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CAMP SEASON ENDS



Camp Guggenheim campers work as a team to complete a ropes challenge. The Camp Guggenheim Youth Camp season ended Friday after six weeks of hiking, swimming and praising. See the story on Page 8.

GAINING SKILLS



A group of newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg recently traveled to Villanova University in Pennsylvania to earn certificates in church management. Attending the course were, from left, Father John Kennedy Ojuok, Father Matthew S. Conger, Father Jude Nnadibuagha and Father Severinus Torwoe.

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Pope: 'All things are possible' with God

By Kristina Millare
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis held his first general audience after a monthlong summer break Wednesday, reminding pilgrims gathered in Paul VI Hall that, as the Gospel of Luke emphasizes, "with God all things are possible" when we invite Jesus into our lives as the Virgin Mary did.

The Holy Father's reflections marked his fifth catechesis on the theme "The Spirit and the Bride: The Holy Spirit Guides the People of God toward Jesus Our Hope."

The Holy Father encouraged his listeners to imitate the faith of Mary, who listened to God and invited the Holy Spirit into her life.

"How is it possible to proclaim Jesus Christ and his salvation to a world that seems to only seek well-being in this world?" the Holy Father asked.

"With God nothing will be impossible," he repeated. "If we believe this, we will perform miracles. With God nothing will be impossible."

At one point, activists from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), donned in shirts and waving banners

that read "stop blessing corridas" and "la corrida e peccato" ("bullfighting is a sin"), temporarily interrupted the catechesis.

During his address, the Holy Father said the incarnation of Jesus Christ is a historical fact central to the Catholic faith.

"The Church took up this revealed fact and very soon positioned it at the heart of her symbol of faith," the pope said.

Pope Francis added that the Nicene Creed, which is recited during Mass, is also an "ecumenical fact of faith" as all Christians share the same belief on the divinity and human-

ity of Jesus Christ.

"In the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, in 381 — which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit — this article enters into the formula of the creed, which is indeed referred to as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It affirms that the Son of God was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man," the pope explained.

Throughout the meeting, several pilgrims waved country flags as well as fans as they tried to keep cool during the hourlong midsummer indoor papal audience.

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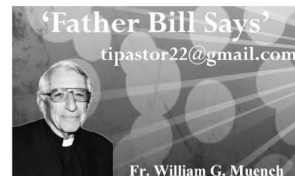
It changed my life

Eight years later, it's still
changing my life.In 2016, I was blessed to
attend a Cursillo weekend
held at Wadhams Hall.At the time, I had
just returned to
the Church from
an extended peri-
od - around a de-
cade - of not prac-
ticing any faith. I
was desperate for
a faith community,
for people to walk
with on this jour-
ney to Christ and
to (hopefully) heav-
en.To be completely
honest, if you had talked
to me in the days or weeks
immediately after the
weekend, I would've said
it was great, but I didn't
know how I felt about the
movement and the peopleinvolved in it here in the
North Country, and I cer-
tainly didn't see it as life
changing.

But it was.

**Darcy L.
Fargo**An acquaintance
and I became much
deeper friends -
she's now one of
my best friends -
because she was
invited to the same
Cursillo weekend
I attended. She
didn't want to go
without know-
ing someone else
there, and I attend-
ed mostly because
of her. Now, we
talk, text or get together
for dinner regularly. I can't
imagine my life without
her in it.If I look through the last
several months of text
messages, phone logs andsocial media messages, at
least three people I would
consider part of my "in-
ner circle" are people I
know only through Cursil-
lo. These are people with
whom I regularly pray,
laugh, share struggles and
get support. One of them
has an uncanny ability to
know when I'm struggling
and randomly reaches out
to offer support and love. I
try to support him, as well,
though I think he helps me
more than I help him. He's
helped me immensely.Cursillo has also given
me a layer of accountabil-
ity. When gathering with
other Cursillistas in small
groups or other gather-
ings, it's common to talk
about what we've done for
"piety, study and action"
since we last met. It's in-
spiring hearing what oth-ers have to offer, and it
makes me think about how
I'm living those aspects of
my faith in the day-to-day.Talking to Cursillo Lay
Director Michael Neaton
about his experience at the
movement's National En-
counter (see the story on
page 5), he talked about
the major takeaway of the
event being "energy."While Cursillo regularly
helps me energize my spir-
itual life, if you asked me
what my key takeaways
were/are, I'd say "love of
Christ and each other."Please join North Coun-
try Cursillo (and hopefully
me) at a picnic scheduled
for Aug. 17 at St. Patrick's
Church in Port Henry. Get
to know the movement.I can't guarantee it, but
maybe it'll change your
life, too.

The Bread of Life discourse

In a special way, August
2024, continues this year's
celebration of the Sacra-
ment of the Holy Eucharist.
This month, we continue
the special celebration of
the Holy Eucharist that was
developed at the National
Eucharistic Congress. That
congress proclaimed our
Catholic faith in and be-
lief in the presence of Our
Lord Jesus Christ in the
Holy Eucharist. It was quite
a celebration. Catholics,
Bishops, priests, deacons,
lay men and women from
every part of our country
gathered to pray together
and proclaim our faith in
the sacred presence of Je-
sus in Holy Communion -
the heart and soul of our
Catholic faith.During August this year,
the Gospel reading at Mass
each Sunday is from the
Gospel of St. John, Chap-
ter 6. This chapter is the
Discourse of Jesus on the
Bread of Life. This is the
marvelous teaching of Je-
sus himself, given to us by
St. John. It's the gift of Je-
sus to us all in the Blessed

Eucharist.

This Chapter 6 of John's
Gospel is brought up for
us every year for our study
and prayer. It is that im-
portant. So, I urge each
of you to read and pray
over John 6 during this
month of August. I know
that each time I take some
time with John 6, I always
find something new to en-
rich my spiritual life. John
remembers Jesus' bold
words as he tells us all
hopes to reach us as our
bread of life. We read in
John 6, "Jesus says, I am
the living bread that came
down from heaven, whoever
eats this bread will live
forever; and the bread that
I will give is my flesh for
the life of the world."I can only imagine how
surprised those people
were when they heard thewords of Jesus. I must ad-
mit to you that I am also
surprised as I read the
words of Jesus in John
6. Jesus truly reaffirms
boldly his presence as the
Bread of Life. The words of
the Lord lead me to realize
God's great love for us in
the gift of this wonderful
Sacrament of the Holy Eu-
charist.Each time I preach and
teach about the Holy Eu-
charist, I try to emphasize
God's great love for us.
Jesus wants to be united
with us. Jesus wants to
be part of our very being.
I want to emphasize how
important it is for all of us
to prepare ourselves each
time we go to Holy Com-
munion so that we will re-
alize all that is means to
have Jesus come to us.As the priest at the altar,
I have the opportunity to
pray a special prayer in the
liturgy as I prepare myself
for Holy Communion. I can
only imagine how import-
ant it would be if each one
of us would take a moment
as we approach the priestor a Eucharistic Minister to
receive Holy Communion
to welcome the Lord Jesus
in a short prayer. "Come,
Lord Jesus, transform my
very being, become a part
of all that I am. Stay with
me to lead and guide me
this day. Give me the words
and the wisdom to help me
make this day blessed with
your presence. Give me the
power to bring your love to
everyone I meet this day."I believe that the Sacra-
ment of the Holy Eucha-
rist is so powerful that we
become formed as leaders
of the Lord's Church, each
time we receive Holy Com-
munion - showing others
the way to live in the Lord's
way, making our world a
better place. I continual-
ly challenge my friends
- those friends who have
drifted away from the Lord
and from the Church - to
give me (and the Lord) six
months - six months of
frequent Holy Communion
and allowing the Lord to
find them and bring them
back in his life to live well
as disciples of the Lord.

FOLLOW ME

The bread of life

Editor's note: The following is Bishop Terry R. LaValley's homily from Aug. 4. It was delivered at St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge.

In today's Gospel Jesus quickly recognizes that the crowd following Him is doing the right thing for the wrong reason. It was right to follow Jesus, but the crowd's reason for following him was questioned.

We can hardly blame those hungry people for hoping that here perhaps was the solution to their pressing problem of having enough to eat at a time when food was never plentiful. The apparent magic of Jesus that had just fed a huge crowd gave the people reason to believe that history was repeating itself. They were reliving those good old days of the Exodus from Egypt when, after much grumbling, their leader Moses gave them their daily desert diet of manna and quail.

