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PHOTO BY KAREN FARRELL

At the end of a Mass celebrating the 37th anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in Plattsburgh, founded on the Feast of St. Therese, Father Jude Nnadibuagha, parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish, blessed roses which were given to attendants. Full story on Page 5.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS FOR TWO PRIESTS





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Pope discusses 'prohibitions of the Holy Spirit'

By Kristina Millare Catholic News Agency

In the first general audience since the opening of the second session of the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis on Wednesday told pilgrims that Catholics should be aware of the "prohibitions of the Holy Spirit" to ensure the unity and universality of the Church is not compromised.

Continuing his catechesis on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Church, the pope emphasized that unity cannot be "achieved on the drawing board" but only through the will and action of

the Holy Spirit.

"The unity of Pentecost, according to the Spirit, is achieved when one makes the effort to put God, not oneself. as the center," the pope said at the end of his address. "Christian unity is also built in this way.'

Addressing hundreds of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father encouraged his listeners to be-come "instruments of unity and peace" moved by the Holy Spirit instead of being driven by "one's own point of view."

"We all want unity. We all desire it from the depths of our heart and yet it is so difficult

to attain that," he said. "Unity and concord are among one of the most difficult things to achieve, and even harder to maintain. The reason is that, yes, everyone wants unity but based on one's own point of view.'

In order to achieve unity within the Catholic Church, Pope Francis said it is necessary to also consider the "surprising prohibitions of the Spirit.

Referring to the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Father spoke about how even St. Paul and his disciples had to listen to the "prohibitions" of the Holy Spirit about where to preach the Gospel.

"Paul, we read again in Acts, wanted to proclaim the Gospel in a new region of Asia Minor, but it is written that they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit," the pope said. "The following night, the apostle received in a dream the order to pass into Macedonia. Thus the Gospel left its native Asia and entered into Europe."

Pope Francis also spoke about the synodal "move-ment of the Holy Spirit" at the Council of Jerusalem, which discussed whether pagan converts to Christianity needed to adopt customs of the Mosaic Law such as circumcision.

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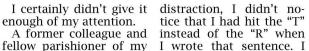
You have my attention

enough of my attention.

A former colleague and church, St. Mary's in Brushton, had just sent me a text agreeing to cover a time I was scheduled to serve as

lector. Walking, talking and texting at time, the same him Darcy L. thanked "Let Fargo and wrote, me know when I should cover you.'

I actually wrote. In my



didn't notice it until the recipient of the text responded with a bunch of laugh emojis and pointed out the error.

Yes, I asked a former colleague and fellow parishioner to "let me know when I should covet" him.

I do stuff like Except that's not what that all the time. I don't give tasks the attention up making silly mistakes. Luckily, it was just a funny mistake this time. Other times, the consequences have been much tougher than being temporarily mortified before finding the situation hysterical.

I didn't give the text message the attention it deserved.

I thought of that situation as I recently sat with the fact that God was telling me I'm not giving my spiritual life the attention it deserves.

Over the past handful of months, I've put a

they deserve, and I end whole lot of my attention and energy into my physical and mental health and significantly less attention and energy into my spiritual health and my relationship with the Lord. Don't get me wrong. those other aspects of my health are super important, but they're not more important than Jesus. And I see that I struggle more, I lean into despair more and I sin more when I'm not focusing on cultivating my relationship with the Lord.

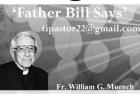
> I need to give Jesus more attention.

Taking time to listen

Recently, I was asked to be part of a panel discussion for the Parish Youth Group reflecting on vocation. On the panel were priests, deacons, religious sisters, a married couple, a single person. We were to discuss our vocation in life and how we found it. It was a great evening. I must admit I learned much more than I gave.

During that evening, I was reminded of many things that had truly influenced many of my decisions. One of the priests spoke at length about prayer and how important it was for him to recognize the importance of prayer while he was a child. He shared with us how his mother and father made prayer important in their family.

Prayer - we use familiar words in our praise of our God. I remember that along the way I learned the importance of taking some time during prayer for silence. I was taught that this was a great time to listen for the Lord's message to me, a message meant just for me. I re-



membered how I became aware of the Holy Spirit's inspirations - God guiding me and leading me and transforming me for my vocation.

On that recent evening, I remembered many experiences that truly showed me the way. I have mentioned to you before that I attended a public high school. Each week, we, Catholics went to a nearby Catholic Church for a religious education program. I remember that one of our teachers, a religious sister, had a real influence on my vocation to become a priest.

She had encouraged me to read some of the writings of Thomas Merton. As you may remember, Thomas Merton was a convert to the Catholic Church and then was led to become a Trappist monk and then to be a priest. I remember being challenged by all that I read. Merton certainly led me to consider and to pray about following the vocation as a priest.

I have no doubt that during that time of discernment I prayed and certainly listened to God, to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, more than I suspect. I now know that the messages of the Lord certainly influenced my decisions. I know now that I must continue to listen, taking time in prayer to listen for the Lord to reach me. Even as I celebrate Mass, I hope to listen to the Lord. I know the Lord wants to guide me and to show me where I am needed today.

Today I want to again pass this message along to you. I want you to make certain that you add some silence to your prayer time. Listen to the Lord who has many messages for you. Whether you are young or older, make this a precious opportunity for yourself. This will be a transforming time for you.

I would like to share with you a prayer written by Father Edward Hayes in his book, "Prayer for the Domestic Church." He begins, "Blessed are you, Lord Our God for the Gift of Hearing." "In the fullness of our person, we praise you Lord Our God, because you are a God of ten thousand gifts. With open ears, we take in the joy of music, the delight of poetry and the simple songs of daily life. For all of these blessings, we are filled with gratitude. We rejoice that you have given us a third ear, the ear of the heart, the ear of the soul, with which we may listen to silent sounds, to the silent sound of your divine heart. Help us. Lord, by quiet prayer and times of silence, to open that third ear and to heal the other two of all noise. We are thankful for those people who teach us how to listen: for poets, musicians, parents, prophets and teachers. Grateful are we for that long line of holy people, who teach us for the echo of your divine voice. Blessed are you, Lord, our God, for the gift of hearing. Amen"





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A native of Quezon City, Philippines, Father Solomon earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in divinity in his home country before coming to the United States.

Father Solomon was introduced to the Diocese of Ogdensburg in 2012 when he toured the diocese while serving with a religious order.

He was later incardinated into the diocese as a deacon and served a pastoral year with the Catholic Communities of Crown Point, Moriah and Port Henry.

For a period of time, he worked in ministry to the deaf and in prison ministry.

Father Solomon is fluent in several languages including English, Tagalog, Spanish and American Sign Language.

He was ordained by Bishop Terry R. LaValley on May 29, 2021, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Father Kaniyankunnel, 45, arrived in Malone from Kerala, India.

Father Kaniyankunnel made his first profession with the Heralds of Good News in May of 2001. He made his final profession in July of 2004, and was ordained in May of the following year.

Mission of Hope aids Hurricane Helene survivors

North Country Mission of Hope has established local contacts on the ground in North Carolina and South Carolina, and the organization is raising funds to aid individuals in need after Hurricane Helene devastated the region.

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As of Oct. 10, Mission of Hope had collected over \$9,600. Of that, \$7,050 had already been sent to trusted contacts/organizations in the two states.

"Thanks to our ability to vet trustworthy contacts, our contributions will be focused on two areas: Northwest (North Carolina), especially in the mountainous and remote regions where Carol Herring is our Ambassor of Hope," said Deacon James Carlin, North

Hope executive director. "

Herring is a Mission of Hope board member who has attended mission trips with the organization in the past.

"We are also assisting the far western corner of (South Carolina)," Deacon Carlin said.

There, Nicole Groleau Williams, who has traveled with Mission of Hope previously, connected the organization with Rev. Gerald Clinkscales, a Methodist minister.

"The needs in both locations are quite similar - food, water, basic survival needs," Deacon Carlin said.

Thus far, Mission of Hope has focused on providing financial assistance.

"At this point, we

Country Mission of have been asked to provide funds," Deacon Carlin said. "Donations of physical supplies may be appropriate at a later date in the next phase of recovery."

Herring and Rev. Clinkscales work with local not-for-profits to purchase needed supplies with the Mission of Hope donations and to transport them "directly into the affected areas," Deacon Carlin said.

