**Eucharistic Adoration**

Waterside - Holy Family Church is holding hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

**Location:**
Place: Cathedral Parish Center

**Schedule:** Monday through Friday following the 6:30 am Mass and Holy Hour Church (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)

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**SATURDAY FISH DINNER**

- Place: Holy Family Church
- Time: 6-9 pm
- Cost: Adults, $8; children $4.50; under 3, free

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**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**

- Where: St. Anthony’s Altar Rosary Association
- Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Place: Hearthside Hospitality Center at the SSJ Motherhouse in Watertown
- Cost: Adults, $8; children $4.50; under 3, free

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**FRIeda Rea Supper**

- Place: Visitation Parish Center
- Time: 8:30 a.m. to Noon
- Features: Stroller and child friendly 5K Walk/Run
- Place: Sacred Heart Convent
- Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Features: Performance of Million Dollar Quartet
- Place: Bishop Brzana Hall
- Time: 3 p.m.
- Features: The weekend will be filled with personal retreat times, mini-sessions, and socializing.

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- Time: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center
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March 2 is Lay Ministry Sunday
Contact Kathleen Murphy at 518-523-... for a time of fellowship, prayer, and a spaghetti dinner. All faiths are welcome. No cost to participants but pre-registration is mandatory. To R.S.V.P., contact Fr. Mark Reilly, 518-891-4616.

March 15
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The St. John’sadoration@aol.com prayer house, located at 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center, 518-7270, will be sponsoring a rummage sale. Features: Corned Beef or Ham. Take-Outs available after the noon daily Mass and end with dessert and beverage.

March 23
Ellenburg Center - The Lost Sheep Quilt Ministry presents the “Four Seasons” sale. A one-hour talk on some aspect of Quilting will be offered. At 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

March 24
Deacon Patrick Donahue, director of the Formation for Religious Education, will be speaking about a model church today, but that does not mean less ministry is being provided. We are familiar with Directors of Religious Education or Catechetical Leaders who today are often referred to as Parish Pastoral Ministry. Today, no matter what role this person either has a key person in our lives, and children, and some dedicated volunteers. The biggest difference is that we have been formally trained or learned through experience to lead the religious or catechetical or religious education for the parish level. Over the past few years, our Department of Christian Formation has specified and implemented programs to help volunteers to teach religious classes in our parishes.

March is Lay Ministry Saturday. March 2 is Lay Ministry Sunday and March 15 is Lay Ministry Day. Each parish is invited to join in the diocesan celebration in honor of those who serve in Parish Ministry Sunday, March 2. In parishes with small numbers of volunteers, pastors will “celebrate the day” by recognizing the contributions of volunteers in a variety of ways by inviting them to the front of the church buildings in our Diocese, or hosting a small reception and thanking those who Serve in a variety of our parishes.

March 21
Baraboo – A Chicken ‘n biscuit dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. to benefit the parish and the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Time: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

March 22
Elizabethtown  – St. Elizabeth’s Church will be sponsoring a rummage sale. Features: Corned Beef or Ham. Take-Outs available after the noon daily Mass and end with dessert and beverage. Cost: $40 for all 3 classes. Call or email to register.

March 29
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A special celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Lay Ministry program in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Deacon Patrick Donahoe, director of the Parish Ministry program for the diocese, said, “Lay ministers have an even increasing role today. Many of these trained volunteers are often referred to as Pastoral Associates. These dedicated individuals work in close partnership with the pastor, the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and the local parishes.

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Ursuline Sisters work to end human trafficking

The issue of Human Trafficking has long been a concern of the Ursuline Sisters, as shown in their work to end human trafficking. On international level, the Ursuline Sisters work to end human trafficking through their Leadership Conference Women Religious on trafficking issues.

In the Eastern Province, the Ursulines in NYC area are working with hotel operators on recognition and prevention of Human Trafficking. Sisters speak with hotel clients to help them see signs of possible trafficking and to inform hotel workers and guests.

In the North Country, the Ursuline Sisters who serve in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Sisters in the NYC area are working with hotel operators on recognition and prevention of Human Trafficking. Sisters have also worked with the local librarian to create an exhibit on human trafficking.