But Jesus quickly dismisses such happy reminiscing when He tells the people, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." Jesus was not born among us so He might be a generous grocer distributing free food for the famished. Of course, He is genuinely concerned with the issue of giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, (corporal works of mercy) but Jesus' major mission is essentially spiritual. He is not the Stuffer of Stomachs but the Savior of Souls.

That is why Jesus says the bread He gives comes not from a bakery but "from heaven." The food He gives will not grow stale, but "endures for eternal life." Jesus wants us to understand that He is not the one who gives us bread, loaf by loaf. Rather He is the Bread of Life. His purpose is to feed us, nourish us with His very own life, His very own love, His very own presence.

And that's why, my friends, we come together like this Sunday after Sunday in this sacred space. Our church is not a grocery store where we come and shop to fill our freezer. We come here to fill our heads and our hearts with the nourishment we need to give us spiritual strength, to grow in holiness.

The goal of the Christian life is holiness, but somewhere along the way this term has disappeared from a Catholic's vocabulary. Either because we thought holiness was an unattainable ideal or because we felt it lacked

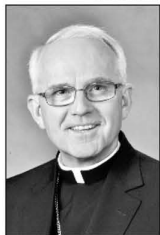
relevance in the modern world. Maybe we thought the idea of holiness made people feel guilty. Perhaps we just wanted to make it easier for people. To many, holiness means being a wimp in a world where power, rudeness, selfishness and greed seem to rule the day. Whatever the reason, the disappearance of this goal to be holy hasn't made it easier for modern Catholics;

it's made it harder for us.

A great confusion that is torturing the Church and weakening our faith surrounds one question. Do I want to be holy? It's more than a pious platitude. We have become disoriented because we have lost our focus. If you don't think we've lost our focus, take a look at the recent opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics. The despicable display of pathetic sexual perversion, the sacrilegious ridicule of the Last Supper and its unconscionable promotion by so many including the Olympic organizing committee and the French government is an affront to our Catholic faith and the dignity of every human person made in God's image.

We must never tire of receiving the awesome gift of the Eucharist as the necessary food on the holiness menu. We come here to feed on Jesus who is our bread of life. We come to hear his words of life that refresh our faith, our hope, and our love. We come to eat His Body and drink His Blood in Holy Communion, a holy event since the first Eucharist, the Last Supper. We come for the greatest, most mind-boggling gift, the very presence of Jesus Christ. We will not be timid or lacking in the Spirit's gift of fortitude in proclaiming our faith and challenging those who make such a mockery of our faith. As Bishop Barron wrote: "Christianity is a fighting religion and it calls evil by its name."

This gift of Jesus Christ himself is what makes our celebration of the Eucharist our most precious privilege as Catholics. We come to Jesus so we will never hunger, to believe in Jesus so we will never thirst, to receive Jesus who is food that endures for eternal life. What a privilege! What Good News! Thank you for being here, even in the face of so many obstacles. Let's never stop praying for loved ones who ignore our Eucharistic faith and those who demean it. May God be praised... forever may God be praised!



Bishop Terry
R. LaValley

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New priests gain management skills

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

A group of newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Ogdensburg recently traveled to Villanova University in Pennsylvania to earn certificates in church management.

"We chose to send priests who had been ordained for three to five years," said diocesan Vicar for Clergy Father Christopher C. Carrara. "The guys who went spoke very highly of the program, and it was all at no cost to the diocese. They received very generous scholarships that covered their travel and the cost of the program, meals, lodging - everything they needed."

Attending from the diocese were Father Matthew S. Conger, Father Jude Nnadibuagha, Father John Kennedy Ojuok and Father Severinus Torwoe.

According to the course description, the certificate program focuses on pastoral and

strategic church management, budgeting for mission, mission and financial reporting, human resources and Catholic social thought, building trust and leading change, and the ministry of clergy fundraising.

"The course was really great," said Father Ojuok. "You learn a lot of different perspectives, and you consider scenarios in different fields. The topics discussed were really relevant. I'm glad I went."

"It was a wonderful program," added Father Conger. "It was very helpful for young guys who are new priests and trying to learn the ropes. The professors they brought in offered whole new sets of skills - stuff we don't learn in seminary. And they offered good resources to us that we'll be able to use when we're pastors, as well as good general knowledge."

Father Ojuok said the coursework also showed him the commonality of the issues faced in

parishes and dioceses around the country.

"It's not only the North Country facing mergers of parishes, shortages of priests," he said. "We did projects with guys from dioceses in Austin and Miami. We heard a lot of different perspectives. There were people from all over the United States and from Canada. The things we're facing here, people are facing everywhere."

Both priests said the program helped changed the way they view the administrative portions of their ministries.

"Manage people and the church as a minister - and that's church as in the people, the building and the income," said Father Ojuok. "There's a connection between the money and the ministry."

"My biggest takeaway was a whole new approach on running a parish and looking at it through the lens of 'it's all for the people and for the good of the Church,'" added Father

Conger.

Father Carrara noted that the program can be attended by seminarians at a certain point in their formation through priests who have been ordained up to five years. Deacons could potentially attend, as well.

Based on the feedback given by this year's participants, Father Carrara said it's likely the diocese will send participants to future offerings of the program.

"It's something we'll look at doing in the future," he said. "It offered a lot of practical knowledge."

"I think our participation in this as a diocese points to the fact that Bishop (Terry R.) LaValley really cares about the future of our diocese and who will be leading your parishes," Father Conger said. "He doesn't want us flying in blindly when we become pastors. He's giving us opportunities to learn and develop through both training and through our experiences."

Summer included 'Stump the Seminarian' event

Seminarian Tyler Fitzgerald, assigned to St. Cyril's in Alexandria Bay, St. Francis Xavier in Redwood and St. Mary's in Clayton for the summer, recently held a catechetical event called "Stump the Seminarian" at St. Mary's in Clayton.

During the event, every item found in the sacristy and sanctuary was explained, described and showcased.

The community was invited to look at items such as an aspergillum (also known as a holy water sprinkler), mon-

strance, relics and vestments.

A question and answer session followed the presentation in hopes to "stump the seminarian." Despite excellent questions about medieval hanging pyxes, where vestments come from, what happens if you find a consecrated host in the pew, and what the oldest hymn is, Fitzgerald was not stumped!

The event was well attended and drew about 50 people from the Thousand Islands and surrounding area.



(Left) Seminarian Tyler Fitzgerald Holding the Book of the Gospels and discussing its importance in the liturgy and procession to the altar during a 'Stump the Seminarian' event at St. Mary's in Clayton. (Right) Fitzgerald explains the history and symbolism of the processional cross and how it is connected to the Army of the Roman Republic's war banner.

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A National Encounter with Cursillo

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

When asked what a delegation from North Country Cursillo brought back from the organization's National Encounter, an annual gathering, Michael Neaton, lay director of Cursillo in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, said, "the biggest takeaway was energy."

"The energy was tremendous," he said. "The people were joyous. The vast majority of the participants spoke Spanish, so there were some issues related to the language barrier, but the energy was contagious. There was a procession after Mass one day, and people just broke into song. It was loud, boisterous and joyous."

Neaton, a parishioner of St. Mary's in Potsdam, attended the Cursillo National Encounter, held July 25 to 28 at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, along with two other Cursillo members, Cathy Witkowski and Mary Skillan, parishioners of Holy Cross Parish in Plattsburgh. The three attended the encounter thanks to funding from a grant from the Sisters of St. Joseph Foundation.

Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church meant to create lay leaders for Christ and his Church. Participants attend a three-day retreat weekend where they hear presentations from both clergy and laity and share prayer, Mass and community.

After the retreat, known in the movement as the "fourth day," participants pray and share with small groups to

Experience Cursillo

North Country Cursillo cordially invites you to attend a Family BBQ on Aug. 17

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Port Henry.

There will be food, games and friendship, as well as a sharing of what Cursillo is all about. Cursillistas, invite your friends! RSVP to Elaine Sater, North Country Cursillo Secretary, nccsec2019@gmail.com

continue to support one another.

"The focus here and in most places has been getting people to attend the weekend," said Neaton. "(National Encounter) focused on what we do after. There wasn't much talk at all about the (retreat) weekends. The emphasis on 'make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ' doesn't stop when the weekend is over."