Deacon Carlins said Mission of Hope continues to collect funds.

"We continue to accept your donations via check, sent to 3452 NYS Rt. 22, Peru, NY 12972, or, credit card, Venmo, or PayPal via our website, ncmis-sionofhope.org," he said. "Please flag them for Hurricane Helene."



Father John Cosmic Council #291, Knights of Columbus recently held an Exemplification at St James Church, Carthage. Pictured are (front row from left) newly installed Third-Degree Brother Knights Harrison Scott and Jacob Buskey of Council 291; honoree, Brother Richard "Bucky" Buckingham; 3rd Degree Brothers William Nasworthy Jr., David Hill and Michael Redder of Council 259, Watertown (second row), Deputy Grand Knight Ray Bodle; District Deputy Mike Sligar; Trustees Garry Stevens and Joe Margrey; Warden Bill Busch; Grand Knight Tom Wojcikowski, (back row) Jim Gratch, financial secretary, and Father Todd Thibault, chaplain.

New MSC provincial visits Watertown

By Deacon Kevin Mastellon Contributing Writer

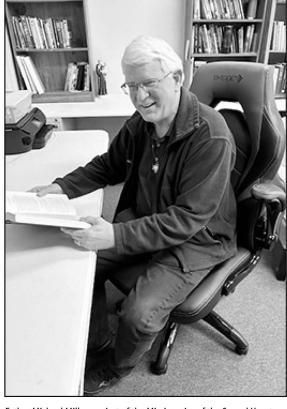
Father Michael Miller, MSC, is the new provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the United States Province. He was elected September 1 and succeeds Father Richard Kennedy, MSC, in the position. The term is for three years.

Father Miller was in Watertown recently for the annual Sacred Heart Foundation dinner. It was not Miller's first visit to northern New York.

"When our seminary closed in 1972 in Geneva, Illinois," Father Miller said, "the MSC looked around at various seminaries to continue the formation of the men. One location was in Watertown because the Missionaries had a prep school here. We were all disappointed when they said you're going to Watertown. For us it was like going to the end of the world. We would be buried in snow."

"That disappointment really turned out good for me," the provincial said. "Because I got to attend Immaculate Heart Academy and got to know my classmates. It was a good year."

Father Miller has returned to Watertown several times over the years, but this was his first visit as the leader of Missionaries of the



Father Michael Miller, a priest of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), is the new provincial for the community's United States Province. He recently visited Watertown.

Sacred Heart in the United States and in Columbia, South America.

The MSC-USA Province website contains this autobiographical paragraph:

I professed religious vows in 1978 and was ordained a priest in 1985. My first assignment was as parochial vicar in Holy Family parish, Nazareth, (Pennsyl-

vania). In 1989 I accepted the assignment to be a missionary in Colombia, South America. While there I was pastor at two parishes, worked as a formation director for our theology students, served our MSC community as Sectional treasurer and volunteered as a chaplain at Kennedy Hospital in Bogota. I also supervised the construction and completion of building the "new" (begun in 1986) church at St. Margaret Mary parish in Bogota.' When I was the formation director of our theology students in Colombia, many of them were recipients of scholarships from the foundation.

In 2005 the provin-

pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish, Aurora, (Illinois), where I served for 13 years. Then Father General, Mario Abzalón Alvarado Tovar, appointed me as the secretary general in Rome, where I ministered until this current appointment.

The Foundation Dinner that brought Father Mike and a number of other MSCs to Watertown is the 51st event for the philanthropic.

Sacred The Heart Foundation was founded in Watertown in 1967 by Father Pierre Aubin, MSC, and Dr. John D. Calahan to "provide scholarships to individuals studying to be priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart anywhere in the world." The foundation has a Board of Directors composed currently of thirteen lay persons, a deacon, and one member of the MSC order.

The Foundation has assets under management of more than \$4 million. Only interest from the investments is used for scholarships. The Sacred Heart Foundation Board of Directors has awarded \$2,468,068 in scholarships since 1968. In 2024 the Board of Directors awarded \$111.500 (a single year record) to 53 individuals around the world.

There are no men from the U.S. in seminary studies for ordination to the MSC priesthood currently. Scholarships are awarded to applicants around the world. Father Miller told us there are 24 Americans and 13 Columbians in the province now.

The youngest from

cial assigned me to be the United States is Father Frank Natale, MSC, currently pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown, St. Mary's in Evans Mills and St. Paul's in Black River.

Father Raymond Diesbourg, MSC, is the pastor of the Roman Catholic Community of Cape Vincent, Rosiere, and Chaumont. Father Diesbourg is a former head of the USA Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Vocations from the United States will be a goal for Father Miller during his term.

At the outset he hopes to "know the men" he leads.

"I want to listen to their stories and hear what they're thinking about where we should be going; what they think our future vision should be," he said.

By the end of 2024, he will visit all the sites in the United States and in Columbia that have Missionaries of the Sacred Heart communities.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the province are augmented by international priests from the order. They come to the U.S. from Columbia, India, Philippines and other coun-

"We work now in parishes in the U.S. We also have a spiritual program called Life Saving Journey, MSC serve as chaplains and we are working on the immigration issue," Father Miller said. "They are all great ministries for us. Our challenge in the near term is to determine where our men think we are going as an order and what we see as our mission."

It will be a busy and challenging first term for Father Mike Miller.

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Parish marks 37 years of weekly Adoration

By Mary Beth Bracy, consecrated virgin Contributing writer

October 1 marked the 37 years of nearly 40 hours of ongoing weekly Eucharistic Adoration in Plattsburgh. On Saturday, October 5, many adorers gathered at the 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. John's to commemorate the anniversary. Following the Mass, Father Jude Nnadibuagha blessed roses in honor of the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, on which Adoration first began.

Attendants were given roses to take and also to share with the sick.

Adoration takes place weekly at St. John's Church in Plattsburgh in the Holy Family Chapel in the downstairs on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome, regardless of their parish, and faithful are encouraged to sign up to spend a weekly Holy Hour with Jesus.

Father Douglas A. Schirmer, parochial vicar at Holy Cross in Plattsburgh, commented, "There's nothing quite like sitting in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. When someone is struggling or feeling down or feeling confused doing that regularly helps maintain inner peace and a sense of purpose about how we live our lives. It should never just be one or two people — we can pack that chapel. If we pack the chapel, we can expand the hours. That, in turn, is going to build other vocations.

"Adoration is a time for me to spend intimate time with my Lord," shared Riley Gully, who graduated from Plattsburgh State in the spring and volunteers as a catechist and choir member at Holy Cross Parish. "It provides me with such peace and comfort. I'm so honored to have the privilege to spend time with our Lord.

Tina Powell and her husband, Alando, are weekly adorers.

"Being able to go to Adoration, pray and talk with Jesus is such a beautiful blessing," she said. "I find such peace and joy when I'm in the true presence of my Lord.'

"I went to Adoration seeking, expecting a quiet hour with the Lord," added Annemarie Holleran. "What I didn't expect was to have a huge part of my prayer life expand and flourish. My Adoration time has been beyond anything I could imagine and the times my husband joins me is incredibly special."

Julia Devine and her husband, Michael, attend Eucharistic Adoration, sometimes with their children.

"Weekly Adoration has given our family a sense of peace and grounding amidst the chaos of daily life and all its distractions," Julia said. "We need it more than ever."

Paul and Christine Boyea have also offered many Holy Hours together over the years. They believe that "Adoration is a very quiet and peaceful place that gives us the opportunity to pray and speak to Jesus from our hearts without any distractions. Looking at the monstrance, we can feel Jesus' presence and leave feeling renewed and uplifted in our faith."

Marie Nacht further testified to the blessings of a weekly Holy Hour with Jesus in her life.

"Adoration is a regular part of my spiritual journey" she said. "I'm privileged to adore weekly on Wednesdays. didn't know about this practice until I reverted to Catholicism as an adult and wasn't sure it was something I would feel comfortable with at first. However, it didn't take long at all to gratefully devote an hour a week to Eucharistic Adoration. Now I've developed an actual need to be with Jesus in this special way."

"Adoration has been a blessing in my life for over the last 20 years," said Kathy Racette. "Time spent with Jesus and His real presence is the most peaceful hour of my week. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, I can be myself. There's nothing I need to do or say — only to sit in the presence of Jesus and let Him love me as I love Him."