Sister Sheila has also worked with the local community to introduce the topic of Human Trafficking through their Leadership Conference Women Religious on trafficking issues.

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Difficult moral decisions in brain death, pregnancy

CNN recently profiled the case of a woman named Marlise Munoz who was both pregnant and brain dead. Ms. Munoz was 33 years old and pregnant with her second child when she suddenly developed a brain aneurysm and subsequently died. The issue is whether the continued use of her body on a ventilator for the benefit of her fetus is justifiable in light of her own death. The Munoz family, Carlos Munoz, her husband, and their three children, have been in legal conflict with the John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, a teaching hospital, over their daughter’s care. The Munoz case raises the challenging question of how medical decisions made for the benefit of one might justify continued medical treatment for another, especially when the two are not related. The courts have been divided, but the hospital has maintained that the pregnant body is not merely a vehicle for the developing fetus, but that both mother and child are professions. The legal and ethical debates surrounding this case highlight the complexity of medical ethics and raise challenging questions about the limits of medical intervention in cases of brain death and pregnancy.

Scripture Reflections

In the Gospel, Jesus makes a powerful statement: “You have not come to destroy the Law that your Father handed down, but to fulfill it.” This is not to say that the law will be abolished, but that it will be interpreted in a new way, a way that is more in line with the spirit of the law. The law was given to us as a way to guide our lives, as a way to know how to act. But we cannot simply follow the letter of the law, because the law is meant to be a guide, not a straitjacket. Jesus is telling us that we cannot simply follow the law, but that we must interpret it in a way that is more in line with the spirit of the law. This is what the law is meant to be, a guide to help us live our lives in a way that is more in line with the will of God.

The medical literature documents several cases where such a child has been delivered later by C-section than otherwise. It can clearly be rea-sonable to consider the situation of the other child when making a decision. Many doctors and hospitals have developed protocols for situations like this, and these protocols are based on the belief that the other child is more important. This is a difficult decision, and it is one that must be made on a case-by-case basis. The decision should be made with the input of the parents, the medical team, and the legal system.

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Bishops: Ruling on Virginia ban 'strips marriage of intrinsic meaning'

RICHMOND (VA) - A federal judge's decision to strike down Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage as unconstitutionalubar to its citizens for the first time in its history.

The judge's decision, which was announced on Feb. 11, is expected to prompt a significant amount of energy and money to be spent in the coming months.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Arenda Wiley, who presided over the case, wrote that the ban on same-sex marriage is a violation of the U.S. Constitution and cannot be justified.

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Wiley's decision is expected to be appealed by the parties involved, and the case is likely to continue to be litigated in the coming months.

The ruling in Virginia is the latest in a series of decisions by federal courts striking down same-sex marriage bans in other states.

In New York, a federal judge ruled in favor of same-sex couples, while in North Carolina, a district court judge upheld a new ban on same-sex marriage.

In California, a federal judge struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriage, and in Washington, a federal judge upheld a similar ban.

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Marriage and love grow by the grace of God, and the more commitment and effort we put into our marriage, the more selfless it becomes.

Pope names bishop for Albany Diocese

In his statement, the bishop-designate said he was "touched by the warm welcome of Bishop Hubbard.

My heart is full of gratitude to God for my family, especially my parents, and the many generous enough to welcome me into their family.

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NFP: the option of loving choice

By Father Peter Pirozzi
Boca Raton\n
Perhaps you are newly married, or perhaps you are still busy getting ready for the big day. Whatever and whereever you are, if you are reading this, I hope you can find some thing to do. Just read. Even so, starting a new life together is the perfect time for the two of you to have a heart to heart talk about family planning.

- Are you thinking about getting married? 
- Or are you engaged and thinking about your wedding? 
- Or are you a married couple thinking about family planning?

What should you consider: being a healthy woman, having a heart-to-heart talk with your partner to see if there is a possibility of starting a family. 

Perhaps you are newly married, you may need to make a decision concerning your eventual pregnancy. But first there is something to be said about contraception.