Cursillo encourages participants to gather weekly with small groups - groups of only a few people - for prayer and sharing. Those small groups gather, generally monthly, to pray and share together in gatherings known as Ultreyas.

The National Encounter also gave the local participants a different perspective on those gatherings.

"The Ultreya there was energizing," Neaton said. "It was a different format from what we use here. There was much more excitement in it."

Neaton says he looks forward to bringing some of the energy and some of the discussions he experienced back to the local movement, which participants are looking to revitalize.



Representatives of North Country Cursillo (from left) Cathy Witkowski, Michael Neaton and Mary Skillan recently attended the movement's National Encounter at Hofstra University.

"It confirmed to me that with the challenges we're facing and as we work to rebuild, the focus has to be on the 'fourth day,' and on our leadership and friendship after the weekend," he said. "Having a small group is so important. I wouldn't be doing jail ministry if it wasn't for my small group. I wouldn't be in a leader-

ship role in Cursillo if not for my small group."

Neaton said the organization is also focused on getting Cursillo participants serving in leadership roles in their parishes.

"There's a motto on a bottom of a brochure I saw at the National Encounter that sums it up really well," Neaton said. "It says 'a method to

find, form, sustain and link lay leadership for Christ in His Church.' That's what Cursillo is supposed to be."

The lay director said he's very glad he participated in the National Encounter.

"We're very appreciative of the Sisters of St. Joseph for the grant that enabled us to attend," he said. "That helped a lot."



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Environmental Stewardship

All about timing

It would seem that a warming planet, especially in a northern region, would benefit most organisms, as cold temperatures can be so devastating. However, many factors influence survival other than just the thermal environment.

Timing of events is critical for sustaining life. This is evident in late summer, as many creatures experience changes that are synchronized to occur with other events. For example, as daylight wanes, young animals reach a stage in which they venture away from their parents. This typically corresponds with the period when many plants, shrubs and trees bear specific berries, fruits or seeds the animals eat.

Our changing climate impacts the start of the growing. It may not seem like a big deal if blackberries or wild black cherries are a week or so early or late, but for some animals, like chipmunks, mice, blue jays or robins, this may significantly impact their late summer routine. Altering the internally programmed schedule of an animal can have consequences for the creatures that prey on them, like fox, hawks and bobcats.

The complexity of nature is often well beyond our ability to fully understand. It is apparent to people of faith that only a Divine Hand could fashion all the components and get their life cycles and patterns of behavior to mesh. Our industrialized society has dalttered many of these routines and the harmony that existed. It is up to us to try to reestablish a more normal climate pattern that will better balance our global weather patterns. This can be done by reducing our carbon footprint, which should lower the amount of warming, and reestablish a dynamic that is more synchronized with what God originally established. We can pray and ask for His help, but we must continue to change our ways of life so as to tread more lightly on the earth.

Bishop's Public Schedule

Aug. 14 –9:45 a.m. – Episcopal Council Meeting at Bishop's Residence followed by Lunch

Aug. 15 – 5 p.m. – Mass and Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Saints Philip and James Church in Lisbon

Aug. 17 – 11 a.m. – Mass for Family Camp at Camp Guggenheim in Saranac Lake

Aug. 18 – 10:30 a.m. – Installation Mass of Reverend Christopher J. Looby of The Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph in Morrisonville, St. James Church in Cadyville and St. Augustine's Church in Peru

Aug. 19 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at St. Andre's Outreach Center in Malone

Aug. 20 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at St. Augustine's Parish Center in Peru

Aug. 21 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at Mount Pisgah Recreation Center in Saranac Lake

Aug. 22 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Aug. 25 – 11 a.m. – Installation Mass of Reverend Amruta Kumar Pasala of St. Mary's of the Fort Church in Fort Covington, the Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay in Chateaugay and The Catholic Community of Constable, Westville and Trout River in Constable

Aug. 26 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at St. Mary's Parish Center in Clayton

Aug. 27 – 5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at St. Peter's Parish Center in Lowville

Aug. 28 – Noon – Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

5 p.m. – Bishop's Fund Appeal Reception at Martin Field Club in Ogdensburg

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:

Aug. 19 – 10 a.m. – St. Mary's Church, Evans Mills

Aug. 27 – 3 p.m. – St. Joseph's Outreach, Plattsburgh

Rest in Peace

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

Aug. 14 – Rev. Patrick Foley, 1839; Rev. George Dermody, O.S.A., 1956

Aug. 15 – Rev. Alfred Onesime Boyer, 1959; Msgr. Cornelius A. Collins, 1967

Aug. 16 – Rev. Peter Paladini, S.A.C., 1990

Aug. 17 – Rev. Joseph Winfrid Vinet, 1907; Msgr. Victor Primeau, 1957

Aug. 18 – Rev. Leoneo Proulx, O.M.I., 1979

Aug. 19 – Rev. J. N. Emery, O.M.I., 1933; Rev. Richard A. Maher, O.S.A., 1959

Aug. 20 – Rev. J. McCarthy, O.S.A., 1931; Msgr. Griffith J. Billmeyer, 1988

Aug. 21 – Rev. Albert G. Salmon, 1997

Aug. 22 – Rev. James W. M. Rensing, 1936

Aug. 24 – Rev. Louis Lewis, O.M.I., 1938; Msgr. Paul George Brunet, 1991

Aug. 25 – Rev. Damas Guibault, 1919; Msgr. Hugh P.R. O'Reilly, 1948; George W. Tobin, 2010

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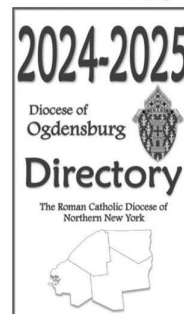
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New book highlights local Catholic Summer School

The Clinton County Historical Association is pleased to announce the publication of the book - The Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven by Robin LaBarge.

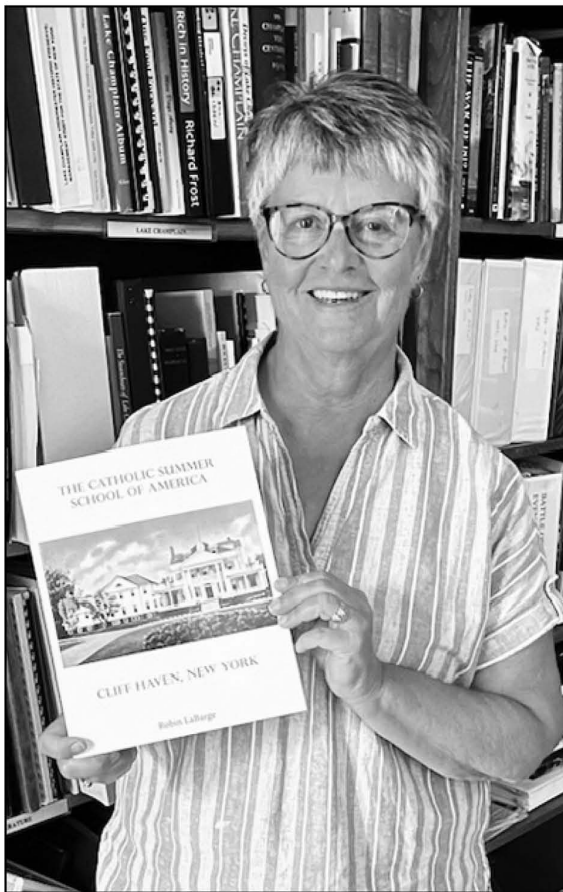
[The book was edited and published by Bloated Toe Publishing and funding for this project came from a 2023 Local Heritage Grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and a donation from the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In 2014, captivated by the vast collection of photographs at the Clinton County Historical Association presented by CCHA volunteer Roger Black, LaBarge recognized that the Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven was a story that had not been told.

Additionally, this was not her idea of a typical summer school. This school had existed on the shores of Lake Champlain for almost 50 years and as it turns out was both a think tank and a resort where famous people from all over the United States as well as other countries came to lecture and learn.

LaBarge, a retired nurse who wrote columns for the Senior Sentinel, suggested to several local authors that a book needed to be written. With no takers, she put the idea on hold.