Blessed Sacrament is always peaceful and refreshing of spirit and soul," added Kathy's husband, Ken Racette. "Occasionally God has put a strong impression in my mind to pray for someone, speak to someone or visit someone. Whenever I have listened to these urgings, He has blessed me with joy and peace for having done so. We are so fortunate to have this Adoration Chapel and times of Adoration. Whenever Adoration is practiced in a parish, God blesses the parish in many ways.'

Patricia Kelley frequently substitutes at Eucharistic Adoration and has witnessed these graces.

"When I go into the Adoration chapel and I see the monstrance with the consecrated Host of our Lord Jesus, I think of how blessed I am to be sitting there in His presence," she said. "I feel Jesus' heart present within me... The peace I feel looking upon our Lord helps to erase all my problems, cares and worries of the day. I merely turn it over to Him. That is our task: turn it over to Jesus."

Holly Middleton has been attending Eucharistic Adoration for several years but recently something changed. When Father Kevin D. McEwan gave a homily and encouraged parishioners to go before the Blessed Sacrament and "sit down, shut up, and listen," it changed the way that she prayed. Before that she would always have something planned for each moment of her prayer time.

"After, I learned to 'be still' and be quiet before I start praying," she said. "I have nev-er found such peace before," Holly continued. "It's a peace that stays with me. It doesn't end when I walk out of Adoration."

During Adoration, people read the Bible or their favorite prayer books, sit quietly and gaze upon the Lord, or speak heart to heart with Him.

"I pray the Rosary during Adoration. It's a quiet time for me and it's relaxing. I enjoy it very

"My time at Adoration of the much. It's peaceful," said Rose Bruce.

> Karen Farrell has also made regular weekly holy hours for years, emphasizing, "St. Clare of Assisi said, 'We become what we love and what we love we become.'

"As I spend my hour before Jesus, my God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I am reminded that He is always there for me." shared Lynn Grovine. "At each Mass, His body, blood, soul and divinity fill my whole being with His light, His love, and His mercy. He is weeding out all that is not of Himself and replacing it with an all-encompassing love, peace, joy and friendship. I am often brought to tears and a joy fills my heart that I cannot explain except when in His presence, I cannot begin to express the graces, gifts and consolations the Lord has shared with me, his lowly servant. Although my relationship with Jesus has just scratched the surface, I look forward to each hour of Adoration. I hope to deepen my relationship with Him and echo His 'Yes' to God the Father.

People spend time in the chapel from other parishes in our diocese or when visiting our area as well.

"I find such great peace sitting, listening, talking, praying, through His word and through reading, He's talking back to me," said Deacon Ken Lushia. "Every time I wonder about life. I can sit with our Lord. When the kids go to Guggenheim, they just love [Eucharistic Adoration]. In Chazy, Deacon Mark Webster has students that do Night Prayer and have Adoration. If we can expose young people to Adoration, they get into it."

"The hours of Adoration spent before the Blessed Sacrament help us so much to go forward and to share His love. It's the most peaceful time in your week," shared longtime adorer Rose Blaise.

For more information on Adoration or to sign up for a weekly Holy Hour or be a substitute at St. John's in Plattsburgh, please call 518-569-8339.



Diocese of Ogdensburg Mission Office 2023 Annual Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Helping the Church where it is young, suffering, and threatened.

As we gather in communion this World Mission Sunday, I extend to you a heartfelt invitation from Pope Francis, inspired by the Gospel: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt. 22:9)." This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of mission, inviting all to partake in the Lord's feast of love and salvation.

Over a century ago, our own Catholic Church in the United States was nurtured through the generosity of the Universal Church with the donations given to the World Mission Sunday Collection. Now, we are called to extend that same generosity to our sisters and brothers in over 1,150 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. The collection on World Mission Sunday is a vital lifeline directly supporting seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools, and healthcare centers that provide essential care, embodying the love of Christ.

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I urge you to respond generously to this call. Let us unite in prayer for the success of the Church's missionary activities and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. Your generosity is a powerful witness to the love and compassion at the heart of our faith.

May the Holy Spirit invigorate our missionary zeal and deepen our commitment to sharing the joy of the Gospel with all. Thank you for your dedication to this cause and for your continued prayers and support for the Church's mission. Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.



Gratefully yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg

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Lenity Project update

Please find below an update about the activities of the Lenity Project, a COOP supported organization that provides education and medical care to adults and children in Ecuador.

"In the face of unjust and painful situations, faith brings us the light which scatters the darkness."

Our world is wrought with injustice, suffering and hardship. The seeming lack of logic regarding suffering leads many to reject the notion of a benevolent, loving, and present Creator. Pope Francis spoke the words above to a group of homeless individuals at Catholic Charities in Washington, D.C. In doing so, Pope Francis does not try to excuse injustice or suffering but affirms that God does not abandon us to face it alone.

Dear Friends, the above quote certainly applies to the situation in Ecuador. Gangs and drug lords make the situation in Ecuador very dangerous and frightening. With your help, our Family Foundation, brings light to dispel the darkness

Hugs, Madre Cindy

Dear Folks, when summer rolls around, everyone at the Foundation breathes a sigh of relief and expectancy. School is out and summer rec is in!

It seems that God is untiring in teaching us about healthy recreation as a value. We have trips to museums, an occasional movie, swimming and other



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water activities, and, of course, the soccer, ping pong and volleyball championships, the jigsaw puzzles, bingo, arts and crafts, and table games. We know that your friendship with God (and with us) helps to make that happen.

So, when Father Ruben comes twice a week to offer the Mass. we make sure to say thanks.

We are always glad to welcome visitors to share in our happiness. This year the boys from Regis Jesuit High School in New York made their annual trip, and the entire Humrichouse-Vaca family from New Jersey brought food and fun and even left their son, Peter behind to stay with us for a while.

Thank You and God Bless each and every one of you.

From the desk of Joe and Patricia Barta,

Friends, as we enjoy another beautiful late summer Sunday in Virginia, we can't help but

think about the good folks in Quito who wake up to a challenging life each morning.

The good book reminds us "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?" While the poor may have their reward coming one day, they are likely busy figuring out how to feed the family today... and tomorrow. That is daunting.

We are thankful that the Foundation for Working Families is there to connect all of us to them. We are committed to making sure your support is directly and completely felt by those in need.

Keep it up - it makes a difference! Joe & Patricia Barta

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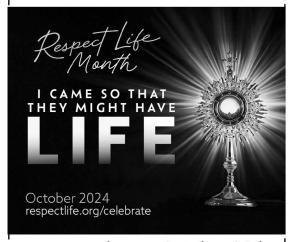
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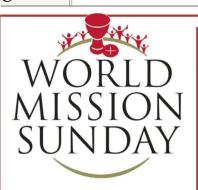
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Mission Support

Mission Sunday		\$ 61,991		
Legacies	\$	7,500		
Perpetual Memberships	\$	250		
Unrestricted Gifts (Monthly Donations)	\$	365		
Lenten Appeal	\$	5,723		
Christmas Appeal	\$	6,788		

The Special Funds

Missionary Project of the Diocese of Ogdensburg \$39185.60 Missionary Cooperation Plan \$56747.35 Mass Offerings \$19644.00

Each year, about one half of the parishes take up the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)
Collection, while the other half takes up the Missionary Cooperation Appeal, in the following year the collections are reversed.

St. Peter Apostle Appeal

\$4,700 was given by our people to the Society of St. Peter the Apostle to educate native priests and novices for mission areas.

2023 Financial Statement

Total Revenue: \$187,457.00 Total Operating Expenses: \$87,904.00

Notice

This report covers the fiscal year of Jan. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023; with the exception of the Missionary Childhood, which covers September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 and MPDO which is September 2023 - August 2024

missionary childhood association

"Children Helping Children"

All funds raised are directed towards selfhelp programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 1, 2023- August 31, 2024 (School Year)

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CARTHAGE - Augustinian Academy	\$289.40
GOUVERNEUR - St. James School	\$845.00
LAKE PLACID - St. Agnes School	\$500.00
MASSENA - Trinity Catholic School	\$224.08
PLATTSBURGH - Seton Catholic	\$78.69
SARANAC LAKE - St. Bernard's School	\$202.90
WATERTOWN - Immaculate Heart Central	\$324.60
* TOTALS	\$2464.67

* Totals do not reflect donations received after August 2024 or donations forwarded directly to the National Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GIFTS TO THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 (School Year)

\$40.73
\$120.02
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\$224.37
\$87.00
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\$3319.12

* These totals do not reflect those donations that were mailed directly to National Office in NYC by individual Parish Religious Education Programs.

