The wisdom of seniors

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Don’t pack it in or shift into cruise control, Pope Francis told his fellow seniors.

Today’s frenetic world, especially young people and families, needs the older generation’s prayers, wisdom and gifts to give them the encouragement, hope and faith they often lack, he said at his weekly general audience March 11.

“We, older people, can remind ambitious young people that a life without love is barren. We can tell fearful young people that worrying about the future can be overcome. We can teach young people who are in love with themselves too much that there is more joy in giving than receiving,” he said to those gathered in St. Peter’s Square.

The pope continued a series of audience talks about the family with the second part of two talks dedicated to the elderly, looking at the important role they play in modern society and the family. The 78-year-old pope said he would use the pronouns “we” and “us” when talking about the elderly since “I, too, belong to this age group,” recalling with a smile how during his visit to the Philippines in January, the people there called him “Lolo Kiko -- that is, Grandpa Francis.”

Report of special funds in the diocese

Michael J. Tooley, diocesan fiscal officer, presents the annual Special Funds Report in this week’s North Country Catholic.

Special funds are monies that the diocese holds for particular purposes such as disability insurance, mission projects, priests’ retirement, lay employees’ retirement and unemployment insurance.

The report also includes an accounting of the Diocesan Trust Fund and Loan Account and messages about the report from Mr. Tooley and Bishop LaValley.

SPECIAL SECTION, PAGES 7-12

Diocese plans bus to see pope

Preparations are now underway to send representatives to family meeting, papal Mass in Philadelphia

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis gestures as he preaches during a Lenten penance service in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican March 13, the second anniversary of his election as pope. During the service the pope announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016. A full story of the jubilee is on page 13 and an anniversary interview is on page 14.

CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

The image of Jesus knocking on a door appears on materials for the “Finding Your Home in Christ” census initiative to be conducted in the coming months by all parishes in the diocese. The diocesan-wide census is one of the goals of the diocesan pastoral vision. Its purposes include updating parish records, reconnecting with inactive Catholics, inviting people to the parish and conducting pastoral visits.

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PREPARING FOR CENSUS

A major goal of diocesan vision

CAMPUS MINISTRY: SLU student calls it an answer to his prayers...  p. 15
Special funds deserve special attention

Every family needs an "accountant," someone who keeps track of the finances and makes sure all the bills get paid on time.

The Catholic family of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is no exception.

Here we are blessed to have Michael Tooley and his talented team in the diocesan fiscal office watching over the checkbook.

And, while eyes like mine glaze at the sight of pages of charts and numbers, we are blessed that our diocese has a tradition of transparency and accountability with its finances.

Twice a year, Mr. Tooley opens the books for readers of the North Country Catholic and, thank goodness, takes the time to give us an explanation of what we're seeing.

You will be encouraged to read in his report on page 7, that so many of the special funds saw "an increase in net assets" during the past fiscal year.

As Bishop LaValley points out, this reflects the generous support of Catholics across the diocese as well as the work of the excellent staff of the diocesan fiscal office and members of the Diocesan Finance Council and Investment Advisory Committee "who offer their expert counsel in service to the diocese."

Of course the diocese isn't committed to a healthy financial picture for its own sake. Every dime received through gifts, endowments and smart investments will find its way to support the ministries of our church, to "proclaim the Good News."

"It's not hard to see why this money is necessary. As we embrace our new pastoral vision with all its priorities and goals we know that every effort requires financial support.

Over the next couple of months, hundreds of us will be joining the 'Find Your Home in Christ' census initiative. Nametags, pamphlets, even pens all come at a cost. And, when diocesan representatives participate in national gatherings, the rewards -- and the bills -- can be enormous.

Fortunately, as Bishop LaValley said in his message for this week's financial report, "all members of our diocesan family are to be congratulated," because we can make this happen!"

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

God’s gift to us: the Ten Commandments

One of the more important purposes of Lent is to be a time of final preparation of the catechumens, who will be entering the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil. So, during Lent, as part of the RCIA rituals, the catechumens are given certain gifts. I have mentioned before to you the gift of the Lord's Prayer.

This week, the gift given to the catechumens is the Ten Commandments.

The Church remembers the giving of the Ten Commandments by God to Moses as recorded in the Book of Exodus. The Hebrew people have escaped Egypt and are on their way through the desert. At Mount Sinai, they stay for several days while Moses goes up the mountain to meet God.

We all memorized the Ten Commandments as children. However, I must admit that there were words I didn't recognize, back then. As a rule, the living of the commandments was a very negative thing -- don't do this, don't do that.

But what were we supposed to do?

Jesus tells us in the Gospels that he has come to fulfill the Law. In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us that there is a positive way to keep the commandments; the commandments give us all a plan of life -- more than what not to do but also what to do.

Briefly, let us consider some of the commandments:

- "Do not take the name of the Lord in vain." However, we are also called to use the many opportunities we have to show honor and respect for God's name. Jesus tells us to call God, Father for God loves us like a father. So we should honor the name of our God in prayer and in teaching.

- "Do not profane the Sabbath." However, we are called to make the Sabbath a day to remember. On each Sunday, we are to commemorate the resurrection of the Lord. As we pray each Sunday may our prayers bring peace and love of the Lord into our hearts.

- "Do not dishonor your father and mother." However, this commandment calls us to demonstrate our love and pay honor to our parents. Jesus lived in a family. Jesus blessed family life. We are confident that Jesus brought joy and love to his family. In this year, as our Church prepares for the Bishop's Synod on the Family, may we all renew our love and honor for our parents.

- "Do not kill." In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus makes it very clear that this command asks much more of us. We are to remove anger and hate from our lives. In addition, all are urged to preserve and defend life. In the Spirit of Our Lord, Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and forgiving. Jesus even calls us to love our enemies.

- "Do not be unfaithful to your spouse." However, even more, Jesus asks married couples, "when was the last time you told your wife/husband that you loved her/him?" Here again there is a call to make marriage sacred -- even more meaningful. A marriage remains strong only when a couple renews their marriage vows each and every day of their lives, to remarry each other over and over again.