Then in the fall of 2018, while having lunch one day with her then 10-year-old granddaughter, she was asked about the old fashion picture in the booth where they were sitting. It was a pic-



Robin LaBarge recently wrote a book about the Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven. Sales of the book benefit the Clinton County Historical Society.

ture of President Taff on the steps of the Champlain Club at the Catholic Summer School. In explaining the photo came the telling moment when her granddaughter, without missing a beat, said "Gram, why don't you write a book about it?"

LaBarge began the project a month later.

Built on Roger Black's knowledge of the Summer School, and the CCHA glass plate negatives, the book was started. Other contributors to the book were Martha Bachman, the late Jim Dynko, Susan How-

ell Hamlin, Ann Rooney, Helen Nerska, Rich Frost, and Deacon James Crowley with editing support from Larry Gooley of Bloated Toe Publishing.

Presentations on the history of the Summer School including the unique collection of photos are scheduled throughout the summer.

All proceeds from the book go to the Clinton County Historical Association.

For more information please contact - Helen Nerska, Director, Clinton County Historical Association, 518-561-0340.

Learn more about the Sisters of St. Joseph Lay Associate Program

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to learn more about the Sisters of St. Joseph Lay Associate Program at one of three informational sessions.

Sessions will be held:

- Sept. 7 - 1 p.m. - St. Patrick's Center, Colton
- Sept. 8 - 2:30 p.m. - John XXIII Newman Center, Plattsburgh
- Sept. 22 - 2 p.m. - St. Patrick's Center, Watertown

Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality, the charism and mission and history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life.

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Camp Guggenheim season ended last week

By Darcy Fargo
Editor

At 1:30 p.m. on August 9, the last week of the 2024 Youth Camp season wrapped up at Camp Guggenheim with the closing Mass for Week six and campers aged 16-18.

For the first week of camp, starting June 30, a mini session was held for youth ages 11-13. With only three overnight stays, the shorter session gives the younger campers a taste of the camp experience without being away for five nights.

Weeks two through five, starting in early July and through Aug. 2, are catered to youth ages 12-15.

Youth spend their camp mornings rotating between activities - waterfront, Liturgy, adventure and arts and crafts - and their evenings with special events, including a penance service, Adoration, a dance, camp games, a campfire, a talent show and more.

Week six campers also complete service projects, going out into surrounding communities to volunteer and participate in discussions about vocations.

Many campers, like Elias Juneau, 14, of Chazy, love the experience so much, it's become an annual tradition to go to camp.

"It's my third year at camp," Juneau, a week 5 camper, said. "I love getting closer to Jesus, and I love the positivity of the staff and all the people here, and all the activities and adoration and everything. I love coming here. It's vacation."

Juneau said he's developed friendships with other campers from around the diocese and out of the area, and he and his friends communicate before camp to determine which week they'll attend.

"We talk during the summer before registration to figure it out," he said. "They're close friends. Some are from Vermont, Watertown and Ogdensburg, and some closer to where I live."

Maggie Wright, 15, of Vermont, said she attends the same week - week 5 - every year.

"I like to see the same people," she said. "Even though I come to the same week, it's different every year. It's a really good experience. We're always trying new things. It's a really good camp at welcoming and making sure everyone feels invited to participate."

Wright said the people at camp, as well as the activities, keep her coming back year after year.

"I like the people," she said. "The counselors, everyone. I like the fun activities, and I like that God is included. Having Mass every day and things like Adoration is really nice."

Both campers said they're already looking forward to next year of camp.

"Next year, I'll get to go rappelling," Juneau said.

Summer Camp at Camp Guggenheim is a diocesan Youth Ministry Department program in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Camp is made possible thanks in part to the Bishop's Fund Appeal.



OBITUARIES

Alexandria Bay — Mary Jean (McNulty) LaPorte, 103; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2024 at St. Cyril's Church; burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa.

AuSable Forks — Veleta M. Parrish, 95; Funeral Services Aug. 7, 2024 at the Heidrick-Zaumetzer Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Plattsburgh.

Brownville — Julia G. Nellis, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Grove Cemetery, LaFargeville.

Brownville — Daniel P. O'Connell, 79; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Church; burial in Dexter Cemetery.

Brushton — Phyllis A. (Finnegan) Jock, 92; Mass of Christian Burial July 29, 2024 at St. Mary's Church.

Brushton — Larry L. Martin, 72; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Chaumont — Patricia Ann (DeLadaurantey) Bradley, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 7, 2024 at All Saints Church.

Chazy — Irene (Ackey) Wray, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Constable — Joyce Rita (Maybille) Premo, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 5, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Malone.

Gouverneur — Mario A. DeCastro, 57; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2024 at St. James Church.

Harrisville — Wesley W. Parow, 81; Funeral Services July 31, 2024 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in Fairview Cemetery, Edwards.

Hogansburg — Norman J. "Nummy" Tarbell, Jr., 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2024 at St. Regis Church; burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Keene — Benjamin Tilton Kernan, 82; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2024 at St. Brendan's Church.

Lake Placid — Anita C. (Esposito) Varga, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2024 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agens Cemetery.

Lake Placid — C. Francis Varga, MD, 94; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 17, 2024 at St. Agnes Church; burial in St. Agens Cemetery.

Lowville — Sharon L. (Foote) DeLawyer, 85; Graveside services at Lowville Rural Cemetery.

Lowville — Rebecca L. (Tucker) Jarecki, Funeral Services Aug. 5,

2024 at Sundquist Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Lyon Mountain — Reginald "Reggie" Owen, 76; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 2, 2024 at St. Bernard's Church.

Lyon Mountain — Richard C. Rabideau Jr., 69; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 1, 2024 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Malone — Gerald L. Lamica, 58; Graveside services Aug. 9, 2024 at Morningside Cemetery.

Massena — Alice Margaret (Cook) Chapman, 87; Funeral Services Aug. 6, 2024 at Donaldson Funeral Home.

Massena — Raymonde P. "Scotty" (Dennis) D'Arienzo, 99; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 14, 2024 at Church of the Sacred Heart; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Massena — Richard J. Rakoc, 90; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2024 at St. Mary's Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Peru — Stephen McKenna, 71; Funeral Services Aug. 3, 2024 at Hamilton Funeral Home.

Plattsburgh — Marie Joan (Valente) Clifford, 94; Private Funeral Services at Brown Funeral Home; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Erma M. (Ravinville) Grimnes, 94; Mass of Christian Burial July 29, 2024 at St. Peter's Church; burial in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Beverly A. Peets, 89; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 6, 2024 at St. Peter's Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Redford — Alicia O'Brien Waldron, 91; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2024 at Assumption of Mary Church; burial in parish cemetery.

Sackets Harbor — Jeannie Irene Kafka Brennan, 101; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 7, 2024 at St. Andrew's Church; burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Diana Lee Boyer, 83; Graveside Services Aug. 10, 2024 at St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Saranac Lake — Marjorie Ann (McNicholas) Howard, 86; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 3, 2024 at St. Bernard's Church; burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Watertown — George L. Biber, 89; Private Services.

Watertown — Vivian June (Hatch) Curtis, 88; Funeral Services Aug. 2, 2024 at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.; Burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Maureen (Nevins) Gough, 91; Mass of Christian Burial July 31, 2024 at Holy Family Church.

Watertown — Mary Jane Elizabeth (Coppola) Guthrie, 85; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 10, 2024 at St. Anthony's Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Ernest Harold Duvall, Jr., 82; Funeral Services July 26, 2024 at Reed and Benoit Funeral Home; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Tina M. (Holder) Lobdell, 62; Funeral Services July 29, 2024 at the Hart & Bruce Funeral Home; burial in Brookside Cemetery.

Watertown — Marie (Cozzie) Marra, 97; Mass of Christian Burial July 30, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Edward J. Queal, 73; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 8, 2024 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Mary Jean (Hayden) Robins, 93; Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 9, 2024 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Planned Parenthood scales back abortions in NY

By Peter Pinedo
Catholic News Agency

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) announced on Wednesday that "amid compounding financial and political challenges" it will stop offering abortions after 20 weeks.

The abortion giant also announced a pro-

posed closure of four locations in Goshen, Amsterdam, Cobleskill, and Staten Island.

Among the reasons cited by the abortion business was a state budget that "fell short of responding to the needs of sexual and reproductive health care providers."

Other reasons listed were growing operating

expenses, unreliable insurer reimbursements, ongoing pandemic recovery, and a "hostile political landscape."