Missionary Childhood Association Funds for School Year 2023-2024

 School Totals
 \$ 2,464.67

 Religious Education and Individual Totals
 \$ 3,319.12

 MCA TOTALS
 \$ 5,783.79



The Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, Inc.

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2023 Annual Report of Donations to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Parish						
Henderson	Parish		Cooperation Plan	Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) (September 1, 2023 –		
Alexandria Bay	Adams	\$2,108.00		\$548.80		
Altona	Henderson	\$1,532.00		\$680.00		
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Parish	Mission Sunday (Jan Dec. 23)	Missionary Cooperation Plan (July 2023 - June 2024)	Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)
Lake Placid	\$1,985.00	\$5,126.35	\$130.00
Keene	\$361.00	\$1,021.00	
Lake Pleasant, Speculator	\$646.00	\$1,459.00	
Wells	\$459.00	\$687.00	
Lowville	\$2,387.00		
Lyon Mt-Ellenburg Center			
Malone - St. Andre Bes.	\$2,154.10	\$3,426.25	
Massena - St. Peter's Parish	\$1,662.00	22 - 100	\$130.00
Mooers Forks			
Morrisonville	\$1,298.00	\$2,642.47	\$20.00
Morristown	\$1,152.95		\$1482.00
Newcomb		\$150.00	
Long Lake		\$441.00	
Norfolk		\$654.00	\$670.00
Norwood	\$394.00	\$296.00	\$347.00
Ogdensburg – SM/ND			\$2904.00
Old Forge	\$929.00	\$1,020.00	
Inlet, Raquette Lake	\$199.00	\$2,168.00	
Peru	\$560.00	\$615.00	
Plattsburgh	\$3,966.00	\$6,391.70	\$4675.84
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Crown Point	\$207.00	\$540.00	
Port Henry	\$528.00	\$1,056.00	
Port Leyden	\$291.00	\$694.50	\$273.00
Lyons Falls	\$275.00	\$326.00	
Potsdam	\$2,184.51		\$649.00
Rouses Point	\$942.00	\$1,443.00	
Saranac Lake	\$1,447.00	\$4,090.00	
Schroon Lake		\$1,682.00	\$935.00
Olmstedville	\$836.00	\$549.00	\$651.00
Star Lake	\$621.00		\$574.00
St. Regis Falls	\$238.00	\$360.00	
Hopkinton	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Ticonderoga	\$2,604.36	\$2,708.00	
Tupper Lake		\$1,943.00	
Waddington			\$178.00
Madrid			\$60.00
Watertown - SP	\$1,170.00		\$491.00
Watertown - SH			\$73.00
Watertown - SA	\$923.96		\$832.75
Watertown - HF	\$1,714.00		\$1038.00
West Chazy	\$880.50	\$1,501.00	
Willsboro/Essex	\$245.77	\$474.40	
Individual Donations	\$1,396.91	\$30.00	\$6564.86
TOTALS	\$61,991.35	\$56,747.35	\$39185.60

Mission Sunday and Mission Coop Appeal 2023 collections are calculated using the dates of our Fiscal Year (Jan. – Dec. 2023) Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal 2023 is calculated using the dates of July 2023- June 2024. These totals do not reflect any 2023 late payments that were received in the Mission Office. It is also possible that some amounts represent combined totals amongst parish groupings.

"Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Luke 24:13-35)



Witness to Africa... ...Where 19,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood.



Witness to Asia... ...Where six million children ...Where catechists travel to receive an education from Religious Sisters in more than 15,000 Church-run elementary schools.



Witness to Latin America ... remote areas to bring the Good News of God's great love to families.



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Islands... ...Where 3,5000 religious bring the Lord's mercy and peace to those in need.



Witness to Europe.... ...Where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

Environmental Stewardship

Migration season

Autumn is a season of transition, and for many forms of wildlife this entails a period of travel. The general timeframe birds engage in their marathon sessions of flight varies depending on species. However, mainly insect-eating birds are currently on their way south as our bug numbers rapidly dwindle withthe arrival of cooler weather.

Because of the energy required to fly many hundreds, if not thousands of miles, birds must rely on wind to help carry them. For example, a bird that flies at a speed of 20 mph can double that if it can get into an air mass blowing over the ground at 20 mph in the correct direction. This time of year, wind moving from north to south would be favorable.

Even though birds are mainly active during the day, many species migrate at night. Because birds cannot see well in the dark, many species tend to fly relatively close to the tops of trees. It is believed this provides them a view of the stars, some illumination from the moon, and a small degree of uplift from the air flowing over the forest canopy.

Keeping porch, garage and walkway lights on at this time of year creates unnatural bright spots and can disorient birds attempting to navigate their way through the darkness. This is why it is suggested to turn off all outside lights during the migrating season, especially when there is a breeze from the north. Also closing window shades in rooms where there is light can help.

In our shifting climate patterns, north winds during the first weeks of autumn have decreased in regularity and intensity. Reducing our carbon footprint can help with this issue and trying to limit our light pollution is another small, yet helpful action that may benefit our feathered friends. No gesture in caring for creation is too small, as the ripple effect of these actions can be incomprehensible.

> By Tom Kalinowski St. Bernard's Parish, Saranac Lake

Bishop's Public Schedule

Oct. 16 - 5 p.m. - Mass at the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond (Church of the Visitation) in Norfolk with the Adirondack, Franklin and St. Lawrence County Commissioned Lay Ministers followed by dinner at the Father Andrew **Amyot Parish Center**

Oct. 18 - Noon - Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 19 - 10:30 a.m. - Council of Deacons Meeting at Bishop's Residence followed by Lunch

4 p.m. — Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 20 - 8 a.m. - Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

11 a.m. – Installation Mass of Reverend Scott R. Seymour of St. Andre Bessette Roman Catholic Parish in Malone

Oct. 21 - 9 a.m. - Superintendent's Day at the Cambria Hotel in Lake Placid

Oct. 22 - Noon - Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Oct. 23 - Noon - Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Rest in Peace

This week marks the anniversary of the deaths of the following clergymen who have served in the Diocese of Oadensburg

Oct. 16 - Rev. Joseph W. Elliott,

Oct. 17 - Rev. Antoine Anselm Thomas, 1900; Rev. Athanase Marion, O.M.I., 1935

Oct. 18 - Edwin A. Kennedy, 1990; Deacon Chester Lloyd Price, 1991

Oct. 20 - Rev. Walter Plaisance, O.M.I., 1918; Msgr. Stephen J. Wojciechowski, 1978

Oct. 21 - Rev. Peter LaFort, 1939; Msgr. Robert A. Farmer, 1979

Oct. 22 - Rev. Thomas McNally, 1883; Rev. George J. Savage, 1918: Rev. Michael A. Jarecki, 2012

Rosary myths and facts

By Edie Heipel

Catholic News Agency

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the Month of the Rosary. Here are a few common myths and facts about this devotion to Our Lady.

1. Only Catholics can pray the rosary.

False. While rosaries are typically associated with Catholics, non-Cath-

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Ogdensburg

has scheduled Protecting God's Children training sessions. This required training addresses child abuse, the methods and means by which abusers commit abuse, and the five steps to prevent abuse from occurring and stop it from continuing. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.virtus.org. Upcoming sessions:

Oct. 17-6 p.m. - Brownville Parish Center, Brownville **Oct. 20** – 1 p.m. – Diocesan Eastern Regional Center, Plattsburgh

To Report Abuse

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@vahoo.com Phone: 518-358-3145, Ext. 7179 days; 518-569-0612 evenings; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340.

If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic **Bishop Abuse Reporting** Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

olics can certainly pray the rosary - and in fact, many credit it to their conversion. Even some Protestants recognize the rosary as a valid form of prayer.

2. Praying the rosary is idolatry.

False. Some have objections to the rosary, claiming it idolizes Mary and is overly repetitive.