"Don't steal." However, Jesus also urges us to use well the things of this earth well. Our possessions can take over our lives but Jesus calls upon us to share with the poor and to help those in need.

"Don't bear false witness against anyone." However, have you ever defended the good name of anyone? May your words build up, support and comfort your neighbor.

Someone recently asked me if we, Catholics, still believe in the Ten Commandments. Of course, we do but we must understand more than what the commandment tell what not to do. There is much the commandments tell us to do.
Preparations for census underway

By Mary Lou Killian
Editor

The hundreds of census takers preparing to take to the streets and roads of northern New York over the next couple of months are “the church in action,” said Bishop Terry R. LaValley in a video he recorded for the volunteers.

“The census will tell your local community that your local parish is vibrant,” he said, “that we are their neighbors and we are here to help with prayers and tangible support.”

“You will be the face of the church as you take the door-to-door census,” he said.

The diocesan census initiative, “Finding Your Home in Christ,” is one of the goals of the pastoral vision of the Ogdensburg.

Included within the priority “Building Parishes With Living Stones,” the census is to be completed by Aug. 1.

Its purposes include updating parish records, reconnecting with inactive Catholics, inviting people to the parish and conducting pastoral visits.

St. Joseph Sister Shirley Anne Brown, pastoral associate for the Roman Catholic Community of Morrisstown, Hammond and Rossie, is serving as point person for the initiative.

Sister Shirley Anne and her committee have provided parishes with suggestions on how to create parish leadership teams, invite volunteers and publicize the program in the community.

Necessary materials – the diocesan census form, name tags, “sorry we missed you” door hangers and prayer cards – have also been made available.

Sister Shirley Anne has been leading a series of deanery meetings required for pastors and two leaders in each parish.

Here they are learning about the expected time line for preparing and conducting the census as well as action steps after the visitation is completed.

Parish leaders are also given advice about how to choose their census takers, encouraging them to choose parishioners who will be “great ambassadors of Christ.”

Bishop LaValley points out that these volunteers will “be my representatives as they learn the needs of our active parishioners, reach out, listen to and invite back our inactive parishioners and welcome new faces to walk with your parish family in the journey of faith.”

He has asked the census takers to be “honest, speaking the truth with love and maintaining utmost confidentiality.”

They must also be “patient, unhurried, respectful, joyful and attentive,” the bishop said.

And, Bishop LaValley said, they must be “hope-filled, knowing this is God’s work and His Spirit is our constant companion.”
To send representatives to World Meeting of Families and busloads to papal Mass

Diocese readies for Philadelphia gatherings

OGDENSBURG - Bishop Terry R. LaValley has selected ten representatives from the Diocese of Ogdensburg to participate in the World Meeting of Families to be held Sept. 22-25 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reservations for bus trip to Sept. 27 papal Mass are now being accepted.

The delegates are Father Douglas Lucia, episcopal vicar for worship and family life and pastor of St. Mary's in Canton; Stephen Tartaglia, diocesan family life director; Pamela Ballantine, Plattsburgh regional director of faith formation; Jamie Burns, teacher and DRE at St. Mary's Parish in Canton; Marika Donders, director of the diocesan Office of the New Evangelization; Father Thomas Higman, parochial vicar of St. Bernard's in Saranac Lake; Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader, diocesan Pre-Cana coordinators; and John and Colleen Miner, diocesan directors of respect life ministry.

The congress will welcome top speakers and participants, Catholic and non-Catholic, from across the United States and the world to discuss ways of strengthening and supporting families and the challenges they face.

The theme for the meeting is "Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

Others interested in attending the World Meeting of Families will find details and registration information at www.worldmeeting2015.org.

Pope’s arrival

Pope Francis is expected to arrive in Philadelphia Sept. 26 and will take part in a Festival of Families that day. On Sept. 27, he will celebrate a Mass in the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The papal Mass is free and open to the public; more than a million worshippers are expected.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg will be represented by two priests, a deacon and seven lay people.

www.worldmeeting2015.org

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The Diocese of Ogdensburg will be provide bus transportation to and from the papal Mass. At this time, three buses have been reserved with pick-ups in Plattsburgh, Massena and Watertown. The cost for a seat on the bus is $100.

"There are 52 seats per bus, and so far we've had about 135 people reserve seats," Tartaglia said. "If we fill the buses and have a waiting list we will try to get an additional bus. At this point it seems likely that this will happen."

The tentative itinerary for the bus trip begins with an 8 p.m. departure Sept. 26. The buses have a restroom, but rest stops will be made along the way. In addition, there will be a stop at a restaurant on the turnpike for breakfast.

The expected arrival in Philadelphia is about 5:30 a.m. The trip will require a significant amount of walking to get to/from the bus drop-off and pick-up location. Immediately following the papal Mass, travelers will meet at the pick-up location for departure around 4 p.m.

On the return trip, the buses will stop at a restaurant for dinner, make a few rest stops along the way and arrive back in the diocese at around midnight.

Information about traveling by bus to the papal Mass, is available from Mr. Tartaglia, at startaglia@rocdnyny.org, or 315-393-2920 Ext. 1420.
The nearly buried statue of the Blessed Virgin at St. Mary’s Church in Copenhagen adds to the evidence that, as of March 6, the Lewis County community was the “snowiest place in America,” according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Snow Queen

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Youth Rally set April 24-25

The 2015 diocesan Youth Rally opens April 24 at 7 p.m. with a concert at St. Alexander’s Church in Morrisonville and continues April 25, from 9 a.m. to 5, at Seton Academy in Plattsburgh.

Jackie Francois Angel will be the featured musician and speaker. She is a full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, CA. In 2006, she became an artist with OCP/SpiritandSong.com with whom she has released two albums.

Mrs. Angel has been involved in youth ministry since she graduated high school, and she now travels the globe speaking to young people about God’s love and leading worship for various events and ministries.

