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Parish life in the Year of Faith
At the Year of Faith continues, parishes across the Diocese of Ogdensburg have planned special events to promote the growth of faith among Catholics in the North Country.

In Malone, St. Patrick's Church in Hogansburg was recognized as a parish that by its faith and service has been of service to its community.

In Ogdensburg, the Msgr. A.D. Charbonneau Parish has begun the Year of Faith with a Parish Mission. The parish has planned a series of events to promote the growth of faith among its members. The mission begins on April 12, with a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a retreat and a series of talks and discussions. The mission continues on April 13, with a Mass of the Holy Spirit, followed by a workshop on the importance of faith and service.

In Canton, the Surviving Spouse Friends Fellowship will be presenting a 7-Week series by Fr. Robert Barron on the Catholicism program. The series will begin on April 18, with a Mass of the Holy Spirit, followed by a session on the importance of faith and service.

In Lisbon, Ss. Philip & James Church will be holding a Weekly novena for the safety of the world, who will be praying for these in-...
An unexpected evening of enrichment

Jesuit Father John O’Malley is an expert on the Vatican II Council, and he’s passionate about it. In fact, he has written five books about the council. When I met Father O’Malley, he was on a lecture tour, talking about the events of the council. He mentioned to me that I should read his book about the council, so I did. I was amazed by how much I learned about the council from his book. It was like a dialogue with someone who was there. Now, I am preparing to attend the lecture by Father O’Malley, and I am excited to learn more about the council from him. I am sure it will be an enlightening experience.
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LITURGY PRESENTS

LIFE IS A JOURNEY

The Life Is a Journey event will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 9 a.m. at the Diocese of Buffalo, 100 Main St., Buffalo. The event is free and open to the public.

YOU AND THE TRUTH

You and the Truth: Making the Connection Between Your Faith and Your Life will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at the Diocese of Buffalo, 100 Main St., Buffalo. The event is free and open to the public.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Buffalo is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Easter food distribution.

LITURGICAL LEADERSHIP

Liturgy Leadership: Principles of Church Leadership will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at the Diocese of Buffalo, 100 Main St., Buffalo. The event is free and open to the public.

LITURGY OF THE GOSPEL

Liturgy of the Gospel: The Story of Jesus will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at the Diocese of Buffalo, 100 Main St., Buffalo. The event is free and open to the public.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Liturgy of the Word: The Spirit Is Alive will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at the Diocese of Buffalo, 100 Main St., Buffalo. The event is free and open to the public.

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FEATURED STORY

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PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

St. Patrick’s Day at St. Patrick’s Parish

By Father Michael Cline, Pastor, Hogansburg, Fort Covington, Bombay

This past St. Patrick’s Day, the people of St. Patrick’s Church in Hogansburg were forewarned that the doors of their church were being closed in July. And on March 17, the people of St. Patrick’s Church in Hogansburg held their annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration.

The celebration was a tradition dating back to the founding of the parish in 1853. The first St. Patrick’s Day celebration was held in 1854, and it has been a tradition ever since.

The day began with a Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a breakfast at 10 a.m. Mass was celebrated by Father Joseph McNulty, pastor of St. Patrick’s Church in Malone.

After breakfast, the day continued with a parade through the streets of Hogansburg. The parade was led by the Hogansburg Fire Department, followed by the Hogansburg Police Department and the Hogansburg Central School band.

The parade ended at the Hogansburg Community Center, where there was a variety of activities for the entire family. There were games, crafts, and a raffle for a chance to win a trip to Ireland.

The day ended with a dance, which was enjoyed by all ages. The music was provided by the Hogansburg Central School band, and the dance floor was packed with people.

Although the parish was closing in July, the people of St. Patrick’s Church were determined to make the most of the time they had left. They continued to hold regular Masses and activities, and the community came together to support one another.

The closing of the parish was a difficult time for many members of the community. However, they were determined to make the most of the time they had left and to continue to worship and serve one another.

As the parish closed its doors, the people of St. Patrick’s Church looked to the future with hope and confidence. They knew that the community would continue to thrive, and they were proud to have been a part of the rich history of the parish.

