poor, lonely, and oppressed.

Our Church is blessed to having sixteen religious congregations represented in our Diocese. Last year we distributed the results of our Collection to these sixteen congregations and eighteen other congregations who have served in our Diocese in the past. As I visit the convents and motherhouses of our religious, I continue to be deeply inspired by their faithfulness. Most of our older religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Now a majority of the religious communities struggle to provide necessary medications, nursing care and basic services for their older members. Many of these religious continue to pray for the needs of our Diocese.

On the weekend of December 7-8, parishes throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious which benefits 34,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Please contribute what you are able as a concrete expression of your gratitude for the selfless ministry of these religious men and women. God bless you for generosity.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

We are all called to holiness (Vatican 14 Constitution on the Church). All life is consecrated. It is expressed in different forms.

Orders Serving in the Diocese

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- Franciscan Friars of the Atonement
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- Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
- Mid-Atlantic Community of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
- Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
- Servants of Mary
- Sisters of Charity of St. Louis
- Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod
- Sisters Aduers of the Precious Blood
- Sisters of St. Joseph
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
- Ursulines Sisters of the Eastern Province

Celebration of Consecrated Life

November 3, 2013

We are grateful to all sixteen religious congregations presently serving in our Diocese, and they are also grateful for the assistance given by you to help support their aging religious.

“Religious men and women are prophets. They are those who have chosen a following of Jesus that imitates His life in obedience to the Father, poverty, community life and chastity.”

Pope Francis
Society of Jesus

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why We Ask You to Help …

Skyrocketing Costs

- There are more than 34,000 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2012, the average annual cost for their care was over $38,000 per person.
- In 2012 alone, the total cost to support senior women and men religious exceeded $1.1 billion.

Insufficient Income

- By 2023, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one.
- For most of their lives, older religious worked for small stipends. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially autonomous and solely responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is approximately $4,941 - roughly one-third the amount received by the average beneficiary in the United States.

How much was received and distributed from the 2012 Diocesan Collection?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg distributed $117,367 among 34 religious congregations who are serving or have served in the Diocese.

The Diocese also contributed from this collection $25,421 to the national collection for religious retirement.

If I contribute, do I share in the fruits of the ministry?

Religious always view donors as partners in ministry and remember them daily in prayer. Religious who can no longer serve in ministry devote their time to the ministry of prayer.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity during these difficult economic times.
Religious retirement

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On Dec. 1 at 8 a.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

On Dec. 4 at 1 p.m., Lunch with the Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocations Committee at Sergi’s Restaurant in Potsdam.

On Dec. 6 at 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

On Dec. 7 at 2 p.m., Christmas Concert at St. Mary’s School.

On Dec. 10 – 10 a.m., Visit to Seton Complex at St. Mary’s School.

On Dec. 11 at 8 a.m., Mass at St. Joseph’s Church.

On Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Christmas Concert at St. Mary’s School.

On Dec. 15 at 8 a.m., Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

On Dec. 16 at 8 p.m., Christmas Concert at St. Mary’s School.

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A month before he stepped down, Pope Benedict XVI told the crowd in one of his last addresses that the Church must “be in harmony with the fashion and opinion of the world without compromising the obligations and assume forms of conduct that are not false to the Christian faith.”

“Christians must not be afraid to go through the rough times and even the crises that the Church is experiencing,” Pope Francis said.

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“The earth is full of the goodness of God,” says the hymn “Gaudium.” And in the book of Ecclesiastes, the author says: “There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink in enjoyment and to see the good work that he does in the light of the sun.”

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The Northern Adirondack Regional Ensemble will give performances of a festival of voices and Gospel, chorales, harmonies, and symphonies, all in the renowned tradition of the Adirondacks, Saturday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Father Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh, 12:01 at 4 p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid. A donation of $10 per adult and $5 per child is suggested.
Sex, truth and the illumination of our guilt

Guilt has got a lot of bad press recently. But the truth is, we get it wrong in an age where guilt is seen as a thing bad, something to get rid of. And even if it is not shrunk.