The cost for the Youth Rally is $30 which includes lunch, snack and a t-shirt. The cost for the concert is $10. Registration forms are available at www.rcdoy.org/youth.

Bishop’s Schedule
March 18 – 11 a.m., Priest Personnel Board Meeting at the Bishop’s Residence in Ogdensburg
March 19 – 12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
March 20 – 6 p.m., Fort Drum Listening Session at Jefferson Community College in Watertown
March 21 – 11 a.m., Mass for St. Joseph’s Day at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Watertown
March 22 – 11:15 a.m., Mass at St. James Church in Gouverneur
March 23 – 4:30 p.m., Mass at the Spiritual Direction Retreat at Wadham’s Hall in Ogdensburg
March 24 – 9 a.m., St. Joseph’s Home Board of Managers Meeting in Ogdensburg
12 p.m., Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
1 p.m., DARE Graduation at Kennedy School in Ogdensburg
7 p.m., Lenten Penance Service at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg

Environmental Stewardship
Going Green
By Faye Martin, Watertown
Diocesan Faith and Ecology Group

As I age, I see the world so much differently. My choices are much more mature. I believe that it is important to look at how we live our lives, both as individuals, and as a society.

I visited my fraternal grandparents often as a young person. They were very frugal people, who grew up on farms, and as adults were farmers themselves. They were never wasteful and always reusing items, before we became aware of the need to conserve and protect the resources we have today.

Why I do What I do

At an early age, I became aware of composting for the garden, saving water, sorting bottles, cans, and paper, as well as many of the practices that are necessary today.

It makes so much sense not to be wasteful, as I am understanding in my adult years. The ideas practiced in yesteryear, are sometimes thought to be old fashioned, not keeping up with the times, or as being cheap. We are now learning that the old ways were tried and true, thus less harmful to us and to God’s creation.

Our earth needs attention, if we are going to have resources for our future generations.

Some of the things that I do, in order to be conscientious regarding the earth are as follows: I make my own laundry detergent, use natural skin and hair products, reuse bottles, and use glass plates and real silverware, instead of paper and plastic products.

Every little bit we can do to stop filling our earth with toxins, and non-recyclable materials is of extreme importance.

It is necessary as well, to be personally free from the pesticides and chemicals used on or in our food and cleaning products, because there are side effects to all of these unnatural toxic materials.

Think about what you might do this Lent, to improve your care for God’s good earth.

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- Read Bishop LaValley’s columns
- Search archived papers
- View diocesan events and much more

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A Letter From The Diocesan Fiscal Officer

Dear Friends in Christ:

I am pleased to provide this introduction to the Report of Special Funds for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014. As this report is presented to you, we complete our accounting of all the funds entrusted to the Diocese of Ogdensburg for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. The monies highlighted in this report are those set aside for special purposes and investments.

This report reflects your generous support that provides the needed resources for the Diocese of Ogdensburg to proclaim the Good News and minister faithfully to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Through uncertain economic times and the financial stress that follows, the faithful of the North Country continue to support generously our Church’s various ministries and outreach.

I wish to thank Michael J. Tookey, our Diocesan Fiscal Officer, and his excellent staff for the competent manner in which they safeguard all the financial resources that have been entrusted to our Diocese, ensuring that they are used for the purposes intended. I am also grateful to the members of the Diocesan Finance Council and Investment Advisory Committee who meet regularly and offer their expert counsel in service to the Diocese.

All the members of our Diocesan family are to be congratulated. The Diocese of Ogdensburg is blessed with so many faith-filled persons whose generous hearts make ours a vibrant Church. May the Blessed Virgin Mary bring your cares and that of your loved ones to the bosom of her Son, Jesus. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is pleased to present in the North Country Catholic the Report of Special Funds for the year ended June 30, 2014, along with comparisons to prior years. Special Funds are funds that the Diocese holds for special purposes, such as Disability Insurance, Property and Liability Insurance, Missionary Projects, Priests Retirement, Lay Employees Retirement and Unemployment Insurance. Also included in Special Funds are funds that belong to other institutions which have been forwarded to the Diocese for investment, such as the Diocesan Trust Fund and the Deposit & Loan Fund. All of the Special Funds statements for 2013-14 presented herein have been extracted from the audited financial report that was published in the December 3, 2014 issue of the North Country Catholic. The Report of Special Funds is presented here to provide the reader with the status of each of the special funds as of June 30, 2014, compared to other recent years.

DIOCESAN TRUST FUND

As of June 30, 2014, the Diocesan Trust Fund had principal assets with a cost of $26,600,564 and a market value of $30,985,639. The investment’s portfolio had a rate of return of 13.4% in 2013-14. In the first six months of the 2014-15 fiscal year the Diocesan Trust Fund had a rate of return of -6%, and its market value is $30,304,780 as of December 31, 2014. The diocese paid dividend distributions from the Fund in the amount of $600,000 during the fiscal year, a rate of return of just under 2% on investments in the Fund, as the diocese maintained a conservative approach by issuing dividends only from cash received in investment income.

DEPOSIT & LOAN FUND

The Deposit & Loan Fund increased its net assets by $1,811,933 in 2013-14, to $6,100,823. The interest rate to depositors is 3%, and the interest rate on loans is 4%. In the first six months of 2014-15 the Deposit & Loan Fund net assets decreased by $475,060. Of the June 30, 2014, total deposits in the Fund, including diocesan central office monies, totaled $23,478,621, and the balance of loan principal due the Fund amounted to $2,559,039.

PROTECTED SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

Expenses exceeded revenue in the Protected Self Insurance Program by $316,148 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, with the primary factor being an adjustment increasing reserves by $555,331. Still, this program remains financially sound with net assets as of June 30, 2014 of $1,979,172. However, the program will be significantly impacted in 2014-15 as a result of two fires in the diocese, as the diocese will incur a loss of $250,000 for each of the two fires (expenses above $250,000, the program’s self-insured retention, are covered by excess insurance).