Effect contraception can be achieved in many ways. 

Effect contraception can include breastfeeding, contraceptive injection, condoms, and the rhythm method. 

For married love to become conditional and divisive rather than enriching and joyful acceptance of one's spouse, she should bear the burden of birth control. 

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For example, artificial contraception makes sense that she can learn to understand how her body works, and know how to reverse it. 

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A healthy family life, he said, is absolutely required frequently of use of three phrases: "And let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law!" he said. After a week of heavy rains, bright sunshine and "mountain boots" for greater delicacy when walking into the audience received a small white pillow with Pope Francis' name printed on it. The initiative, "The Joy of 'Yes' Forever," was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The council president, Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, is a former bishop of Termini and successor to St. Valentine -- the third-century martyred bishop of Termini. The archbishop told the pope that the young couples in the square were evidence of how many people do want "to go against the tide" by having a love that lasts and is blessed by God. 

Engaged couples attending the audience received a small white pillow with Pope Francis' signature and his papal crest: the cushion has two satin ribbons, white and gold, wedding rings during the marriage ceremony.

Speaking about the "divine" aspect of marriage, the pope said, "It's just us sinners," he said. 

In this way, married love and one another in a love that is unconditional love for which we all long.

Pope Francis told them not to be afraid of building a perfect family. In fact, he said, "It's just us sinners," he said. But "If we learn to say 'I'm sorry,' then let's find forgiveness," the marriage will last. 

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So, you learn all you can, even if you may need a magnifying glass to read the fine print in the package inserts. This information will alert you to some of the immediately medical hazards faced by women using the Pill and other chemical contraceptives, including breast pain, patches, rings, IUDs, Yaz, and Plan B. In addition to raising the risk of blood clots, heart attacks, stroke, gallbladder disease, and depression, these chemicals may also cause or worsen existing medical conditions such as acne and cause for more on the Pill/breast cancer link or http://thepillfacts.org to learn more.

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The secrets to a loving and fruitful marriage are with respect, kindness and patience, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law!" he said. After a week of heavy rains, bright sunshine and "mountain boots" for greater delicacy when walking into the audience received a small white pillow with Pope Francis' name printed on it. The initiative, "The Joy of 'Yes' Forever," was organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The council president, Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, is a former bishop of Termini and successor to St. Valentine -- the third-century martyred bishop of Termini. The archbishop told the pope that the young couples in the square were evidence of how many people do want "to go against the tide" by having a love that lasts and is blessed by God.
NFP: the option of loving choice

By Maureen Pasquale
 RN-C, NFP doctor

Perhaps you are newly married, or perhaps you are still busily getting ready for the big day. Issues and all kinds of worry may be controlling your life. You need to make some things a little easier. Just so, starting a new life together is the perfect time for the two of you to have a heart-to-heart talk about family planning. After all, the first thing to talk about at the doctor’s office? Family Planning. From immediate reversible ways to plan a family, simply by abstaining during the fertile time. Furthermore, since a woman is fertile only a few days in each cycle, and you are naturally fertile, it hardly seems fair that she should bear the burden of birth control. So, yes, learn all you can, even if you may need a magnifying glass to read the fine print in the package inserts. This information will alert you to some of the immediately medical hazards faced by women using the Pill and other chemical contraceptives, including blood clots, heart attacks, stroke, gynecologic disease, and depression. These chemicals, including caffeine and nicotine, can affect the conception of the egg, as well as the ability of the egg to travel through the fallopian tube or implant in the uterus. This is the kind of love which God loves, and it is the unconditonal love for which we all long.

When you stand before God at the altar on your wedding day, you promise yourselves to one another in a love that is safe, healthy, and fruitful. It is the love that God intends should be embodied in a chemical act of contraception. After all, knowing the facts is essential to good decision making. And there are other things to consider as well—the effect contraception can have on your relationship, especially in the long term. When you look at the创建于1944年的Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Natural Family Planning Movement, Pope St. Pius X invited the members to “use every acceptable means to support the family.” Today, he would encourage you to use every acceptable means to support the family. After ‘I do,’ comes ‘may I, thank you, sorry.’ What Jesus taught was love for which we all long. That includes treating each other with respect, kindness and gratitude, and never letting daily struggles and squabbles sabotage marriage making peace and saying, ‘I’m sorry.’