Just like any practice, the rosary can be abused - just as someone might idolize a particular pastor or priest, a form of worship, or fasting. But the rosary itself is not a form of idolatry.

The rosary is not a prayer to Mary - it is a meditation on the life of Christ revealed in five mysteries "with the purposes of drawing the person praying deeper into reflecting on Christ's joys, sacrifices, sufferings, and the glorious miracles of his life."

When we pray the Hail Mary, we are not adoring-Mary, we are asking for her intercession - just as we might ask a friend or family member to pray for us.

Second, any prayer can lose its meaning if we do not intentionally meditate on it. Focusing on the mysteries with purpose and intention is key to the rosary's transforming power. As one author encourages: "The rosary itself stays the same, but we do not."

3. You can wear a rosary as a necklace.

It depends. It is typically considered disrespectful and irreverent to wear a rosary around one's neck as jewelry, even though the Church does not have an explicit declaration against doing so.

However, Canon 1171 of the Code of Canon Law says "sacred objects, set aside for divine worship by dedication or blessing, are to be treated with reverence. They are not to be made over to secular or inappropriate use, even though they may belong to private persons.'

It is important to treat the rosary with respect and intention. If you intend to wear the rosary as a piece of jewelry, this would not be respectful and should be avoided. It goes without saying that wearing the rosary as a mockery or gang symbol would be a sin.

But if it is your intention to use the rosary and be mindful of prayer, then it could be permissible. It is not uncommon in some cultures, like in Honduras and El Salvador, to see the rosary respectfully worn as a sign of devotion.

Rosary rings or bracelets might be a better option if you want to keep your rosary close at hand as a reminder to pray, as they are kept more out of sight and would not be as easily misconstrued to be a piece of jewelry.

4. The rosary is not biblical.

Untrue! Most of its words come directly from Scripture.

First, the Our Father is prayed. The words of the Our Father are those Christ taught his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13.

The Hail Mary also straight from comes the Bible. The first part, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee," comes from Luke 1:28, and the second, "Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb," is found in Luke 1:42.

Finally, each of the decades prayed on the rosary symbolizes an event in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The decades are divided into four sets of mysteries: joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious, the majority of which are found in Scrip-

Milton damages Florida parishes, ministries

By Jonah McKeown Catholic News Agency

Catholic parishes, pro-life pregnancy centers, and other ministries in Florida suffered damage in the wake of Hurricane Milton, according to the Diocese of St. Petersburg — which encompasses much of the Tampa area — and the more southerly Diocese of Venice, which bore the brunt of the storm.

Hurricane Milton, one of the strongest storms ever recorded in the Gulf of Mexico, made landfall on Wednesday night about 70 miles south of Tampa, near Sarasota, as a Category 3. Authorities had ordered widespread evacuations on Florida's west coast in recent days as Milton rapidly intensified.

Despite fears that Milton would devastate the densely populated Tampa Bay region — of which the Diocese of St. Petersburg is part — the area was largely spared from catastrophic storm surge but suffered wind damage, torrential rain, and flooding, even as residents struggled to recover from the recent effects of Hurricane Helene.

At least 12 people are confirmed dead in Florida, including six people on the Atlantic side of the state, which saw numerous tornadoes touch down. More than 3 million people, mostly on the west coast, remain without power as of Thursday afternoon.

Bishop Frank Dewane of the Diocese of Venice called for prayer and action as the region recovers from a direct hit by Milton.

According toVenice Diocese's Florida Catholic newspaper, access to many parishes for damage assessment was not immediately possible due to blocked roads and power outages, meaning specific damage reports are not yet available as of Thursday. All parishes with power have resumed the celebration of Mass, however, the diocese said.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice (CCDV) is responding to the disaster and established points of distribution (POD) in areas of greatest need, the diocese continued. The preplanned POD locations will distribute water, ice, and food in coordination with county and state emergency management officials. Catholic Charities had to pause its response to help the victims of Hurricane Helene so as to prepare

for the arrival of Milton, the diocese noted.

The diocese encouraged those interested in volunteering to assist, donating unused hurricane supplies, or offering financial support for the recovery effort to visit the CCDV website or www.dioceseofvenice.org/disasterrelief.

Meanwhile, the Diocese of St. Petersburg Pastoral Center offices will be closed "until it is safe to reopen," the diocese said on Facebook. The building, which currently lacks power and utilities, sustained damage and high winds shattered windows. The surrounding areas around the pastoral center also suffered damage with homes and businesses flooded, trees down, and property damaged. Schools in the diocese will remain closed until at least Monday, Oct. 14, the St. Petersburg Diocese said.

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The diocese also reported that a number of parishes and pregnancy aid centers suffered damage, including the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, which suffered significant water intrusion. St. Joseph Vietnamese Catholic Church in Town and Country sustained flooding and "the property is not reachable at this time."

The St. James Chapel at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz suffered flooding when the surrounding lakes overflowed onto the grounds and parking lot. There are many trees down and one has landed on the youth center, the diocese said.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Spring Hill sustained damage to the church and roof leaks; St. Anthony Catholic Church in San Antonio reported roof leaks and debris damage; St. Jerome Catholic Church in Largo saw considerable roof damage, lost shingles, and various roof leaks.

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center in Dade City also suffered roof leaks, while Pinellas Hope, a homeless shelter, reported "significant damage."

The St. Petersburg Diocese encouraged people of goodwill to donate to its disaster relief fund.

Catholic Charities USA, which assists with disaster recovery nationwide by coordinating with local Catholic Charities agencies, has also set up a special fund to help the victims of Hurricane Milton.

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

UN rights watchdog speaks against men in women's sports

A United Nations report on violence against women and girls in sports defended spaces for women on Tuesday by calling for separate sports for biological males who identify as "transgender persons." The United Nations special rapporteur on violence against women and girls in a presentation of the report on Oct. 8 demanded that member countries preserve female spaces, noting that testosterone suppression for biologically male athletes "will not eliminate the set of comparative performance advantages they have already acquired."The U.N. special rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem from Jordan, appointed by the United States Commission on Human Rights in 2021, presented the 24-page report presented to the General Assembly's Third Committee in New York. The report cited cases of severe injuries to women and girls forced to compete against biological males participating in female divisions as well as violations of privacy in the locker room and public consequences against women who speak out. "Male athletes have specific attributes considered advantageous in certain sports, such as strength and testosterone levels that are higher than those of the average range for females, even before puberty, thereby resulting in the loss of fair opportunity," the report read.

2025 March for Life theme, dates announced

The March for Life unveiled its new theme for the 2025 march, "Every Life: Why We March," which organizers say emphasizes the pro-life movement's fundamental messages of encouragement, joy, and that every life matters. The 52nd annual March for Life will be held on Jan. 24, 2025, at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Professional surfer and pro-life activist Bethany Hamilton will be the event's keynote speaker, and Christian pop-alternative band Unspoken will perform at the pre-march rally. March for Life President Jeanne Mancini said during a press conference on Thursday that the "Every Life: Why We March" theme is meant to send a message of encouragement and joy in a time when many pro-life activists may be discouraged by a string of recent defeats at the ballot box.

CDC: Three percent of high schoolers identify as transgender

A first-of-its-kind study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that 3.3% of all U.S. high schoolers identify as transgender. The study, taken in 2023 and published by the CDC this month, also suggests that an additional 2.2% of high schoolers are "questioning" their gender identity, meaning that 5.5% of all U.S. high schoolers consider themselves transgender or are questioning their sex. If accurate, the study means that of the nearly 17 million estimated high schoolers in the U.S., more than 550,000 identify as the opposite sex that they were born as, while over 370,000 are questioning their sex.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

You are invited to our next Friendship Group Meeting, learn to meditate with the scriptures.

Date: Oct. 24 **Time:** 7 p.m. **Place:** Zoom

Features: Father Jonas Verdeflor, OMV, will continue to guide us in Ignatian meditation and how to pray with the Scriptures. We will discuss chapters 1 - 7 of the book "Beloved Lover" by Father Gregory Cleveland, OMV, and reflect on the themes of Presence, Beauty Restored, and Consuming Love.

Contact: To order the book, please visit omvusa.org and enter SUMMER24 at the checkout to receive 10% off.