LAY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT FUND

The Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund had a net increase in net assets of $3,533,541 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, bringing its total net assets to $29,221,012. The investment’s portfolio had a rate of return of 15% in 2013-14. During the first six months of fiscal year 2014-15 fund investments saw a rate of return of -4.8%, bringing its market value to $28,399,871. The Fund’s July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation determined the Fund remains underfunded, but improved from 81% funded one year earlier to 92% funded. The Plan is well overfunded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had an increase in net assets of $92,072 for the year ended June 30, 2014, with the increase driven by an increase in the market value of the investment dedicated to the program’s support in the Diocesan Trust Fund (+$55,994). Claims paid went up slightly, from $63,904 in 2012-13 to $69,984 in 2013-14. A change in the program’s funding formula generated an increase of $34,380, and is expected to remain near that level in 2014-15. As a result, the diocese expects in 2015-16 to slightly reduce the rates charged for diocesan employers in the two-tier system.

MISSIONARY PROJECTS FUND

The Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of $16,758 for the year ended June 30, 2014, bringing its net assets as of that date to $114,202. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide financial support to its former mission in Molendo, Peru, as well as other missions in the world as deemed appropriate. Moneys are also given to support the U.S. Bishops’ annual appeal for Latin America.

DISABILITY INSURANCE FUND

The Disability Insurance Fund had a gain for the year ended June 30, 2014 in the amount of $36,939. The Diocese of Ogdensburg funded 5% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests of the diocese in this fund in 2013-14, but beginning July 1, 2015 100% of the funding for these premiums will be provided by the Retirement Plan for Priests. The fund balance of this fund as of June 30, 2014 is $189,374.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

The net assets of the Priests Retirement Fund increased by $1,249,004 in the year ended June 30, 2014. The Fund had gains on investments in the amount of $1,626,399 in the fiscal year, and support from Christmas collections slightly increased by $5,180 compared to the prior year. An ad hoc pension increase was approved for retired priests in 2013-14, and again in 2014-15. An actuarial analysis of the Plan showed it healthy enough to allow the diocese to adjust its funding formula, reducing the contribution by parishes to the Plan from 100% of the Christmas collection to 75% of the Christmas collection.

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is available to answer any questions that may arise as a result of a review of the Report of Special Funds. Please feel free to call the Diocesan Fiscal Office at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1210, email at mtooley@rdony.org or visit the Fiscal Office at 604 Washington Street in Ogdensburg during normal office hours.

Michael J. Tookey
Diocesan Fiscal Officer
**Diocesan Trust Fund Principal**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**

**January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2014**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL**

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* includes income reinvested for fund, funds in transit, etc.
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**NBT BANK INVESTMENTS**

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**COMMONFUND REALTY INVESTMENT**

|                                | $626,000.00 | $538,008.50 |

**DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS**

|                                | $3,589,999.00 | $4,339,203.90 |

**THE INVESTMENT FUND FOR FOUNDATIONS**

|                                | $26,600,564.31 | $30,985,638.56 |

**Deposit & Loan Fund**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**

**July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014**

**BALANCE SHEET**

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| **EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES** | $1,811,932.50 | $360,307.80 |
Missionary Projects/Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

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RECEIPTS
Diocesan OPA Collection $43,589.65 $45,323.12
Missionary Coop Collection 0.00 1,971.78
Parish OPA Donations 0.00 0.00
Interest 2,967.61 3,002.33
Special Gifts 0.00 0.00
General Donations 368.61 0.00
Bequests 0.00 0.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 46,925.87 50,297.23

TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND RECEIPTS $144,370.44 $149,374.64

EXPENDITURES
Office Supplies $375.88 $109.43
Advertising 791.75 1,017.75
Budget Grants and Donations 29,000.35 50,802.89

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 30,167.98 51,930.07

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30 $114,202.46 $97,444.57

Diocesan Health* / Disability Benefits Program
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

BALANCE SHEET

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TOTAL ASSETS $159,112.49 $159,738.49

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

| Reserve for Claims** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Deferred Revenue | 2,252.00 | 2,259.56 |
| Due To Operating Funds | (32,513.82) | 5,043.50 |
| Fund Balance | 189,374.31 | 152,435.43 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE $159,112.49 $159,738.49

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TOTAL INCOME $118,861.85 $122,418.55

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES $81,922.97 $72,097.12

EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES $36,938.88 $50,321.43

*Self insured health insurance program was terminated August 31, 1997
Priests’ Retirement Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2012-June 30, 2014

FUND BALANCE - JULY1
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014
$9,819,997.75

ADDITIONS
Share of Christmas Collection
Diocesan Assessment
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection
Bequests and Donations
Investment Income
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)
TOTAL ADDITIONS
$12,151,282.30

DEDUCTIONS
Payments to Retired Priests
Diocesan Administration
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS
1,082,280.33

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30
$11,069,001.97

FORTY-SIX YEAR SUMMARY
1968-2014

ADDITIONS
Share of Christmas Collection
Assessment Per Priest
Diocesan Assessment
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection
Bequests and Donations
Investment Income
Self-Insurance Fund Grant
Loan Account Interest
Loan Account Grant
TOTAL ADDITIONS
$29,088,813.35

DEDUCTIONS
Payments to Retired Priests
Retired Priests' Health Insurance
Diocesan Administration
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS
18,019,871.38

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2014
$11,069,001.97

PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND ASSETS

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At Lenten penance service, pope announces a Holy Year of Mercy

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Pope Francis announced an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church’s “mission to be a witness of mercy.”

“God never ceases to demonstrate the richness of his mercy over the course of centuries,” the pope said March 13, marking the second anniversary of his pontificate by leading a Lenten penance service in St. Peter’s Basilica.

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“We call the churchman, a term that cannot be reduced to describing a man who prefers brick-and-mortar, ledgers, and an aloof institution, but who sees in the church Jesus Christ, his lord and savior, alive in teaching, serving and sanctifying,” the cardinal said. The immense bronze doors of St. Patrick’s swung open to begin a processional that included Cardinal Dolan, seven other cardinals and more than 30 bishops, 250 priests, 24 deacons and 100 seminarians.