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A Romanic Tradition

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In the image, a wedding reception is being held at the Grant View. The bride and groom are surrounded by family and friends, all of whom are enjoying the celebration. The couple is the center of attention, and everyone is smiling and laughing. The atmosphere is joyful and celebratory.

In the background, a large wedding cake is visible, along with floral arrangements and other decorations. The setting is filled with love and happiness, as the couple and their guests celebrate their special day.

In conclusion, a wedding reception is a unique and special occasion that brings families and friends together to celebrate the union of two loved ones. Our photographers are dedicated to capturing the essence of this day, creating memories that will last a lifetime.
Bishop: Ruling on Virginia ban 'strips marriage of intrinsic meaning' RICHMOND (CNS) – A federal judge's decision to strike down Virginia’s ban on same-sex marriage strips the age-old institution of marriage of its “essential, intrinsic meaning” and its “inherently moral and sacred nature,” Pope Francis said.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision Feb. 13 cleared the way for a Virginia federal district court judge’s Jan. 6 ruling that struck down Virginia’s constitutional amendment affirming the institution of marriage as being between a man and a woman. The judge’s decision was released by Judge Flooring E. “Bill” Williams III of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The full federal court of appeals overturned the judge’s decision.

“Marriage, as defined and understood by society throughout the ages, is a permanent union between one man and one woman,” Williams said in a 107-page opinion that found that the state’s definition of marriage is constitutional. “The ultimate power rests with the people,” he wrote.

In striking down Virginia’s constitutional amendment affirming the institution of marriage, the federal judge “stripped the state of the power to decide who may marry,” Francis said in his speech to the world’s ambassadors.

The pope’s words came in a speech to the diplomatic corps on Jan. 31 in the Apostolic Palace.

In his speech, Francis spoke of the “fundamental right” to marriage, which “is not simply a matter of two human beings choosing to live together, but an institution which has been created by God.”

One way of ensuring our energy one meal at a time. The greatest expense on any utility bill is the production of energy. The energy used to produce the food to fill any refrigerator or stove top can quickly be consumed and the same then reheated in folding ways to make the “day’s work.”

This week marks the anniversary of the fatality of a rancher who was struck by a tree while crossing the street.

On Feb. 13, 1994, George W. Abbott was riding a horse near his home in the town of Westmoreland, N.Y. He was killed when a tree fell on his head while he was attempting to cross the street.

In the wake of the fatality, the town of Westmoreland, N.Y., implemented a number of safety measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

In addition to the installation of safety measures, the town also launched an awareness campaign to educate residents about the dangers of crossing streets.

The campaign was successful in reducing the number of incidents and deaths caused by trees falling on people while crossing streets.

Today, the town of Westmoreland, N.Y., continues to implement safety measures and conduct awareness campaigns to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

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Ursuline Sisters work to end human trafficking

On a recent tour of New Jersey, the Ursuline Sisters in the Diocese of Camden, along with an Ursuline in the Bronx, have been working with students and teachers to educate them about the issue of human trafficking and prevention. The Sisters are working to raise awareness among hotel workers and to signs of possible trafficking, as well as working with students in other settings.

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All are invited to join in the celebration and to register for Ministry Program. "Lay Ministry Sunday is an opportunity to acknowledge, support and encourage the Pastoral Care volunteers who minister in so many ways in our parishes. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is committed to supporting this ministry.

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The secrets to a loving, lasting union

The millions of people who follow Pope Francis on Twitter know that he values a very important message on Valentine’s Day. “Dear young people, do not marry until you know each other perfectly well. A faithful and loving relationship is a heritage of your future generations,” he wrote.

But Pope Francis is not the only one who values the secrets to a loving, lasting union. Reverend Joseph A. Morgan, a member of the Catholic Press, recently wrote about his experience with a community that has found success in marriage.