There is such a thing as ‘good guilt’, which also requires a different awareness of how we have acted against what is good for us.

Particularly when discussing sex, people will often declare that religion and morality can no longer tie us to our consciences. And they are right.

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The woman became “spiritually thinner” in her relationship with men, and grew to believe her husband, and personal relationships.

A foundation of faith at 50
Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood mark 50 years in Diocese of Ogdensburg

By Mary Lou Kilian

The six Precious Blood Sisters who currently form the contemplative community in Watertown are shown just before they join the monastic life. From left to right are Sister Rosemary Rossi, Sister Elizabeth Washburn, Sister Martha Emery, assistant superior; Sister Linh Terese Nguyen, a novice; Sister Mary Catherine Pham, who received the habit as a novice during the Mass.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, noted that “when we were first discerning our vocation, we could have never imagined moving from the Diocese of Galveston to the Diocese of Ogdensburg.”

“The time has come, it seems, to return to Panem, the dystopian North American nation that provides the setting for the satisfying action sequels “The Hunger Games” and “Catching Fire,” just as it did for the 2012 first installment in the series. They decide to make the return trip, movies goers will find them adapting the second volume in Suzanne Collins’ young adult trilogy of novels, directed by Francis Lawrence. He has increased the intensity of the violence on screen. And his film’s moral core is solid.

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THANKSGIVING DINING
Ellisburg Center – Our Lady of the Assumption Church.
Time: Noon
Reservations: Nov. 25 by 518-594-3231 or eodool17@gmail.com
CRAFT SHOW
Moundsville – St. Elizabeth and St. Joseph Church. Fun and craft show through Nov. 25.
Time: 3-7 p.m.
Features: Food (Cafe with soups, chili and chicken aflato), give-aways by local cafeterias, bakery and candy shop.
ADVENT ADOPTION
Time: 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Contact: Kathleen at 518-523-3771

SETON CHRISTMAS DINNER
Potters – Hospitality House at Holy Family Church.
Time: Noon
Features: Baked goods, gift shop, vendors, silent auction, food.
Contact: 518-627-9705

ELLENBURG CENTER– Our Lady of the Assumption Church.
Time: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Contact: Dolores Margies (518) 924-7311

PAOLI HAPPY HOURS
St. Joseph is holding its annual craft show.
Time: 1-5 p.m.
Features: Feel free to bring a bag lunch.
Contact: Ronda at 518-594-3231 or eodool17@gmail.com

NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC
Bishop LaVelle’s family for Holy Hour on Nov 24
Closing Year of Faith
In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted today’s Feast of Christ the King. This is a time of re- evaluating our faith and re-prioritize our lives in light of the tenets of our faith.

We do all of this and more so that the Kingdom of Christ, by his grace, may continue to permeate all the nations.

That’s why we cannot relax in our mission of being the voice of the voiceless, the advocate of the marginalized, the protector of the pre-born, the defender of basic human rights, and the protectors of the faith.

May we live our faith with vigor.
Giving thanks for our religious!

From the Director's Desk
Mary Ellen Brett, SSDJ
December 13, 2013

The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
111 Washington Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Giving thanks – for our religious!

At Thanksgiving Day the Church exhorts us to give thanks. We are all so many reasons to be thankful – a rather important quality; nothing, I mean nothing, that we do not have to be thankful for when we have done a good thing.

Mayne Mills

I know that you, like I Love Thanksgiving. What do you do for me?

For me – it is white meat, stuffing, sweet potatoes, and mincemeat.

A tradition of family gatherings – celebrating at a table with the people we know and love is a must.

On Thanksgiving Day the Church prays that we do all we can to make others happy.

From the Director’s Desk
Mary Ellen Brett, SSDJ

November 20, 2013

Dear Readers:

I have been reflecting on the parable of the ten lepers, which I heard this morning. I was inspired by the way Father Louis, in his homily, reflected on the parable of the ten lepers.