The doors of the church are wide open so that all those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness,” Pope Francis said at the penance service, which featured individual confessions. It was part of a worldwide celebration of “24 Hours for the Lord,” in which Catholic churches were staying open for prayer, eucharistic adoration and confession.

Special Holy Year will be celebrated from Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.

At each of the dozens of confessional booths in St. Peter’s Basilica, as well as in simple chairs scattered along the walls, priests welcomed people to the sacrament. The pope removed his liturgical vestments and went to confession before putting on a purple stole and hearing the confessions of others.

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“The greater the sin, the greater the love, which the church must express toward those who convert,” Pope Francis said.

“I call her a churchman, a term that cannot be reduced to describing a man who prefers brick-and-mortar, ledgers, and an aloof institution, but who sees in the church Jesus Christ, his lord and savior, alive in teaching, serving and sanctifying,” the cardinal said. The immense bronze doors of St. Patrick’s swung open to begin a processional that included Cardinal Dolan, seven other cardinals and more than 30 bishops, 250 priests, 24 deacons and 100 seminarians.

Sister Mary Ann Walsh awarded ‘Frannie’ for work for Catholic press

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh was surprised at her home at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse in Albany March 12 when visitors presented her with the Catholic Press Association’s St. Francis de Sales Award. "Her life of service to the Catholic press, the USCCB and the church is outstanding and a model for all," said Bob De Francesco, president of the CPA and associate publisher of the Catholic Sun in the Diocese of Phoenix, in explaining the decision to bestow the award. Sister Walsh, the U.S. church correspondent for America magazine, stepped down last summer as director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "What a great honor," Sister Walsh said in a note to Catholic News Service. "Once I moved from journalism to media relations, I thought such an honor was out of reach. I love the Catholic Press Association and the writing world. I am a writer at heart." She previously had been a media editor and a Vatican correspondent for Catholic News Service and a reporter for The Evangelist, newspaper of the Diocese of Albany, her hometown. She also has edited several books, produced two videos, written commentaries and op-eds for numerous publications and appeared many times on radio and television programs.
Anniversary interview:

Pope talks about his election, papacy, future

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- When Pope Francis went out onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica for the first time, he said he did not prepare what he was going to say, but "I felt deeply that a minister needs the blessing of God, but also of his people." He did not know if it was right to explicitly ask the thousands of people in St. Peter's Square to bless him, so instead he asked them to pray that God would bless him, he said. And he bowed for their prayers.

Marking the second anniversary of his election March 13, Pope Francis spoke about the conclave that elected him in 2013, about his life the last two years and about the future in an interview with Valentina Alazraki of Mexico's Televisa.

The pope even joked about the reputation Argentines have for being proud or haughty. "You know how an Argentine commits suicide?" he asked Alazraki. "He climbs to the top of his ego and jumps!"

And, he said, while he doesn't hate being pope, he is not a fan of the travel involved and he really would like to go out of the Vatican unrecognized, perhaps "to a pizzeria to eat a pizza."

Pope Benedict XVI's discernment that he no longer had the energy to carry out the papal office and his decision to resign to a life of prayer was courageous, Pope Francis said, and it opened the door for popes in the future to do so with greater ease.

But, the pope said, he is opposed to setting an age limit, for example, 80, for a pope's ministry. While for some theologians "the papacy is a sacrament," he said he would not go that far, but "it is something special."

Asked about reports that he received about 40 votes during the 2005 conclave that elected Pope Benedict, Pope Francis refused to answer, although he could tell because now he has the authority to speak.

As for the 2013 conclave, he said he had no inkling until the lunch break March 13 "when something happened," cardinals started coming up to him and asking about his health.

"When we returned in the evening, the cake was cooked," Pope Francis said. "Everything happened with just two ballots. It was a surprise for me as well."

During the voting, he said, he was praying the rosary, which was his normal practice and brings him a great sense of peace.

The same thing occurred then, which for me was a sign that it was God's will. Peace," he said. "And even today I have not lost that sense."

The cardinals at the conclave interrupted his rosary when he had reached the two-thirds vote necessary to be elected. "They asked me if I accepted. I said yes. I don't know if they made me take an oath, I don't remember."

Questioned about the 2014 extraordinary synod and the upcoming Synod of Bishops on the family, particularly regarding the acceptance of homosexual persons and Communion for divorced and civilly remarried couples, Pope Francis said some people have "unrealistic expectations," but, he said, he is convinced God wants the church to focus on better serving families.

"The family is in crisis," he said, and it is not the age-old crisis of infidelity, but the future of marriage itself. "I think the Lord wants us to face this," Pope Francis said, including through improved "marriage preparation; accompanying cohabitating couples; accompanying those who do marry and are raising a family; supporting those whose marriages have failed and are in a new union; preparing them for the sacrament of marriage, (because) not everyone is ready."

As for the reform of the Roman Curia, which Pope Francis said really was the "last (royal) court" existing in Europe, he said, "the appearance of a court can be maintained," but the Curia must be a group of people and structures "at the service of the church, at the service of the bishops."

Holy years proclaimed to encourage spiritual renewal in the church

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- A holy year as a time of spiritual renewal has its biblical roots in the jubilees observed by the Jewish people at 50-year intervals, when debts were pardoned and slaves were freed.

The term "jubilee" itself comes from the Hebrew word "yobel," meaning a ram's horn, which was used to make the trumpet that signaled the beginning of this time of forgiveness.

For the Catholic Church, a holy year remains a time of great spiritual significance, and emphasis is placed on the examination of conscience and conversion, the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, concrete acts of solidarity and initiatives to restore justice.

The jubilee is called a holy year because it aims to encourage holiness, strengthen faith in Christ and inspire greater communion within the church and society.

The first Holy Year was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, when thousands of Christians from throughout Europe came on pilgrimage to Rome. In the 15th century, Pope Paul II set a 25-year timetable for holy years, which has been the norm since, in order to allow each generation the possibility of experiencing at least one holy year.