Morgan wrote, “Our Parish Church building should be a place to come and to weep, a place for our sadness and our Lord, a place to find the companionship of our God’s Church. So do you feel at home in your Parish Church? When you go away from home, do you feel it is just a ‘place you go to’? Does your Parish Church? Do visitors feel welcomed and at home when they come to your Church? This is the challenge for us all: pastor and people – to make our Parish Church welcoming to the people of our own Christian community and to visitors whether Catholic or of other faiths. They should be comfortably welcomed at home and at with us. Church also means people – a community of faith, a family of Catholic believers, living, working, praying, caring for each other, especially the elderly, praying together with each other and not talk the perfect mother-in-law” he said to his wife.

So, let’s see how Morgan’s experience can help us.

Morgan joined his family in celebration of a 50th wedding anniversary. He and his wife watered plants together and celebrated Mass. “This is the place where the parish family can celebrate together and from a different perspective as I joined my family in celebrating the life of my wonderful mother-in-law,” Morgan wrote.

Family members married from across the country to stand beside their bride and groom for 70 years. We all know that we have married our best friend and blessed by the most faithful and loving partner.

Those of us who have been married for many years have lived just starting out can be excited by the prospect of marrying again. We know that Pope Francis has what he’s talking about… everything that a community builds in the Church and we feel it.

So how do we do it? You must find a home as a Catholic Parish Church and your Parish Church will be the same: to make the community and parish a home – a welcoming home – a Church. Let me quote the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium:

The Council Fathers wrote “The Church and its members, the body and people of Christ, is a mystery built up in the Church and to its continual growth is added all the powers which they have received from Christ and from the grace of the Resurrection.”

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has emphasized the role of the Church to focus on the family and the Church as a family. Do you hope that the Bishops, priests and people of our Parish Church Parish will find where within the Church this spirit of welcoming, a readiness to help, a home. The responsibility for this spirit within the Church be found to us all: to the Bishop, to the priests and to the lay people. We also need to approach the Church and other community with open hands and from the grace of the Resurrection and from your Parish Church Parish.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Weekly: Holy Family Church is holding the first hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays in the Loretto Chapel from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Lent 2014 Schedule

Saturday, February 15 – Holy Name Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, February 22 – Good Shepherd Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, March 1 – Sacred Heart Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, March 8 – St. Anthony’s Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, March 15 – Holy Cross Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)
Saturday, April 19 – St. Mary’s Church (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

Each time slot is limited to 14 participants.

Website: www.ourparish.org/adoration

Dinner and Show

St. James Parish is hosting a spring dinner show at 6 p.m. on April 18, with a revue of famous theater and movie songs. Contact Sue O’Leary at 315-788-8480 for more information.

Community Free Lunch

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a community free lunch program again this year.

Date: June 27-29
Place: Bishop Brzana Hall
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Children’s Day

On Saturday, May 10, the Parish will be closed for the Low Mass. All children are invited to come to the Cathedral prior to the Mass. The Parish will have refreshments and music. The Bishop will bless the children and a special blessing will be given to each child on the occasion of their First Communion.

Going to Mass: life changing, human trafficking around world

This week, the Bishop asked, “Or is it something your friends? the pope asked. “Or is it something you do and to weep with those who are missing is to have mercy on them.”

Pastoral ministry in today’s church

Bishop Bayley continues his reflections on pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Date: June 27-29
Place: Madonna Hall

DIOCESAN EVENTS

WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

Ogdensburg Women’s Grace Retreat held its final session at Madonna Hall.

Date: June 27-29
Place: Madonna Hall

Features: The weekend will be filled with the celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration, prayer, talks, music, and a special Mass. The theme of the retreat is “Jesus in Today’s Mary.”

NOVEMBER FOR MILITARY

Ogdensburg: St. Mary’s Church is holding a special Mass for military personnel on November 11th.

Date: November 11
Place: St. Mary’s Church

Features: The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bayley and will include a military display of flags and a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ENRICHMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

This week, the bishop writes about the current state of pastoral ministry in the North Country.

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Efforts to end trafficking

Ulrike Sinner, including two from Malone, join in efforts to end human trafficking around world.

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