And so, on St. Patrick’s Day, the people of St. Patrick’s Church in Hogansburg celebrated their past and looked forward to a bright future.
The Gospel this Sunday in all three reading cycles is about Jesus and the Good Shepherd.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

**going too far with DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)?**

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Cardinal says Pope Francis' new phase in living Vatican II

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A 2012 picture shows Cardinal Francis George, 78, archbishop of Chicago, at the Third International Conference of Catholic Bishops. The cardinal is a leading voice in the Church's effort to revitalize itself in a globalized world.

The conference, looking specifically at the contribu- tion Vatican II has made to the Church and its implementation, was organized by the Paul VI Institute in Brescia, Italy, and the John XXIII Institute. Two bishops served on the board of the conference: Prince Michael of Liechtenstein, president of the Paul VI Institute, and Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich, the board's vice president.

This is the second time Francis has been invited to participate in a Vatican II conference. In 2012, he attended a conference in Rome that focused on the family.

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Catholic Korean War chaplain honored posthumously with highest military honor

The Medal of Honor was awarded to Father Emil Kapaun, a Catholic chaplain from Kansas, for his bravery in Korea. Father Kapaun is remembered as a shepherd in combat boots, helping his fellow prisoners. He was captured by the enemy in 1950 and held in prison camps. Despite being wounded and suffering from dysentery, he continued to minister to his fellow prisoners. He was later killed in battle. His body was returned to the United States, and he was buried with full military honors. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the Korean War.
Dear Friends in Christ:

The sexual abuse of children and other vulnerable individuals by Church personnel, and the ways in which some of these crimes and sins were addressed, have caused enormous pain and anger to those victimized, as well as their family members, the Church-at-large, and to the thousands of faithful, holy priests. We continue to express sorrow and consternation for our failures.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg offers immediate pastoral care to those who have suffered such abuse. I encourage those individuals to contact our Victims’ Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Terrianne Yanulavich at 518-569-0612 for assistance with the healing process.

Because We Care deeply for the vulnerable among us, the Church of Ogdensburg continues to review our policies and explore ways to ensure that our children are protected from all who would harm them. Under the direction and good guidance of Sister Ellen Donahue, SA, Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, the Diocese of Ogdensburg diligently works to ensure that the national and diocesan policies established to provide safe environments for our children are implemented fully here in the North Country. With the strong support and cooperation of our pastors and pastoral leaders, we have taken seriously this responsibility. For the last eleven years, independent audits have been conducted here to determine compliance with these standards. Each year we have been found to be in compliance.

I am grateful to all those individuals who assist with the implementation of our safe environment programs in our Diocese. Many have spent countless hours in our parishes and schools to train adults in providing safe environments for our children. Your continuing cooperation and prayers help us all keep the promise to protect and the pledge to heal. As Jesus, the Good Shepherd, showed constant care for the vulnerable, our local Church is seeking to do likewise.

With a Shepherd’s care and concern,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

WHAT HAS THE DIOCESE OF OGdensbug DONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN?

Our Commitment to Children’s Safety:
- Safe Environment Policies & Procedures
- Mandatory Background Checks/References
- Annual Training for Staff, Parents & Children
- Reporting Procedures Implemented
- Children’s Activities Supervised
- One-on-one Instruction Monitored

DIOCESAN STATISTICS 2012 NATIONAL AUDIT

- 4,710 students attended Christian Formation classes
- 2,311 students attended Catholic school
- 387 youth attended Guggerheim Summer Camp
- 126 adults and children attended Family Guggerheim
- 54 youth attended Sports Camp

Between July 1, 2012 and April 4, 2013:
- 36 Safe Environment training sessions were held
- 693 Background checks were performed

WHAT HAS THE CHURCH DONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN NATIONALLY?

The Church has done more to protect children than almost any other organization in the U.S. Of the 193 dioceses/eparchies, 188 participated in the 2012 National Audit.
- Over 2 million employees and volunteers have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and take action.
- 2 million employees and volunteers who have contact with children have undergone background checks.
- 164,372 educators, 17,991 priests, 13,684 deacons, and 6,316 Candidates for Ordination have had their背景 evaluated in the year 2012.