As a way to stress the importance of forgiveness and renewing one's relationship with God, plenary indulgences are offered during holy years. An indulgence -- that is, the remission of temporal punishment for sins -- is customarily granted to those who make a pilgrimage to Rome and fulfill certain other conditions: reception of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, visits and prayers for the intention of the pope and performing simple acts such as visiting the sick.

Those who do not make a pilgrimage to Rome can gain the same indulgence by receiving penance and the Eucharist and praying for the pope during a visit or a community celebration in a church designated by the local bishop.

The Holy Door, symbolizing the doorway of salvation, marks the "extraordinary" spiritual passage offered the faithful during a jubilee year. There are only seven Holy Doors: four at the major basilicas in Rome and one each in France, Spain and Quebec City, Canada.

On Christmas Eve 1999, St. John Paul II changed the traditional Holy Door ritual at St. Peter's Basilica when he did not strike the wall sealing the door. Instead, he pushed open the Holy Door -- the wall had been dismantled beforehand.

When Pope Alexander VI opened the Holy Door on Christmas 1499, "he used a mason's hammer, and the blows were not completely symbolic; the pope tried to break through part of the wall," Bishop Marini said. For centuries, the ceremony included a long pause to allow masons to finish taking the wall down before the pope crossed the threshold.

In addition to an "ordinary" holy year set at 25-year intervals, occasionally a special jubilee is proclaimed to mark some outstanding event. The custom of these so-called "extraordinary" jubilees began in the 16th century, and they can vary in length from a few days to a year.

There have been two extraordinary jubilees in the last century: 1933, proclaimed by Pope Pius XI to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Christ's redemption, and 1983, proclaimed by St. John Paul II to mark 1,950 years since the redemption.
Young Catholic Voice

Campus ministry: ‘the answer to my prayers’

By Mike Lynskey
Contributing Writer

In high school I never even considered joining a Campus Ministry organization in college. Since joining Newman Club at St. Lawrence University in the Fall of 2014, I have only regretted not joining the group sooner.

As a member of the academic community and a confirmed Catholic, I saw Newman Club as a mediator between my textbooks and my faith. Is it wrong to believe in evolution? What qualifies as a sin? Is there a moral standard, but also be a supportive member and help inspire others.

Just the feeling after attending the meetings and seeing the smiling faces of fellow Catholics creates an atmosphere that fosters internal peace and at the same time a renewed spark of faith.

The meetings open up topics for discussions that are sometimes controversial, unify students in the name of Christ, and apply our faith to related world events. Campus ministry was the answer to my prayers; it was a place that allowed me to separate myself from the college atmosphere, reflect, and find Christ.

As a student desiring to go into the field of medicine, some meetings are of particular interest. Just last week, the discussion on medical moral theology enlightened me about where Catholicism stands on controversial topics such as assisted suicide and euthanasia. While attending a secular university, I sometimes am oblivious to the truths that the Catholic Church has to offer. Campus ministry is a way to be reminded of those truths.

In pursuit of being a moral and faithful physician, going to the Newman Club meetings assists in my desire to have an unwavering conscience and be a well-rounded individual. In our current society being a doctor is difficult, but being a member of Newman Club has given me the tools to go into the medical field and still be the Catholic that I aspire to be.

In today’s world, following the Lord is not easy, especially during college years. Campus Ministry is leading the way toward Christ, one prayer, one bible verse, and one member at a time.
Looking ahead to the climax of Lent

These last two weeks of Lent were formerly referred to as Passiontide. All crosses and statues in churches were covered with purple cloth.

It is time for us to commiserate with the oft-broken heart of a God whose love has been spurned by the indifference and infidelity of us all.

In the Old Testament times, God often tried to bind the people to Himself in a covenant of fidelity. When His beloved Israelites tried to break that bond and pull away from His love, God is angry for a time, but then, He mercifully forgives them, and tries once more to draw them to Himself.

In today’s reading from Jeremiah, he promises that, this time, he will write the Law in their hearts. He promises to “remember their sin no longer.”

The words of Jesus in today’s Gospel from John come after the Transfiguration has failed to impress them. They’re not listening as He tries in vain to prepare them for His Passion and Death. He uses the familiar experience of seed falling to the ground and dying. By that very action, the seed is transformed from its tiny ugliness into a magnificent grain of wheat.

As we hear that story today, we are well aware of loss through friends who die, our own loss of vitality as we grow older, relationships that are broken through betrayal, or just moving far away.

Losses are painful, yet many times losses are necessary if we are to grow and mature. Today’s Gospel is a great source of consolation and hope for all of us. What Jesus was trying to tell his disciples, He says to us today. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

The way out of death and into life for both our lost loved ones and ourselves is the same that Jesus experienced for us long ago by His patient endurance of being lifted up on a Cross and dying.

From it came resurrection and joy unimaginable.

Next week we reach the climax of Lent—Jesus’ triumphant ride into Jerusalem, the Last Supper with His apostles when He consummates His love in the institution of Eucharist, Good Friday when we are invited to unite intimately in His death through the reading of the Passion, and the veneration of the Cross, and then the great Easter Vigil.

Here the seed that was buried in the ground breaks through into new life through the blessing of the Easter candle and baptismal water.

May it bring to all of us new determination to commit ourselves in faith to the process of dying and rising—over and over again—until Jesus calls us to joy everlasting.
CINDERELLA

By Joseph McAleer
Catholic News Service

"Cinderella" (Disney) injects vibrant new life into a venerable fairy tale. The result is an exuberant live-action retelling of the oft-filmed fable, the most famous screen version of which is Disney's classic 1950 animated feature.

Opting for fidelity and sincerity rather than a revisionist approach, director Kenneth Branagh sticks to the basic story, displaying genuine affection for its iconic characters. Familiar yet fresh, his delightful take, suitable for the entire family, nicely brings to the forefront dual lessons about compassion and forgiveness.