The pause on abortions past 20 weeks will go into effect on Sept. 3. It is temporary, according to the announcement. Planned Parenthood said that it "simply cannot afford" the deep sedation pain

management services necessary for late-term abortions.

Planned Parenthood said that it is "fully committed to resuming procedural abortion later in pregnancy in the near future."

Wendy Stark, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater New York, said the abortion business is "in the difficult posi-

tion of navigating financial challenges that are part of the overarching health care crisis in the United States."

She said PPGNY will "continue to make long-term investments in our future and for reproductive freedom by advocating for higher reimbursement rates from Medicaid and private insurers."

CATHOLIC WORLD AT A GLANCE

U.S. bishops announce new office for justice and peace

Just over a month after laying off several staff members of a controversial department specializing in social justice initiatives, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced a new "Secretariat for Justice and Peace" with a similar mission. The secretariat, which was announced in a short video statement on Aug. 6, will operate under the purview of the U.S. bishops and consists of 13 staff members led by executive director Jill Ruah. Ruah said in the video that the secretariat will focus its efforts on sharing Catholic social teaching and advocating for peace and justice in the U.S. and internationally. "When we affirm the dignity of every person created in God's image, when we work to end racism, when we advocate to address poverty and to care for our common home, when we support the Church's ability to live her mission, this work is a reflection of the love and mercy of Jesus Christ," Ruah said. According to the USCCB's website, the secretariat will serve the Committees on Domestic Justice and Human Development, International Justice and Peace, and Religious Liberty as well as the ad hoc Committee Against Racism and the bishops' Education and Communications and Environmental Justice programs.

Nine priests abducted by dictatorship in two weeks

At least nine Catholic priests have been "violently" abducted by the dictatorship of President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo, in Nicaragua since July 26, lawyer and researcher Martha Patricia Molina reported. These priests "remain under total surveillance" by the National Police, she added. Molina, author of the report "Nicaragua: A Persecuted Church?," shared on X Aug. 5 a list of priests "abducted by the Sandinista dictatorship." There are at least nine: Monsignor Ulises Vega Matamoros, Monsignor Edgar Sacasa Sierra, Father Víctor Godoy, Father Jairo Pravia Flores, Father Marlon Velásquez, Father Jarvin Torrez, and Father Raúl Villegas, all of them from the clergy of the Diocese of Matagalpa; Friar Silvio Romero from the Diocese of Juigalpa; and Father Frutos Constantino Valle Salmerón from the Diocese of Esteli.

Knights of Columbus report rise in membership, donations

Despite a global rise in secularism, the Knights of Columbus reported a significant increase in membership and a record-high amount in charitable donations in 2023 at the group's annual convention in Quebec, Canada, last week. Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly announced that the Knights' membership rose to 2.1 million members last year with 92,000 new people joining the fraternal organization. He also announced that Knights spent more than 47 million hours "serving and sacrificing for the sake of others" and set a new record for charitable giving: \$190 million. "Together, we build up families, parishes, and communities that are centered on Christ," Kelly said in his Aug. 6 speech. "There is no greater task. It requires sacrifice and sometimes even suffering, but that's what it means to be a disciple."

Court ruling could affect diocesan bankruptcies

By Daniel Payne
Catholic News Agency

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on bankruptcy law will "absolutely" have a significant effect on U.S. Church abuse lawsuits, one legal expert says, with the highest court potentially opening up individual Catholic parishes and schools to legal action.

In its June 27 decision in *Harrington v. Purdue Pharma L.P.*, the Supreme Court held that U.S. bankruptcy law "does not authorize a release and injunction that, as part of a plan of reorganization under Chapter 11, effectively seek to discharge claims against a non-debtor without the consent of affected claimants," according to SCOTUSblog.

Untangling the complexities of that ruling requires some knowledge of U.S. bankruptcy law, says John Czarnetzky, the dean and CEO of Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida.

"The most ancient type of bankruptcy is liquidation — a debtor files, sells all of its assets in bankruptcy court, and distributes that money to creditors," said Czarnetzky, who has taught bankruptcy law and litigated it in private practice.

In contrast, he said, in a U.S. Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, "a debtor files a bankruptcy, and at the end of the case gets a discharge. The debtor also gets to keep its assets."

In such cases, he said, "the debtor must propose a plan which creditors get to vote on that provides those creditors at least what they would receive in a liquidation."

"The idea is that if that test is met, it's a win-win — the corporation continues in business, saving jobs, local business, etc., and creditors are not worse than if the debtor liquidated," he said.

Yet creditors who disagree with such proceedings, Czarnetzky said, often find that they "have had their rights to sue for what they are owed taken away without their consent."

"The Supreme Court in the case agreed with them, and held that the bankruptcy code has no provisions that permit this," he said.

Okay, but what does it mean for Church abuse lawsuits?

The decision "absolutely" will affect how Catholic sex abuse lawsuits proceed in the U.S., Czarnetzky said,

though "precisely what those effects will be is uncertain at the moment."

More than two dozen U.S. dioceses have entered into bankruptcy proceedings, the vast majority in the past decade, in response to voluminous lawsuits filed by alleged victims of clerical sex abuse. Many dioceses have cited the high cost of settling abuse claims as a major factor in the decision to declare bankruptcy.

Czarnetzky said that in such proceedings, funding for the settlements comes "from local parishes, schools, and all other organizations that are part of dioceses."

"Those entities pony up the money to fund the plan, but they receive a release of their liability for the torts [a civil wrong that causes a claimant to suffer loss or harm] that led to the insolvency of the diocese," he said.

Under the Supreme Court's ruling, Czarnetzky said, "each individual parish, school, and any other diocesan organization potentially could be sued."

"If that happens, the complexity of the financial reckoning in the child molestation crisis in the Church becomes many, many times more complex," he said.

"To give one example, parishes are often covered under diocesan insurance policies for these matters," he said. "If all the parishes and the diocese are all in bankruptcy proceedings, how are those insurance policies apportioned?"

In such proceedings, he said, the insurance policies will be "property" in each of the separate bankruptcy cases.

The court's ruling, he said, "will undoubtedly present complex issues in diocesan Chapter 11 cases," so much so that a diocese might in theory opt for liquidation rather than reorganization.

"If those issues are so complex that the costs of the litigation becomes too high, the alternative for a diocese might theoretically become the liquidation of the diocesan assets, including even those of individual parishes and diocesan organizations," he said.

"This is a remote possibility at the moment, but this decision brings it into play when it has not been until this decision."

Left uncertain, he said, is whether or not potential abuse victims will get more under the Supreme Court's new policy than they would get through the prior Chapter 11 process.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

Experience God's Healing Love! Father Shawn Monahan, OMV will guide you through Mother Ilina's "The Light of His Eyes" to experience how the Father delights in you and waits for you.

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Place: Zoom

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ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN

FAMILY BBQ

Port Henry - The North Country Cursillo cordially invites you to attend a Family BBQ.

Date: Aug. 17

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

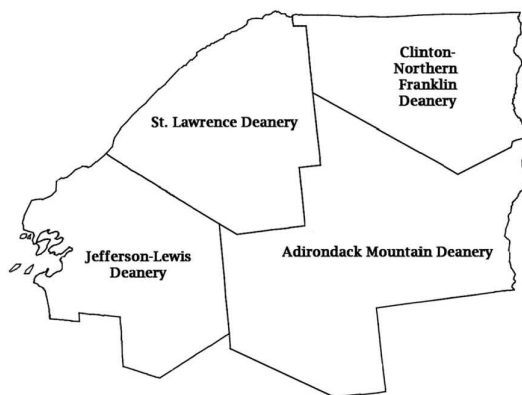
Place: St. Patrick's Church

Features: There will be food, games and friendship, as well as a sharing of what Cursillo is all about. Cursillistas, invite your friends! All are welcome, but RSVPs are required so we know how much food to prepare.

Contact: RSVP to Elaine Sater, North Country Cursillo Secretary, nccsec2019@gmail.com.

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Date: Every third Friday of the month.

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Mon., 6 p.m. Mass followed by Board Meeting.

Features: All are welcome to attend. Is the Lord calling YOU to become involved? Come and see the House of Prayer, a quiet, simple 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.

REDFORD PICNIC

Redford - 168th Annual Redford Picnic to be held.