To sign-up for the Friendship Group, receive the meeting link and discussion questions, go to https://mailchi.mp/sophiainstitute/friendship-groups Questions? Contact Mary Beth Bracy at mbracy@sophiainstitute.com

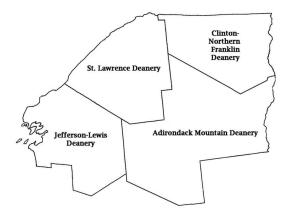
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OUR LADY OF THE ADIRONDACKS EVENTS

Ellenburg Center — We are pleased to announce the House of Prayer is open for the following regular activities. All are welcome!

Schedule: Wed., Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Dan Hobbs, Volunteer; 2nd Thursday of each month House open 10-2 Eve Mc-Gill and Lucy Wood will facilitate Praise & Worship 10:15-10:45, Rosary 11-11:30, Group Sharing/ Discussion 11:30-11:45, Lunch break 11:45-12:15 (please bring a bagged lunch) light refreshments provided, Soaking Prayer 12:30-1:30. Fri., Open Noon to 4 p.m. with Volunteer, Cheryl LaGree, leading Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. followed by Recitation of the Rosary; First Sat. Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary beginning at 8 a.m. with Deacon Ken Lushia; Second Mon., 6 p.m. Mass followed by Board Meeting.

Features: Come and see the House of Prayer, a quiet, simple



The North County Catholic welcomes contributions to "Around the Diocese."

Parishioners are invited to send information about activities to:

North Country Catholic, PO Box 326,

Ogdensburg, NY 13669

e-mail news@northcountrycatholic.org.

Items must be received in the NCC office by the Wednesday before publication.

treasure of the North Country. Are you thinking of a private/group (7 max) overnight retreat or a day meeting (20-30 max)? Call Sarah at 518-534-9976 for more information.

CRAFT SHOW

Mooers Forks — The Ladies of St. Ann will have a Craft Show.

Date: Oct. 19
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Mooers Fire Station
Features: There will be craft

and non-craft vendors, michigans and baked goods for sale, and raffle. Nonperishable items and monetary donations for the Mooers Food Pantry are welcomed.

HARVEST DINNER

AuSable Forks — The Annual Knights of Columbus Harvest Dinner to be held.

Date: Oct. 27 Time: 1 p.m. to 5 Place: Holy Name Parish Cost: \$15

Features: Ham, scalloped potatoes, candied yams, glazed carrots, corn bread and dessert, Take-outs available.

CRAFT FAIR

Brushton — St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society to have their annual Holiday Fair.

Date: Nov. 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Place:** Parish Center (across

from B-M Bus Garage)

Features: A Large selection of Vendors will be present selling gifts, decor, bake goods, homemade doughnuts, Chance Auction & much more. Adirondack BBQ food truck will be there for lunch.

Contact: Call Dianne Russel for more information 518-319-4252.

HARVEST DINNER

Plattsburgh — Holy Cross Parish to have a harvest turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 3

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Place: Holy Cross Parish Center Cost: Adults, \$15; Children

6-12, \$7; under 5, Free; All Take-Outs, \$15

CRAFT FAIR

Chazy — Sacred Heart Church to have their Fabulous Fall Craft Fair.

Date: Nov. 9 Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Place: Sacred Heart Parish Center

Features: Great craft festival with a variety of craft vendors. Hot lunches available, baked items, silent auction. Handicapped Accessible and Free Admission.

Contact: For more information, contact Sharon Nephew 518-578-2666.

HARVEST DINNER

Morrisonville — St. Alexander's Church to have their annual harvest turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Date: Nov. 10 Time: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place: Take-out only at St. Alexander's Church

Cost: \$15

Features: Also available at the door are raffle tickets, Basket Raffle and Bake shop.

Contact: Home Delivery within 10 miles, call 518-561-5039

JEFFERSON-LEWIS

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY

Houseville - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be observed the first Sunday of the month.

Date: Nov. 3, Dec. 1 Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass Place: St. Hedwig's Church Contact: 315-348-6260

HARVEST DINNER

Constableville — St. Mary's Altar Rosary will hosting their Annual Harvest Dinner.

Date: 0ct. 13

Time: 10:30 a.m. until gone **Place:** Drive Thru St. Mary's **Cost:** \$15 per dinner.

CLMA ANNUAL DINNER

Clayton – The CLMA of Jefferson and Lewis Deanery will have their annual dinner.

Date: Oct. 16

Schedule: Welcoming Remarks 5:15 p.m.-Mass at 5:30 p.m., Dinner; Immediately Following & Concluding with the Program "Breathing Life Into Your Parish".

Place: St. Mary's Church **Cost:** \$12 per person if attending dinner, no charge if registering for the program only.

Contact: Register at https:// www.rcdony.org/clm-event

RUMMAGE SALE

Evans Mills — St. Mary's Church to have a rummage sale.

Date: Oct. 18 & 19

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: St. Mary's Parish Center
Features: Items for sale
include vinyl records, snow board,
modern spinning wheel, toys,
seasonal decorations, glassware,
dishes & much more.

Contact: For more information call 315-629-4678

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Watertown — St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society is sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper.

Date: 0ct. 24 **Time:** 4 p.m. to 7

Place: Msgr. Sechi Hall downstairs at St. Anthony's Church

Cost: Adults, \$10; Child, \$8 **Features:** Take-outs available, please bring your own containers

Contact: For more information call the parish center at 315-782-1190

BASKET RAFFLE

Houseville - St. Hedwig's Society will hold its Annual Theme Basket Raffles to benefit St. Hedwig's Church repairs and restoration.

Date: Tickets sold after the 11 a.m. Mass on Oct. 13, 20 and 27th. Drawing held Oct. 27 at 1 p.m..

Features: No tickets will be sold during Mass. A kielbasa luncheon and bake sale will also be featured on Oct. 27. Donations of theme baskets and baked goods are needed and appreciated.

Contact: Elaine 315-4865532, Lydia 315 348-7006 or Mary Ann 315-348-6260 for information or donations.

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Evans Mills — The Indian River Council 7471 Knights of Columbus will be having a spaghetti & meatball dinner.

Date: Nov. 9 Time: 4 p.m. to 7

Place: St. Mary's Parish Center Cost: Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$5; under

Contact: For more information call 315-629-4678

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West Leyden – Tickets for two separate raffles at St. Mary's Nativity are now on sale.

Cost: \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20, They can be purchased after the 4 p.m. Mass, by calling the Parish office at 315-348-6104, online at https://catholicparishesofslc.weebly.com/tithely-giving.html or from any parish council member.

Features: The first raffle is the church's traditional afghan raffle. Parish Council member Diane Markham created this year's afghan, an 8 x 10 piece featuring a deer against a sunset background. The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the annual Chinese auction on Nov. 2. The second raffle is the Lenten Creation Raffle. During this past Lent, West Leyden native and parish council member Jeff Nellenback built a rustic sofa table, a bulky bench, and a wooden wall quilt. These will be raffled as a first, second and third prize raffle with the drawing taking place after 4 p.m. Mass on Dec. 21.

ST. LAWRENCE

MONTHLY BRUNCH

Norfolk - Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond's will have their monthly Knights of Columbus Brunch.

Date: Oct. 13 (Second Sunday of each month)

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Place: Father Amyot Parish Center

Cost: Adults, \$10; under 12, \$5; under 5, Free; Omelets, add \$3;

Take-outs available

Contact: For more information contact Grand Knight Gil Gonthier 315-212-5166.

SLFA CLM ANNUAL DINNER

Norfolk — The Annual SLFA Deaneries Commissioned Lay Ministers Association presents the CLM Annual Dinner.

Date: 0ct. 16

Time: Mass at 5 p.m., followed

by dinner at 6 p.m.

Place: Fr. Andrew Amyot Parish Center

Cost: \$20 per person

Features: Join us for an evening of prayer and reflection with a celebration of Mass and presentation entitled: Pope Francis "Year of Prayer" the Lord' s Prayer, with guest speaker The Most Reverend Terry LaValley, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Also speaking will be Hattie Taylor, Campus minister for St. Mary's church in Potsdam and St. Patrick's church in Colton.

Contact: Register here: https:// www.rcdony.org/clm-event

FALL BAZAAR

Massena - Annual Fall Bazaar to be held.