There's a lot of death in the Cinderella story, but here that aspect of the tale is treated gently. Ella (Lily James) tends to her dying mother (Hayley Atwell), whose final request to her is, "Always have courage and be kind." This becomes Ella's life motto -- and not a bad one at that. Her sunny nature and good will inspire all creatures, great (fellow humans) and small (white mice).

When her beloved father (Ben Chaplin) remarries, Ella's patience is put to the test, but she never gives in to the dark side. The same, alas, cannot be said for Ella's new stepsister, Drizella (Sophie McShera) and Anastasia (Holliday Grainger).

The ladies are ghastly in every respect, from their poor manners to their garish outfits. And anyone who calls her cat Lucifer, as Lady Tremaine does, is just about bound to be wicked.

The standard narrative unfolds: Father dies, and Ella is reduced to waiting on her obnoxious relations in the manner of a servant. Covered in ashes from cleaning the fireplace, she's derisively dubbed "Cinderella."

Riding her horse through the forest one day, Cinderella encounters Kit (Richard Madden), aka Prince Charming. They meet cute but confused, she unaware of his royal status, he not catching her name. Cinderella retreats, and the prince, his heart aflame, vows to find the enchanting maiden.

A royal ball is arranged, with an invitation to all eligible ladies in the kingdom, titled or not. Lady Tremaine forbids Cinderella to attend, tearing her dress to pieces.

Cinderella's Fairy Godmother (Helena Bonham Carter), naturally, has other ideas. The transformation of pumpkin, mice, lizards and a goose into a golden coach, white horses, footmen and driver, respectively, is one of the highlights of the film.

The other standout is Cinderella's shimmering blue dress. Not since Scarlett O'Hara made an outfit from old curtains in "Gone with the Wind" has a skirt stolen the show to such an extent, swishing and swirling across the dance floor as though possessing a mind of its own.

While there are a few twists in store, a happy ending is assured, and the final message won't leave a dry eye in the house.

Preceding "Cinderella" is a short animated film, "Frozen Fever," featuring characters from the blockbuster 2013 movie "Frozen." It's Princess Anna's (voice of Kristen Bell) birthday, and her sister, Queen Elsa (voice of Idina Menzel), is planning a party -- despite feeling unwell. Given Elsa's frost-producing proclivities, as highlighted in the original, however, her sneezes bring predictably chilly consequences.

The Catholic News Service classification is A-I -- general patronage.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG -- parental guidance suggested.
RUMMAGE SALE
Lake Placid — Rummage sale to be held.
Date: April 25
Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: St. Agnes School Gym
Features: Donations may be dropped off at school starting April 6
Contact: For more information please call 523-3771 or email at info@stagneselementary.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Champlain — St. Mary’s Parish will be having a pancake breakfast.
Date: March 22
Time: 8 a.m. to Noon
Place: Champlain K of C hall
Cost: Adults, $8; Children 3-12, $5; under 5, Free.

APSTES FOR LIFE PRAYER
Plattsburgh — The Annual Apostles for Life Prayer Service to be held.
Date: April 3 (Good Friday)
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: 66 Brinkerhoff St., near Planned Parenthood
Features: Join us in peaceful prayer in defense of life.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Plattsburgh — Divine Mercy Sunday to be observed.
Date: April 12
Schedule: Exposition begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Church; Sacrament of Reconciliation Chapel from 1:15-2:15 p.m.; Video: Jesus, I Trust in You, Emmanuel Room at 12:20 p.m.; Divine Mercy Chapel and Prayer Service at 2:30 p.m. and concludes with Benediction. There will be a Blessing of religious objects.

SPRING BRUNCH
Altona — Holy Angels church to have an all you can eat buffet spring brunch.
Date: April 12
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: Adults, $8; Children under 12, $5
Features: Baked Virginia Ham, Pancakes and more. Bake sale and craft tables. Call 236-5848 to reserve craft tables.

SCHOOL OF HEALING
Ellenburg Center — Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer will have a special prayer training class.
Date: April 9-12
Cost: $35 non-refundable fee due March 22
Commuters welcomed.
Contact: olaprayeryhouse@gmail.com or call 518-594.3253

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER
Fort Covington — St. Mary’s will be having a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner.
Date: March 22
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Parish Hall
Cost: Adults, $8; Children under 12, $5
Features: Take-outs available.

BREAKFAST BUFFET
Brushton — St. Mary’s will be having a breakfast buffet.
Date: March 22
Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Parish Hall
Cost: Adults, $8; Seniors, $7; Children 6-12, $4; 5 and under, free; Intermediate Family of 5 or more, $25
Features: Take-outs available. Call 518-529-6580. Sponsored by St. Mary’s Catholic Church events committee.

ST. JOSEPH’S DAY
Bombay — St. Joseph’s Church will be celebrating St. Joseph’s Day Mass and meatless cover dish dinner to follow.
Date: March 19
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: St. Joseph’s Church
Features: bring a meatless dish to share to the St. Joseph Table Dinner.

JEFFERSON

LENTEN RETREAT
Adams — “Back to Basics” Lenten Retreat to be held.
Date: March 23-26
Time: 6:30 p.m. (Mass at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.)
Place: S. Cecelia’s Church
Speaker: Fr. Martin Cline, pastor of St. Cecelia/Queen of Heaven

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
Watertown — The Altar Rosary Society will be having a spaghetti supper.
Date: March 26
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Place: St. Anthony’s Msgr. Sechi Hall
Cost: Adults, $8; Children, $4.50; under 3, Free
Features: Take-outs begin at 4 p.m., please bring your own containers

LEWIS

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Lowville — Lenten Eucharistic Adoration to be held.
Date: March 19
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5
Place: St. Peter’s Church
Features: Dedicated to the action of Pro-Life initiatives, Exposition, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Silent Adoration, the Rosary for Life, and the Benediction.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER
Harrisville — St. Patrick’s Day dinner to be held.
Date: March 21
Time: 4 p.m. to 6
Place: St. Francis Solanus Church
Cost: Adults, $10; Children 5-12, $5; under 5, Free
Features: Baked Ham, take-outs after 4, “Fraser Family and Friends” will be there to entertain with Irish music.