Date: Aug. 18

Time: Activities start after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Place: Grounds of the Church of the Assumption Parish Center

Features: Full meals of either roast beef or ham from Noon to 6 p.m., Fancy Booth, Pie Booth, Games of Skill and Chance, Pull-Tabs, Refreshments, Food Stand, Rides on the famous Merry-Go-Round, etc. Raffles for \$5000, Afghans, handmade baskets and more.

HEARTWELL HOMESTEAD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plattsburgh - Heart Well Homestead to have their First Annual Gold Tournament.

Date: Aug. 23

Time: shot gun start at 12:30

p.m.

Place: The Barracks Golf Course

Cost: \$65 for Barracks members and \$75 for non-members

Features: Help us to establish this much needed home for mothers.

Contact: Register your team by Aug. 9, sponsor a hole, volunteer or make a donation go to our website: www.HeartWellHomestead.org/#events.

YARD AND BAKE SALE

Ellenburg - St. Bernard's and St. Edmund's to have a parish yard and bake sale.

Date: Aug. 23 and 24

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Edmund's Church Hall

CHINESE AUCTION

Lyon Mountain - A Chinese Auction to be held.

Date: Aug. 25

Time: Drawings begin at 3 p.m.

Place: Lyon Mountain American Legion

Features: We will have a 50/50, Michigan platter, and some special drawings.

Contact: If you would like to donate gifts or gift cards, please give to Jean LeClair (518-735-4782) or leave them at the Legion with your name on it so we will know who donated it.

5K RUN/WALK

Plattsburgh - Heart Well Homestead is hosting a competitive and family oriented Superhero Strides 5K run / walk.

Date: Sept. 7

Place: YMCA on the Oval

Features: Race timing and logistics are provided by Adirondack Coast Events. All proceeds go to opening Heart Well Homestead, a maternity home for unhoused pregnant and postpartum women within the city of Plattsburgh.

APPLEFEST

Peru - The 46th Annual St. Augustine Applefest to be held.

Date: Sept. 21

Place: St. Augustine's Church

Schedule: 10:30 a.m., Giant Craft Fair, Food Booths, Kids Activities; 11 a.m., Parade, Live Music,

Chicken BBQ, Games, Bounce House, Train Ride, Raffles. Grand Raffle Drawing at 4 p.m.

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: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Time: Following 11 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Hedwig's Church

Contact: 315-348-6260

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION MEETING

Clayton - The Calyton Community Churches will be holding a Human Trafficking informational meeting to help spread awareness.

Date: Aug. 22

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: River Church

Features: Following in the footsteps of The Sisters of St. Joseph combating Human Trafficking by spreading Awareness. There will be a panel of speakers led by Anita Seefried-Brown from the Alliance for Better Communities to explain the issue and what is happening in our local areas.

Contact: For more information call 315-686-3194.

OUTDOOR MASS AND DINNER

Lyons Falls - St. Martin's and St. John's will be hosting their annual outdoor Mass and dinner.

Date: Aug. 24

Time: Serving dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and after the 6 p.m. Mass.

Place: Riverside Park

Cost: Dinner is \$5, It consists of a hamburger or hot dog, corn on the cob, salt potatoes, a dessert and a drink. Additional hamburgers and hot dogs can be purchased for \$4 a piece.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

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

Date: Sept. 14

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Time: 4 p.m. to 7**Place:** St. Mary's Parish Center**Cost:** Adults, \$9; Seniors, \$8; Children 12 and under, \$5; under 5, Free**Contact:** For more information call 315-629-4678**SILENT AUCTION AND BBQ**

Watertown - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church is having their Annual Silent Auction and Pulled Pork BBQ Dinner.

Date: Sept. 21**Time:** Doors open at 3 p.m. for raffle items and dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m.**Features:** Silent Auction items to bid on, large raffle items, 50/50 raffle and much more. Pre-sale tickets will be available the week-end of Sept. 14 & 15 after Masses.**Contact:** For further information, please contact the office at 315-782-1474.**RAFFLE**

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://catholicparishesofsc.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 has once again created a masterpiece. This year's afghan is an 8 x 10 piece featuring a deer against a sunset background. The drawing for it will take place at the conclusion of the annual Chinese auction on Saturday, 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**ST. JAMES RAFFLE**

Gouverneur - St. James School to have summer raffle with a chance to win \$10,000. Only 350 tickets will be sold.

Cost: Donation price of \$100 each**Features:** Grand Prize, \$10,000; 2nd Prize, \$5000; 3rd Prize, \$2500; 4th Prize, \$1500, 5th Prize, \$500. Grand Prize drawing will be held Sept. 8 at the chicken bar-b-que being held at the school. All tickets remain in the drum and are eligible for every prize drawing. Per NYS Tax Law, required withholding & tax documents will be completed upon payment of prize monies. Need NOT be present to win.**Contact:** Tickets are available by calling the church office at 315-287-0114.**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Gouverneur - St. James to have their 20th Annual Golf Tournament.

Date: Aug. 25**Time:** 10 a.m. last minute registration, 11 a.m. shotgun start**Place:** Emerald Green Golf Course**Cost:** \$50 per person, \$200 per team**Features:** Preregister your team and be entered into a drawing for free registration next year! Cost Includes: Green Fees, Cart Fee, Welcome Gift, Hot dog lunch, Cash Bar, Dinner, and a Chance to win great prizes! Door Prize, 50/50, Contests and more! \$1,000 Cash Payout; Split For Best Team Score: Men, Women, & Coed, "Swinging for Education"**Contact:** Pre-Registration: St. James Parish Office or print a registration form from our FB page or website www.stjamesk-6.org. Forms are also available at Church entrances. Pre-registration strongly suggested. For more Information call 315-287-0114 or 315-487-8173.**ROSARY WITH DEVOTIONS**

Ogdensburg - The Legion of Mary will pray the rosary with devotions for First Saturday.

Date: Sept. 7**Time:** 8 a.m.**Place:** Notre Dame Church, Ogdensburg**Features:** Rosary with devotions**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY**

Massena - Sacred Heart Church to have first Saturday Rosary Devotion.

Date: Sept. 7**Time:** 3:15 p.m.**Features:** First Saturday Rosary Devotion to OUR Lady of Fatima. Confessions will be available. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Massena - First Saturday of the month, men's prayer group to meet for Mass and Adoration.

Date: Sept. 7**Time:** 9 a.m.**Place:** Sacred Heart Church**MONTHLY BRUNCH**

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

Date: Sept. 8**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.**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

Ogdensburg - The Legion of Mary is planning to sponsor the

Patriotic Rosary.

Date: Sept. 15**Time:** Noon, following the 11 a.m. Mass**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral**Features:** Join us to pray for our country with beautiful historic essays and inspirational patriotic hymns. The program includes intentional prayers for our government, our state and local leaders, and the citizens of all fifty states. Pray for the USA!!!!**ALPHA**

Massena - You are invited to ALPHA.

Date: Tuesdays starting Sept. 10**Time:** 6 p.m. to 8:30**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall**Features:** This is a free event.**Contact:** For more information call 315-769-2469**DIOCESAN EVENTS****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.

Schedule: St. Bernard's Church, Saranac Lake Nov. 23, March 22

St. Mary's Church, Canton Sept. 21,

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**Features:** Lunch will be provided at each of the church locations.**Contact:** Registration required, please go to www.rcdony.org/priesthooddiscernment. For more information **contact:** Father Howard Venette - hvenette@rcdony.org**FAMILY GUGGENHEIM**

Saranac Lake - Family Guggenheim to be held with the theme "Trailblazers for Jesus."

Date: Aug. 22-25 or Oct. 11-13**Features:** Yee Haw! Come join us for a rootin' tootin' good time at Family Guggenheim, a place to

play and pray together as a family.

Contact: For more information and to register, go to <https://www.rcdony.org/newsevents/family-guggenheim.html>. Questions? Call Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920.**SUMMER CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY**

Massena - All parish catechists; new, veteran and certified are asked to join us for to receive 3 course credits toward certification or continuing ed.

Date: Aug. 24**Time:** 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**Place:** St. Mary's Social Hall**Features:** These are courses not previously offered. Please bring a bag lunch, beverages provided.**Contact:** Questions contact Anita Soltero at asoltero@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org**MARRIAGE JUBILEE**

Ogdensburg - Annual Marriage Jubilee to be held.