Date: Nov. 9

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Place: St. Mary's Social Hall Contact: For more information

contact to parish office at 315-769-2469

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ANDREW DINNERS

Come and join Bishop LaValley to learn more about being a priest. Any man of high school age and above is welcome to attend the Andrew Dinner sponsored by the Vocation Office. Parents are welcome to attend.

Schedule: Jefferson-Lewis Sunday, Nov. 3 St. Anthony's Sechi Hall, Watertown; St. Lawrence Sunday, Nov. 17 Brzana Hall, Ogdensburg; Clinton-Northern Franklin Sunday, Nov. 24 Emmaus Room, Plattsburgh

Time: The program begins at 5 p.m. followed by Holy Hour and dinner with Bishop Terry R. LaValley, and area pastors and priests.

Contact: If you are interested in attending, speak to your pastor and register at https://www. rcdony.org/andrewdinners.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

Discernment is a call, listen with others. It is a journey of faith, traveling with companions. Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood? You are invited to join fellow discerners and Father Howard Venette for the following gatherings.

Place: St. Mary's Church,

Dates: Nov. 23; Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Features: Lunch will be provided.

Contact: Registration required, please go to www.rcdony.org/ priesthooddiscernment. For more information, contact Father Howard Venette - hvenette@ rcdony.org

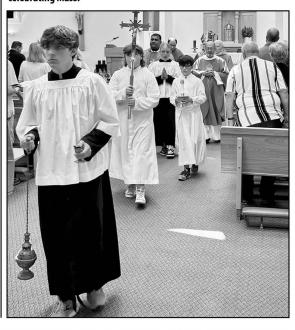
FOSTER GRANDPARENT

FGP is a local program that shows you how you can apply the skills and wisdom you acquired throughout your life to make a difference. All you need to join is the ability to give the kind of love that sets a child on the path toward a successful future. If you're 55 or older and want to share your experience and compassion, you have what it takes to be a Foster Grandparent. You'll receive a small bi-weekly, non-taxable stipend that cannot be held against any benefits you may already have as well as paid mileage for travel. Additionally, you receive paid holidays, vacations, sick and personal leave. Opportunities available in Franklin, Essex, Clinton, St. Lawrence and Jefferson County.

Contact: Melissa Howard, Volunteer Coordinator at (518) 359-7688 or E-mail: mhoward@ cathcharities.org



Bishop Terry R. LaValley celebrated the Mass of Installation for Father Amruta Kumar Pasala, pastor of The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay, Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River, and St. Mary's of the Fort, in Constable on August 25. Bishop LaValley and Father Pasala were joined by area clergy in celebrating Mass.



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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

Leadership and importance

"What are you doing next Saturday? Could you do me a little favor?" Even better is the expression, "I have something only you can do!" Don't you just hate be-

ing confronted with that type of question or statement!

Well. today's Gospel brings us something similar. James and John come to Jesus and ask him a question. They want to assure for themselves honored positions in the kingdom, one at Je, Msgr. Robert sus' left and one at Jesus' right.

Rooted in our biology or genes or somewhere we find a competitive streak. Competition for resources, survival of the fittest, live and let die. The rewards go to the fastest, the nimblest, the smartest, the gun-slinging western cowboy hero, the super competitive business tycoon. We find that attitude in just about any environment today.

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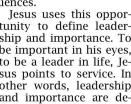
Jesus quickly responds: "Are

you ready to drink the cup?" Much too quickly, they respond in the affirmative, not knowing or understanding the ensuing consequences.

tunity to define leadership and importance. To be important in his eyes. to be a leader in life, Jesus points to service. In other words, leadership and importance are defined by living life the

We heard these words in the first reading: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall

How can we imitate that example of Jesus? Here are a few examples. We often hear about the saints and their great deeds in witness to their faith. St. Kateri, a Mohawk, died to defend her practice of the faith; St. Mother Marianne Cope established the Franciscan Sisters in Syracuse



way he did.

October 20

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

and later worked among the lepers in Molokai Hawaii.

You may respond something like, "well I could never do what they did." That's true, but we can do what we can do. So many have the attitude that they are not as great as the canonized saints. So, in commenting "I can't do what they did," they end up doing nothing.

Here's another example, this time of a living saint. Go to You-Tube sometime and search for Gianna Jessen. She survived a late term abortion, against all odds, and, in her words, was "given the gift" of cerebral palsy. She continues to suffer and speaks out against abortion

against unbelievable opposition. Thus, she is working at becoming a member of the kingdom of heaven, taking her life, once thought useless, and trying to change the hearts and minds of others. The 2011 film, "October Baby," is somewhat based on her life.

Again, you may say that her life is heroic. It is. But, every time we let go of ourselves, we gain so much more. Mother Teresa said it quite nicely: "When you don't have anything, then you have everything."

James and John learned this lesson the hard way with a rebuke from Jesus. You may have to be a hero in some way other than the examples that I gave, but there are multiple opportunities: welcoming the stranger, not looking for the easy way out, respecting God's creation.

So, when you are next asked: "Could vou do me favor." Your "yes" might go a long way up to the gates of the kingdom of heaven.

Sharing the 'power of worship through music'

By Daniel Payne Catholic News Agency

The Archdiocese of Southwark in London released a series of choir videos this week in the hopes of helping to "preserve [the] great tradition" of liturgical music and leading more people to the Catholic Church.

The archdiocese, centered in central London at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, said on its website that the cathedral released the videos "to promote the power of worship through music and song.



"The Church's musical tradition is a treasure of inestimable value, and musicians have a duty to preserve this great tradition," Jonathan Schranz, the director of music for the archdiocese, said in the release.

"In our own way, in Southwark, we are privileged to be able to use our voices to direct hearts and minds upwards on a weekly basis through liturgical singing," he said.

St. George's has an extensive choir program featuring singers of multiple ages and skill levels. The church's Cathedral Choir, which dates back to the 1840s, "is made up of boy and girl choristers aged 7 to 12 along with nine professional singers known as Lay Clerks," the cathedral's website says.

The Cathedral Consort, meanwhile, was formed in 2019 and consists of "a select group of teenagers aged 13 and upwards."

The Southwark Singing Program, meanwhile, was launched in 2022 as "a diocesan music education program which works in partnership with schools and parishes to develop musical provision and sacred singing across the diocese."

That program tures "whole-class singing sessions in primary and secondary schools a weekly basis," which "feed into local after-school choirs which serve parish and school liturgies."

Archdiocesan spokesman Patrick Kinsella told CNA that the choirs "are always performing and practicing.'

"We put on these sessions to promote the power of worship through music, showcasing the talented choirs," he said. "By using social media, we hope to reach as many people as possible."

"It's not just people who go to Mass every day or week we want to inspire, but those who haven't been for a while too," he said.

"By hearing the beauty of the music, we pray it leads to people returning to church."

The performances recently shared by the archdiocese include modern songs such as "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" and "The Power of the Cross," performed by children in the Southwark Singing Programme.

Also featured are more traditional and ancient works such as "O nata lux" and "Tantum ergo," performed by the Cathedral Consort and the Cathedral Choir.

Also among the musical performances published by the archdiocese is the Gregorian chant "Veni Creator Spiritus" performed by the Lay

Schranz said in the archdiocese's release that it was "a particular joy to work with children from our archdiocesan schools on these record-

ings."
"The passion the children have for singing and music is one we should not only embrace but fervently encourage," he said.

its website St. George's Cathedral says its original choir "was formed in 1848 when the cathedral was opened."

The choir sings weekly at Sunday Mass "and on major events of the year, such as Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, and Eas-

CALLED TO SERVE

The priest and deacon are ordinary

I was an altar boy in my parish in Queens the first time I went to a cathedral. It was St. Patrick's Cathedral on 5th Avenue in Manhattan. The Cathedral was ornate, Gothic and really big.

The word church designates a building belonging to God and, in a sense, God's dwelling. A church where the bishop's throne (cathedra) is located is called a cathedral, while basilica refers to a class of Roman public buildings predating Christianity, particularly those with royal association. A basilica could be a cathedral. It is always a church, in its simplest form.

What struck me among other things at St. Patrick's Cathedral was the procession of priests heading for a side altar to celebrate Mass. Eash priest was led by an altar boy in cassock and surplice who would assist the priest at Mass.