Gratitude. One of the familiar themes of the Gospel reading was the theme of gratitude. Other lepers did not realize that they had been saved, while one leper realized that he had been saved, and that he had to express his gratitude. The way, one of them realizes that he has been healed. He is grateful, and should be received by Jesus who has been healed.

It was from my old friend, Mary Lou Cameron, that I heard about the celebration of the 61st anniversary of the Founding of the Carmelite Sisters on North Country Catholic.

I was so grateful that I could not help but feel sorry for the one leper who had not realized the significance of what had happened. Father Louis then went on to say that those who have been changed, we are made new. We have so much to be grateful for. For this great country, where our voices do make a difference, for our families in comfort and abundance, we thank you Lord. For all Christians, may we be humble stewards of the gifts given to us by God, and may we set an example of mercy and generosity by becoming involved in efforts to distribute our wealth to the poor. For the Missions and show thanks to all those who do so much for so many so far away.

For this great country, we do our part in the religious life of the world and spend it in prayer of thanksgiving in a time of thanksgiving, a solemn expression of our gratitude for the gift of this life so that we are lead to a state of salvation and generosity.

We are blessed. Each Mass we have an opportunity to remember those who have helped us, and to do for the poor to the new lepers. Each Eucharist is our thanksgiving.

We are so much for so many so far away. The leper sent a thank you to Jesus who had healed him.

May all those who have helped us, and those who have suffered, the poor, those dethroned, and those who live without hope, grant them the power of understanding that the Christ who will never abandon them, nor tire of tending to their needs.

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A Pastor’s Perspective

I have been reflecting on a recent homily by Father Louis, in which he reflected on the parable of the ten lepers. He explained that the lepers did not realize when something good had happened to them, that they had been healed.

During the fall, members of the parishes of St. Ann’s Church in St. Regis Falls donated 245 pounds of non-perishable food for Thanksgiving to the food pantries in St. Regis Falls and Dickinson Center. Father Alfred Fish, pastor, shown at left, encouraged people to bring items for the food drive each weekend in November up to Nov. 17. A food panister donated $50 to be given to the St. Regis Falls Food Pantry to purchase turkey and ham.

We appreciate our priests

To our priests:
Fr. Mark Reilly
Fr. Alan Lamic
Fr. William Munch
Fr. Patrick O’Reilly
Fr. Steve Kovacevich
Msgr. C. John McAvoy

Thank you for the example of your humble and loving service, and for bringing Christ into our lives.

+ From the parishes of the Churches of the Mountains and Lakes in Saranac Lake, Bloomingdale, Gabriels and Lake Clear

God never tires of forgiving

Pope Francis said he goes to confession every two weeks, knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent, but also knowing that having a priest say “I absolve you” reinforces belief in God’s mercy.

Using the literal Italian translation of a Spanish saying, “It’s better to turn red once than yellow a thousand times,” Pope Francis said he knows some people are embarrassed to confess their sins to a priest, but it is the best path to spiritual healing and health.

At his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square Nov. 20, Pope Francis reflected on the forgiveness of sins as one of the missions Jesus entrusted to his apostles and their successors.

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God never tires of forgiving every repentant sinner, but the Christian is bound to Christ and Christ is united to God, Bishop LaValley said. “God, in his sovereign mercy, forgives everyone, but he wanted those who belong to Christ and his church to receive forgiveness through the community’s ministers.

The annual Religious Retirement Appeal collection will take place Dec. 7-8 in parishes of the diocese.

In his message for the appeal, Bishop LaValley said, “our Church is blessed to have sixteen religious congregations represented in our diocese. As I visit the convents and motherhouses of our religiosity, I continue to be deeply inspired by their faithfulness...Please contribute what you are able as a concrete expression of our gratitude for their selfless ministry.”

Happy Thanksgiving!