The Church has worked hard to protect children, but more needs to be done.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- You can be trained in safe environment practices. Visit training dates are printed in the North Country Catholic weekly with locations across the Diocese.
- You can monitor the computer use in your home:
  - 1 in 5 children (10 to 17 years old) receive unsolicited sexual solicitations online; (Youth Internet Safety Survey, U.S. Department of Justice)
  - 2 in 5 abductions of children occur 15 or 17 are due to Internet contact; (San Diego Police Department)
  - 76% of victims in Internet-initiated sexual exploitation cases were 11 to 15 years old.
  - 75% of victims were girls.

The most prevalent crimes facing children today are bullying and sexual abuse. 50% of students are bullied or bully others. 25% of girls and 17% of boys are sexually abuses before the age of 18. (www.childabuseprevention.com)

CRIMES OF AGGRESSION AND ABUSE ARE PREVENTABLE.

R E S E A R C H S I T E S:
- www.childabuse.com
- www.childabusenetwork.com
- Computers – use filtering software: www.safesurf.com

Video games – filter the wireless signal: www.rogers.com

Most importantly, spend time with your children, helping them to know safe places to go on the Internet.

If you suspect a child has been harmed or is at risk:
- EMERGENCY – Dial 911
- Non-Emergency: (No charge) 1-888-142-1720
President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Ray Kapaun, who was recognized by the Vatican as a saint.

The medal, given to members of the armed forces for distinguished gallantry in action, was awarded to Ray Kapaun, a native of Pilsen, Kan. and a Catholic priest in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. Kapaun's selfless actions in the face of enemy fire and his heroic care for other wounded soldiers made him a role model for American soldiers.

Kapaun's actions in the Korean War were later recognized by the Vatican, leading to his beatification and eventual canonization. The shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville, New York, is dedicated to Kapaun, and he is considered a saint in the Catholic Church.

The story of Kapaun's life and service exemplifies the values of selflessness, courage, and compassion that are celebrated in the Medal of Honor. His heroic actions and dedication to the welfare of others continue to inspire soldiers and citizens alike.

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**Medal of Honor for shepherd in combat boots**

### St. Peter's Lenten mission: renewing baptismal vows

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**About Fr. Tvrzik**

Father Roy Tvrzik, the eldest of five children, was born in Staten Island in 1937, and raised in Port Jefferson, N.Y. About 1954, his family purchased a farm house in Constable and the family spirit and persevered in quality of life.

With the war, travel and both, church, was joined to a few missions. Roy, father from the bordering, named the brother of the bordering, the Church and his search to understanding the questions.

Father Tvrzik started to ask the hard questions about life and the spiritual. He would observe others attending Mass and wonder if the same greeted high school friends still there. After Roy Tvrzik graduated from high school and attended Mass with his friends, he was surprised to understand the importance of prayer and the power of the sacraments.

One day, while building a boat off his island, Father Tvrzik decided to attend the Lenten mission led by Father Vivian. He was intrigued by the idea of renewing his baptismal vows.

On March 11, 2015, Father Tvrzik participated in the renewal of his baptismal vows at the shrine. Father Vivian led the group in prayer and a reflection on the significance of the sacrament. The ceremony was followed by a lunch together. During the ceremony, Father Tvrzik shared his personal journey of faith and how it had led him to this moment of renewal.

Father Tvrzik's story is a reminder of the importance of prayer and the power of community in the spiritual journey. His willingness to explore the questions of faith and his commitment to personal growth and renewal continue to inspire others on their own journeys of faith.

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Letter of thanks from pastor of Newtown, Ct.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of our community and parish, we extend our gratitude to each of you who participated in the Diocesan Love and Support for Newtown, CT, on December 14, 2012. We have been deeply moved by the actions of so many people, and have been lifted our spirit knowing that our intentions are ever before the Lord.