Date: Sept. 8**Time:** 2:30 p.m.**Place:** St. Mary's Cathedral**Features:** Bishop Terry R. LaValley, will be presiding.**Contact:** To register, go to www.rcdony.org/jubilee. For more information, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315.393.2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

Saranac Lake - Young Adult Retreat to be held.

Date: Sept. 20-22**Place:** Guggenheim Lodge**Features:** Save the dates so you can join us for this weekend retreat to pray and gather in community with other young adults while enjoying the peace and beauty of Saranac Lake and the Adirondacks.**Contact:** We need your help! If you would like to help plan the details for the retreat and are a young adult in your 20s or 30s, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org.

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Djokovic gives glory to God for gold medal

By Jonah McKeown
Catholic News Agency

Novak Djokovic on Sunday became the first tennis player in a dozen years, male or female, to complete a tennis "Golden Slam," winning all four major annual tournaments and an Olympic gold medal.

The 37-year-old Serb, considered by many the greatest male tennis player in history, defeated the young Spanish superstar Carlos Alcaraz to win the gold at the Paris Olympics.

Many Catholics took note of the fact that an elated Djokovic made the sign of the cross several times after winning the match – but you may also have noticed that he did the sign of the cross from right to left, rather than the typical Catholic left to right.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the very earliest Christian practice appears to be the tracing of the sign of the cross of one's forehead, which later evolved into the practice

of making a sign of the cross across a larger portion of the body. St. Basil (329-379) wrote that the apostles "taught us to mark with the sign of the cross those who put their hope in the Lord."

When Catholics do the sign of the cross today, they cross themselves with their hand starting at the top, going down, and then from left to right. When Orthodox Christians do the sign of the cross, they start at the top, go down, and then from right to left.

Many Orthodox sources say part of the reason that the sign of the cross is done in this direction is because during the Orthodox Divine Liturgy – the equivalent of the Mass – the Orthodox priest does the sign of the cross from left to right, facing the people, who copy his movements in mirror image. That said, the exact reasons for the differences are ancient and not entirely clear even to the Orthodox themselves.

There's another level of meaning in the Orthodox sign

of the cross, though, that is more readily documented. The Orthodox hold their hand with the index and middle fingers and thumb together, a symbol of the three persons of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – together as one God. The two fingers, ring and pinky, that remain down symbolize the two natures of Jesus: fully human and fully divine.

Djokovic was brought up in the Serbian Orthodox Church, which claims the majority of the country's citizens and several million members worldwide. He grew up during a tumultuous time in the region and survived the wars between the Yugoslavian states.

In 2011, Djokovic was awarded the Serbian Orthodox Church's highest honor "for his active love toward Mother Church, particularly fervent and persistent helping [of] the Serbian people and the sanctuaries of our Holy Church."

He has donated several million dollars to the Serbian

public health system and to charities run by the Serbian Orthodox Church.

"This is the most important title of my life, because before being an athlete, I am an Orthodox Christian," he said upon receiving the award.

Despite Djokovic's frequent displays of a cross necklace, performance of the sign of the cross, and talk of God, a 2015 biography of Djokovic opined that "[i]t would wrong to suggest that he is devoutly religious, but the ritualistic role the church plays in the life of Serbia is sufficiently strong that it is very much a part of his life."

Still, the tennis champ has shown himself to be a person animated by love of neighbor. He runs the Novak Djokovic Foundation, which primarily focuses on rebuilding preschools and supporting teachers and parents of young schoolchildren. And in 2017, he opened a restaurant in Serbia that provides free food to the homeless.

Priests' band raises money for pregnancy centers

By Francesca Pollio Fenton
Catholic News Agency

Six Catholic priests from across the United States will be coming together Aug. 6-9 to take part in the "Concert for Life" – a musical event that raises money for crisis pregnancy centers in Texas.

The band is comprised of Father David Michael Moses, Father Victor Perez, Father Kevin Lenius, Father Max Carson, Father Mike Elsner, and Father Armando Alejandro.

The "Concert for Life" will play in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Hutto, Texas, on Aug. 6; the Irving Convention Center in Irving, Texas, on Aug. 7; and the Bayou Music Center in Houston on Aug. 9.

Moses, a priest from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston – who is known for his social media presence making lighthearted Instagram reels from a Catholic priest's perspective – started the "Concert for Life" when he was still a seminarian. A talented musician, the young priest wanted to use his gifts for a cause he was passionate about.

Initially the "Concert for Life" started as a one-man band but as time passed, Moses began to invite his fellow seminarians who were also musicians to join him in putting this fun and meaningful event together. Now, the event continues to grow and those seminarians have become priests serving

throughout the country.

Moses leads the band in playing original songs that range from rock to folk – and even rap – and whose lyrics speak about the beauty of life, life as a priest, and the joy of the Catholic faith.

Lenius, one of the priests in the band, hails from the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. He has taken part in the "Concert for Life" for the past seven years and plays the electric violin.

"In many ways, I believe the concert offers a vision of life that is full and vibrant," he told CNA in an interview. "People get to see that we as Catholics are more than anti-abortion; we believe in life – abundant life."

Lenius believes the concert "is a small glimpse

into the fullness of life which comes through Jesus Christ and can serve as a place where a community can come together in good fun, see that the Church opens herself up to joy, and that she is always ready to work that all people, born and unborn, may experience this joy that we have found in the Lord."

This year's proceeds will go to three different pro-life organizations that support mothers in need and their children: the Loreto House Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Centers, the Respect Life Ministry at St. Patrick Catholic Church, and the Houston Pregnancy Help Centers.

Over the years, the "Concert for Life" has collectively raised more

than \$640,000 to assist women in crisis pregnancies.

"As Catholics, we are all called to not only stand up against abortion but also to stand up for those who find themselves in situations where bringing life into the world can be difficult," Lenius said. "By supporting pregnancy centers, we are able to aid those who are deeply in need of holistic care, body and soul, for both mother and child."



SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE

From where do we derive nourishment?

Marilyn Monroe, Amy Winehouse, Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, Kurt Cobain, Heath Ledger, Anna Nicole Smith, Robin Williams, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Whitney Houston.... now, would you like to see your name added to this of famous people? Hopefully you answered in the negative. You see these people enjoy stardom and notoriety, and sometimes we would like to be famous too. However, all of them died due to some form of substance abuse.

Consider this list of names. Dorothy Day, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, Edith Stein, Maximilian Kolbe, Giuseppe Moscati, Katharine Drexel, Mary Faustina Kowalska...Do these names

sound as familiar? Probably not. Hopefully, we would want to be numbered among them. All these people are modern saints or on the official path to sainthood. All lived ordinary lives that were ultimately extraordinary.

We have presented to us in today's readings two methods of nourishment. In Paul's words: "Do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit." The first list of names turned to substances, many different kinds of substances. Paul speaks only of wine, something not evil in itself, but can be used for evil purposes. If writing today, Paul would probably include all the other substances, good and evil, at our



Msgr. Robert H. Aucoin

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of Ordinary Time

READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

disposal that can lead to debauchery. Paul exhorts us that, rather than turning to substances for life, we should turn to the spiritual.

True spiritual sustenance comes from another food, the body and blood of Christ, the Eucharist. Today's gospel should sound familiar. It begins with the last verse from last week's gospel. Those words just don't go away. The idea in those words enjoys repetition in the gospels with various formulations. The core statement proclaims: "I am the living bread that came down from heav-

en; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

This Eucharistic nourishment results in a far different life than those first names that I read. The nourishment that came from substances leads to death, untimely death. The nourishment that comes from the Eucharist leads to life, ultimately eternal life. The teaching on the Eucharist holds a preeminent position in the Gospel teachings of John that we have heard for the past two weeks and will continue to hear next weekend.

So, from where do we wish to derive our nourishment? Where are you being fed? If our nourishment, our spiritual nourishment is not coming from the Eucharist, then our spirit will find nourish-

ment elsewhere. Paul speaks about wine, but the word wine could be replaced by many other things. You have heard it said that we become what we eat. So, too, St. Thomas Aquinas was bold enough to state: "The proper effect of the Eucharist is to transform us into God." In the third Eucharistic prayer we pray: "Grant that we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

So, the message is a simple one: may we become what we celebrate, may we become what we eat and drink. May we never hesitate to nourish spiritually the life God has given us. Only an incredible person like Jesus could have conceived of and given us such an incredible gift. AMEN.