According to the Catholic Church's Canon Law, a priest

can celebrate Mass alone only if there is a "just and reasonable cause" to do so, which is primarily outlined in Canon 906; this means daily Mass celebration is encouraged but a

priest should ideally not celebrate the Eucharist without at least some members of the faithful present unless there is a valid reason.

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In most parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, especially at the Sunday Mass, priests are assisted first by a deacon.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says "the deacon, in virtue of the sacred ordination he has received, holds first place among those who minister to the Eucharistic celebration. For the sacred Order of the diaconate has been held in high honor in the church even from the time of the apostles. At Mass the deacon has his own part in proclaiming the gospel,

in preaching God's word from time to time, in announcing the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, in ministering to the priest, in preparing the altar and serving the celebration of the Sacrifice, in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, and sometimes in giving directions regarding the people's gestures and posture."

A deacon at Mass represents the faithful in attendance. That is why the deacon hands the plate with the bread to be consecrated and the chalice with wine and water to the priest for his prayers of blessing. The deacon is giving these "gifts" from the faithful to the celebrant for that priest's

prayers and actions in persona Christi, in the person of Christ.

The priest cannot consecrate the wine and bread alone, just as Peter and the Apostles could not catch a great number of fish alone. Christ works through the priest to perform these miracles.

When the priest and deacon distribute Holy Communion to the faithful, they are exercising a privilege granted them at ordination. They are called ordinary ministers.

From time to time, they need help with distribution. Other ordinary ministers may come forward to assist, but help comes more often from Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers and cantors in the next column.

Deacon Kevin Mastellon ministers in Watertown. He is the Director of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Ogdensburg.



Brownville – Michale Joseph Roukous, 29; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 10, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Brushton – Bruce J. Cartier, 75; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 8, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Canton – David L. Kingston, 79; Memorial Mass Oct. 15, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam.

Carthage – Patrick W. Britton, 70; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 14, 2024 at St. James Church; burial in St. James Cemetery.

Gouverneur – Vera C. (Eisel) Young, 80; Graveside Services Oct. 12, 2024 at New St. James Cemetery.

Lowville – Gerald F."Jerry" Edwards, 87; Funeral Services Oct.

8, 2024 at Iseneker Funeral Home; burial in Beaches Bridge Cemetery, Watson.

Malone – Laura (Breen) Maneeley, 101; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 7, 2024 at Notre Dame Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Massena – Toni P. Savoca, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 28, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Peru – Shirley Ann Sanders Longware, 96; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 9, 2024 at St. Augustine's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Kevin Mastellon

Plattsburgh – Steven M. Forgette, 71; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 16, 2024 at St. Peter's Church.

Plattsburgh — Gloria W. (Madon) LaPointe, 98; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2024 at St. John's the Baptist Church; burial in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

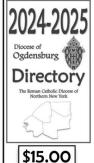
Sackets Harbor – Douglas Ross Wilson, 83; Memorial Mass Oct. 12, 2024 at St. Andrew's Church.

Saranac Lake — Carl A. Nastasi, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2024 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Watertown – Virginia T."Ginny" Barbara, 82; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony's church to be held at a later date; burial in Glenwood Cemetery. **Watertown** – Stephen G. Hibbard, 77; Graveside Services Oct. 18, 2024 at North Watertown Cemetery.

Watertown – Anthony J. "Frecks" Marra, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 11, 2024 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

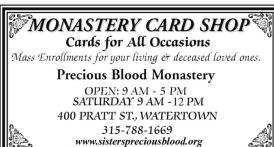
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FROM WONDERING TO WONDER IN WORSHIP

With Father Bryan Stitt, Diocesan Director of Worship

Not feeling it

Editor's Note: In celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, Father Bryan Stitt, director of Worship for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, will answer questions about worship, the Eucharist and related topics. To submit a question, email bstitt@rcdony.org.

I don't feel anything when I go to adoration. I show up and say some prayers, but it feels empty/dry. Am I doing something wrong?

This is one of my favorite questions since I started this column. Thank you so much for the openness and vulnerability in asking it. I could fill a whole book with answers and reflections, but here are a few thoughts to get us started.

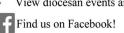
First, keep up that openness and vulnerability but direct it even more to "Ask Our Father." In your prayer, be intentional about letting God know if you're not feeling something. He wants to know the desires of your heart. I know, I know, sometimes it seems obvious, but remember what Jesus said to the blind man in Mark 10:51: "What do you want me to do for you?"

Secondly, the Lord works on a level much deeper than feelings. Of course we all like to feel good, but feelings aren't supposed to be the core of our spiritual life any more than sweets are the core of our diet. Most everyone likes them, but we can't live on them. For this, I'd point you to Jesus' words on the Cross: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46). He clearly wasn't feeling good—physically, emotionally, psychologically or spiritually at that crucial moment. But the prayer was real and profound.

Finally, look to the results. For this we can go back to the image of diet. One does not become healthy by eating well at one meal but after extended periods of a well balanced diet. Sometimes a single meal can actually be strongly disliked (like when I first tried kale!). But after a month or two of regular prayer, you'll see the difference. Look to Galatians 5:22 for the list of the fruits of the spirit. If these are growing in you, your prayer is going better than you think.

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Adoration in the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The following is a list of Adoration hours and sites across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. If your parish offers Eucharistic Adoration or if this information is incorrect email news@rcdony.org

Holy Angels Church, Altona

After 8 a.m. Mass Dedicated to Vocations and the church

St. Patrick's Church, Brasher Falls Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Canton Tues. 4:10 p.m. to 5:10

St. Vincent of Paul, Cape Vincent First Friday of the month

St. James Church, Carthage Wed., 3 p.m. to 6 Thurs., 10 a.m. to 11 First Friday, 10:15 a.m. to

7 a.m. Saturday morning

Vocations

information

St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay Wed. 5 p.m. to 6, Adoration First Friday 8:30 a.m., Communion Service followed by Adoration for

All Saints Church, Chaumont First Thursday of the month 3 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Chazy At various times as needed, please contact parish 518-846-7650 for more

St. Mary's Church, Clayton First Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Stephen's Church, CroghanFirst Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 including prayer for Vocations

St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora Wed. & Fri. 11 a.m. before noon Mass

St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabethtown Summer 9 a.m. to 10 Winter 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg Monday after 5:30 p.m. Mass

St. Mary's of the Fort, Fort Covington Tues. 5 p.m. to 6, Sat. 9 a.m. to 10 except when it's a First Saturday

St. Hedwig's Church, Houseville First Sunday following 11 a.m. Mass

Immaculate Conception Church, Keeseville Sun, 1 p.m. to 4

St. Agnes Church, Lake Placid Tues 1 p.m. to 5:30, Vocations Emphasized

St. Peter's Church, Lowville First Friday of the month with intention to Vocations

St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain First Friday of the month after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Peter's Parish, Massena

Held at Sacred Heart Church Thursday 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 First Friday 2 p.m. to 6

St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks after 8 a.m. Mass

Dedicated to Vocations and the church

St. Augustine Church, North Bangor Thurs. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church, Norwood Fri after 8:30 a.m. Mass until noon

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Ogdensburg Entryway for the Deacon Winter Chapel Thurs. before First Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 Adoration each Wednesday 3 p.m. to 6

St. John's Church, Plattsburgh Holy Family Basement Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Martin's Church, Port Leyden Rectory Chapel Wed. Mornings after Mass for 30 minutes

St. Mary's Church, Potsdam Tues. 12:45 p.m. to 4:30 First Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30

Church of the Assumption, Redford Tues. & Thurs. 11 a.m. before noon Mass

St. Ann's Church, St. Regis Falls
First Saturday, following 4:30 anticipated
Mass

St. Andrews Church, Sackets Harbor Fri. 4 p.m. to 5

St. Alphonsus-Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Tupper Lake Monday 7 p.m. to 8

Holy Family Church, WatertownMonday's following noon Mass

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Watertown

1 hour prior to Mass, First Friday of the Month

St. Anthony's Church, Watertown First Sunday of the Month 2 p.m. to 3

St. Patrick's Church, WatertownEvery Thurs. after Noon Mass until 8 p.m.

St. Ann's Church, Wells

Half an hour after Sunday Mass every Third Sunday of the month.

St. Philip Neri Church, Westport Half Hour every other Fri. (before Mass Winter/after Mass Summer)

St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro Full Holy Hour on First Fridays (before Mass Winter/after Mass Summer)