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Listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd

The Gospel this Sunday in all three reading cycles is about the Good Shepherd. God provides for his flock. The voice of Jesus is clear, and the question of their safety is answered. The voice of Jesus is timely, capable of providing comfort in distress, and capable of providing hope in despair. When we are in trouble, we can call on Jesus to help us. When circumstances are challenging, we can call on Jesus to comfort us. When life is difficult, we can call on Jesus to strengthen us. The voice of Jesus can be heard in our daily lives. When we are facing challenges, we can turn to Jesus for help. When we are in need, we can turn to Jesus for comfort. When we are poor, we can turn to Jesus for strength. When we are hungry, we can turn to Jesus for help. When we are thirsty, we can turn to Jesus for comfort. When we are lonely, we can turn to Jesus for love. When we are sad, we can turn to Jesus for hope. When we are discouraged, we can turn to Jesus for courage. When we are afraid, we can turn to Jesus for protection. When we are lost, we can turn to Jesus for guidance. When we are confused, we can turn to Jesus for clarity. When we are overwhelmed, we can turn to Jesus for peace. When we are basically good, we can turn to Jesus for grace. When we are guilty, we can turn to Jesus for forgiveness. When we are sinners, we can turn to Jesus for salvation. When we are lost in the world, we can turn to Jesus for love. When we are lost in the world, we can turn to Jesus for comfort. When we are lost in the world, we can turn to Jesus for hope. When we are lost in the world, we can turn to Jesus for strength. When we are lost in the world, we can turn to Jesus for peace.
St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's Parish

PARISH LIFE IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

A day of history and prayer

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The resident priest stayed in Hogansburg and traveled to those areas. On Holy Days of Obligation, for example, the people would walk to Havana, New York to attend Mass. (I guess they call those “holy days”!)

Due to decreases in the number of active Catholics, the church had become the “parish church” for many communities: Massena, Brasher Falls, Malone, and as far as Chateaugay.

The next year, 1855, saw a new church in Chateaugay. Father Joseph McGinn, a Jesuit out of French Canada, was named pastor and he organized the first Holy Name Societies.

In 1865, Father Thomas Kevery was named pastor, and he was pastor when in 1852 McCabe (who had been assistant pastor in St. Patrick’s Church in Hogansburg) was named pastor of the community. It was the longest term of any pastor in the parish, and it ended in 1876.

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1881 had 140 students. By 1895, the number of students had increased to 450. In 1895, there were 101 students in the community.

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**LIFEFRONT PASTORAL**

**Date:** April 22
**Place:** Notre Dame Church
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
**Features:** DVD lectures by Jeff Cavins, ABSOLUTE RELATIVISM; and The Foundation for Life. Thank you to all the sponsors of this year’s Youth Rally; Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter in New York.

**Rally:**

**Date:** April 27
**Place:** Plattsburgh State University
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
**Features:** Activities, prizes, and fair. Registration is required. Contact: Advance registrations are being accepted at 684-2509 or by e-mail at news@northcountrycatholic.org.

**LEN T 4.5 PRO G R A M**

**Date:** April 20
**Place:** St. Joseph’s Church Parish Hall
**Time:** 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
**Features:** A talk by Msgr. Frank, “The New Sexual Revolution”.

**SU N DA Y BRU N CH**

**Date:** April 14
**Place:** The Castle Inn – 2nd Floor Banquet Room
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
**Cost:** adults, $6; students, $3; under 5, free; sauce, $5 per quart; meatballs are completely sold on Chris Stefanick.

**C H R I S T S C H O O L A D V O C A T E**

**Date:** April 10
**Place:** St. Peter’s Church Rectory
**Time:** 6 p.m.
**Contact:** Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
**Cost:** $7 per plate; $24 per family of four.

**E U CHARISTIC A D O R A T I O N**

**Date:** April 18 and 25
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**W A T E R T O W N**

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**Place:** St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary Society
**Time:** Weekdays at 4:30 p.m.
**Features:** Weekly Rosary meeting.

**M O N T H L Y P R A Y E R G R O U P**

**Date:** April 16
**Place:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.
**Features:** Meet in the atrium to pray the Rosary, The Divine Office, and Stations of the Cross.

**G L O B A L  C H L A R I N G**

**Date:** April 15 and 22
**Place:** Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall
**Time:** 4 p.m. each
**Features:** A talk by Mr. Dwyer, “The New Sexual Revolution”.

**V A L V E N S T A D**

**Date:** April 19
**Place:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church
**Time:** 1 p.m.
**Features:** A talk by Msgr. Frank, “The New Sexual Revolution”.

**C A R K I N G  M O N T H**

**Date:** April 12
**Place:** Sisters of St. Joseph Parish Hall
**Time:** 10 a.m.
**Features:** A talk by Msgr. Frank, “The New Sexual Revolution”.

**W A T E R T O W N**

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