CALLED TO SERVE

Saint Deacon Lawrence

The St. Lawrence River was named by the early French explorer Jacques Cartier for Saint Lawrence of Rome as he visited the river on the saint's feast day, August 10.

The founders of the New York county with the largest square mile footprint in the state, adopted the name of the river to reference their 2,800 square miles.

There is a university that bears the name St. Lawrence in Canton, New York.

The deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg chose St. Lawrence, a deacon who was martyred in the year 258, to be patron of the deacon society in this diocese.

St. Lawrence is a patron of Rome, Italy, of miners, tanners, students, the poor and firefighters. There is a basilica dedicated to him in Rome and The Festival of San Lorenzo is a religious celebration occurring every year in Tarapacá, Chile.

Lawrence is also the patron of chefs. I suspect he received that honor because he was roasted to death - we would call it barbecued - by soldiers of Emperor Valerian. Lawrence is quoted as telling his killers, "Turn me over! I am finished on this side."

That line always evokes a chuckle from me, but I doubt it was in the least bit funny at

the time. Did I mention Lawrence is a patron to comedians too? He is.

Valerian woke up one day in early August 258 hating Catholic clergy. The emperor issued an edict commanding that all bishops, priests and deacons should immediately be put to death.

His obedient soldiers carried out the order forthwith, killing the archbishop and a few other priests and deacons.

Lawrence, who was the bookkeeper for the diocese, was ordered to turn over the wealth of the diocese to the em-

peror before the deacon was martyred.

There is a legend, captured by the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia, that the good deacon brought forward the poor of the City of Rome and told the Emperor these people represented the treasures of the diocese.

Lawrence had cashed in all the gold, silver, stocks, and bonds in the diocesan treasury and divided the wealth among those same poor.

He offered the people then, in place of alms.

Valerian did not find

that amusing. He ordered death to the deacon.

Lawrence is especially honored in the city of Rome, of which he is considered the third patron after St. Peter and St. Paul. The church built over his tomb, the Papal Minor Basilica di San Lorenzo is one of the seven principal churches of Rome and a favorite place of Roman pilgrimages.

St. Lawrence, our deacon patron, pray for us.

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



Deacon Kevin Mastellon

Graces received at Eucharistic Congress

By Amy Schirmer

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish

Over the past decades, I've seen a number of bumper stickers, t-shirts, all kinds of merch that read "It's a (fill in the blank) thing. You wouldn't understand." A cute (if not annoying) way of claiming to be in a club that is exclusive. You haven't paid the price, had the experience or joined the club, so don't try and understand how much it means to us, don't pretend to comprehend our jokes, and don't think we can't tell the difference between us and your wannabe knock-off t-shirt.

Through the kindness and generosity of a dear friend, I was able to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. The graces received are continuing to roll out across the country like thunder. Those

who had the privilege of being there want to hear the stories. The photos and footage coming out cannot be viewed too many times. Call-in radio hosts are being inundated with stories from pilgrims who simply HAVE to share how great it was.

Oh yes! It was a wonderful grace to be in the midst of that Congress: Singing at the top of my lungs, hands raised to heaven without a shred of self-consciousness. Several times during worship I opened my eyes convinced I would be looking at a host of angels zooming around above us. And I was smiling at total strangers because we were all dripping with the same Holy Spirit Rain.

But I'm realizing something about this gift. You didn't have to be there!

The apostles, having received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost,

were outside preaching before 9 o'clock in the morning. I wonder if the tops of their heads still had a little smoke action going on. They KNEW that what was happening had to be shared... and immediately. Those whose hearts were open received the message of repentance and conversion and were forever changed. Those who received didn't stampede up to the Cenacle. They didn't organize into study groups. I imagine a scene that, to an observer, would have seemed a bit chaotic. But what was happening was REAL and it had to be shared.

I wish that busloads of the faithful from our diocese could have been at the Congress! But, our father in Christ, Bishop LaValley was there. He carries us in his heart, so what he has received will be given to us!

If you have a computer, watch

what is available from the Congress on YouTube (EWTN has a channel). Ponder it, go to Adoration and talk with Jesus about what you've heard. If your church is unable to offer Adoration, park your car outside. Jesus knows you're there! The wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit will not be contained in a stadium in Indianapolis. The healing power of Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to go to the farthest ends of the earth and beyond! WE are meant to take Him to a world that is in desperate need of Him!

The volunteers at the Congress wore yellow t-shirts that read "READY FOR REVIVAL." I love that! From Bishop Robert Barron: "What if 70 million Catholics began to start living their faith radically and dramatically? We would change the country."

Let's start with our diocese!

A call for missionary conversion

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis concluded with a stirring Mass led by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the papal envoy and pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization. Speaking to over 50,000 attendees, Cardinal Tagle emphasized the theme of "Remain in Me" from the Gospel of John, calling for a renewed commitment to both Eucharistic and missionary conversion.

Reflecting on Jesus' mission as a gift from the Father, Cardinal Tagle noted, "Jesus is sent to be given by the Father to others." He explained that the Eucharist encapsulates this gift, as Jesus offers His body and blood for the life of the world. He challenged the faithful to view their lives and the world through the lens of gift rather than mere achievement. "Do we still look at ourselves, persons, objects, work, society, events, and cre-

ation within the horizon of gift?" he asked, warning that losing this perspective leads to self-absorption and a lack of missionary zeal.

"Mission is not just about work but also about the gift of oneself," the cardinal said. "Jesus fulfills his mission by giving himself, his flesh, his presence to others as the Father wills it. The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a gift and the fulfillment of his mission."

According to Cardinal Tagle, who is the international leader of The Pontifical Mission Societies, there is "a lack or a weakening of missionary zeal," and this could be "partly due to a weakening in the appreciation of gifts and giftedness."

"When pessimism takes over, we see only darkness, failures, problems, things to complain about," he continued. "We do not see gifts in persons and events. And



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those who do not see gifts in themselves and in others, they will not give gifts; they will not go on a mission."

The cardinal asked those present to examine their own consciences in considering why some people choose to walk away from the Eucharistic Lord, preferring "his absence rather than his presence in their lives."

"I invite you to pause and ask rather painful questions about this mysterious rejection of Jesus by his disciples..." Cardinal Tagle said. "Is it possible that we disciples contribute to the departure of others from Jesus?"

...He invited them to "share Jesus' tender

love" with "the weary, the hungry and suffering."

"Go and share Jesus' shepherd's caress to the lost, confused and weak. ... Go and share Jesus' gift of reconciliation and peace to those who are divided," he said.

"A Eucharistic people is a missionary and evangelizing people," he said. "Let us proclaim Jesus joyfully and zealously for the life of the world!"

Addressing the difficult reality of disciples who abandoned Jesus, as narrated in John 6, Cardinal Tagle invited introspection on whether the Church's actions sometimes contribute to this departure. "Is it possible that we disciples

contribute to the departure of others from Jesus?" he asked, urging a deeper engagement with the Eucharist and its transformative power. He also highlighted the need to welcome those who feel marginalized, such as the poor, migrants, and the elderly, ensuring they feel part of the Church community.

Cardinal Tagle called on the faithful to share the love and compassion they have received from Jesus with the weary, the lost, and the divided. "We should not keep Jesus to ourselves. That is not discipleship. That is selfishness," he stated.

Article by Ines San Martin and courtesy of the National Pontifical Mission Societies.

Please remember the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Ogdensburg INC. when writing or changing your will.



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

St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay

Wed. 5 p.m. to 6, Adoration
First Friday 8:30 a.m., Communion
Service followed by Adoration for
Vocations

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
information

St. Mary's Church, Clayton

First Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

First 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

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, Watertown

Monday'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, Watertown

Every 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)

FROM FOOD TO FUEL



The Port Henry Knights of Columbus hosted its annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ for The Catholic Community of Moriah Parishes. The proceeds will benefit the Church's fuel fund. Pictured is Knights Treasurer Chris Gibbs presenting a check for \$2,500 to Father Al Hauser.

CHANGE IN LOCATION



At 9:30 on Sunday, July 14, St. Bartholomew's and St. Anthony's Churches had a joint outdoor Mass by the pond in Old Forge. Over 250 people attended the service, making this one of the largest attended Masses in some time! Father Thomas E. Kornmeyer, pastor, announced that he may make this an annual event.