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Response to the ebola crisis

From the Director’s Desk
Sister Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ, Diocesan Mission Director

In response to a request made by Father Kevin O’Brien, Moderator of the Curia, the Mission Office is pleased to be able to respond to the call for assistance in the ongoing Ebola crisis in Africa.

On behalf of Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, a generous donation was made in January to the Catholic Charities for the support of the work of the Church in combating Ebola in Africa.

From the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

The Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg collection will be taken up in parishes every other year depending on your side of the Diocese (East vs. West). The East side of the Diocese will participate in the collection this summer. The MPDO exists to:

1) to provide continued financial support of our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru;
2) to support the U.S. Bishop’s annual appeal for Latin America; and
3) to help any other missionary project throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate part of its evangelization effort.

It is our intention that these funds from the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg be designated to assist efforts of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as they fight the Ebola virus in West Africa. We are hopeful that these much needed funds will help to make a difference.

Catholic Relief Services is working around the clock to stem the deadly outbreak of the virus by educating people about how it is spread so they can avoid becoming infected. CRS is committed to raising $1.5 million.

CRS is trying to reach even more communities, going door to door, handing out hygiene kits and information about how the virus is spread and what precautions can be taken to prevent infection.

Thank you to the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg who so generously donate to the MPDO collection.

Know that your gifts are doing the work of our Lord through projects like fighting Ebola in Africa and making the lives of those others better each day.

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your Will.
www.dioodensburg.org/missionoffice
Council 11544 of the Knights of Columbus, Norfolk, recently made a donation of $400 to the Church of the Visitation to be used toward Christian Formation expenses. The gift will be matched by a further donation from the New York State Council of the K of C. Above, Grand Knight George Lamb presents the check to Msgr. John Murphy, pastor, and Carol Gonthier, DRE.

Candidates, sponsors, and RCIA team members from Holy Family Church in Watertown are shown with Bishop Terry R. LaValley at the conclusion of the diocesan Rite of Election March 1 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Ogdensburg. In front are Emily Rivera, Bishop LaValley, David Rivera, Cheryl Van Ness, Tasha Richards, Kathy Allen, Arthur Edmiston and Sue Amo; second row, Melinda Rivera; third row, Joan Nesnadian, Veronica Lambert, Anne Seegbarth, Midge Fraser, Katie Carroll and Jeff Lambert; and back, Angelica Edmiston, Rachel Rivera and Lindsey Lalone.

**ACIES CEREMONY**

Ogdensburg - The Annual Acies Ceremony for Legion of Mary members, aux-
iliary members and interested parishioners, will be held.

**Date:** March 22

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Place:** Deacon Winter Chapel of St. Mary's Cathedral.

**Features:** Father Scott Belina will lead the Exposition and Benediction, deliver the homily. The ceremony consists of an Individual Consecration and a Collective Consecration to Mary. Active members will renew their Consecration to Mary.

**TRINITY SCHOOL GALA**

Massena - The first annual Trinity Catholic School Gala, April in Paris, has been planned.

**Date:** April 18

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Cost:** $60 per person

**Features:** Imagine a night on the town, in an elegant Parisian atmosphere, with fine wine, full bar, a five-course dinner, dancing and comedic entertainment. Tickets for this event are on sale now after Masses and in the school office.

**Contact:** For more information about the Gala, as well as pictures and updates of all school events, like us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.Trinity-CatholicSchool.net.

**DINNER AND THEATER SHOW**

Brasher Falls – A dinner and theater show will be held.

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**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** Knights of Columbus

**Cost:** $30; Seniors ($5), $27. Must be paid by April 15

**Features:** "A Tomb with a View": There will be a cash bar. This will benefit the heating equipment fund.

**Contact:** Terry Grant 389-4116

**PARISH CENSUS**

The Ogdensburg parishes of St. Mary’s Cathedral and Notre Dame along with St. Raphael’s, Heuvelton and St. Philip & James, Lisbon will be conducting a door-to-door census as part of the diocesan “Find Your Home in Christ” census initiative.

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Canton – St. Mary’s School will be having a rummage sale.

**Schedule:** March 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 21 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**FISH & SHRIMP FRY**

Gouverneur – Fish and shrimp fry to be held every Friday during lent.

**Date:** Feb. 20 – April 3

**Place:** St. James School

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, $10; Children 12 and under, $5; Children under 5, Free

**Contact:** (Please contact the Church office)

**CHRISM MASS**

Ogdensburg – All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to the Chrism Mass

**Date:** March 26

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Cathedral

**Features:** Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead the Chrism Mass.

**SUMMER DIRECTED RETREAT**

Ogdensburg – Save the date to spend some time with the Lord at the 2015 Summer Directed Retreat.

**Date:** June 21-26

**Place:** Wadhams Hall

**Cost:** $450 which includes retreat, lodging, food and linens

**Directors:** Rev. Roger McGuinness, Rev. Douglas Lucia, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SJS; Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lobey, GNSH; Sr. Marlene Butler, GNSH

**Features:** The directed retreat is offered in an atmosphere of silence, while giving the opportunity for daily one-on-one and in a spiritual director, along with daily Mass.

**Contact:** For more information please email inquiry@wadhams.edu

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**LENTEN RENEWAL**

Syracuse – Lenten retreat set

**Date:** March 24

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Place:** Christ the King Retreat House & Conference Center

**Cost:** $20 or what you can afford

**Features:** Sister Laura Butano, who serves in pastoral planning for the Diocese of Syracuse, will lead this presentation. Lenten evening of renewal will use poetry, scripture, song and stories as companions and guides through our own spiritual geography.

**Contact:** spiritualrenewalcenter.com, phone: 315-472-6346

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**Date:** Feb. 20 – April 3

**Place:** St. James School

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Cost:** Adults, $10; Children 12 and under, $5; Children under 5, Free

**Contact:** (Please contact the Church office)

**CHRISM MASS**

Ogdensburg – All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are cordially invited to the Chrism Mass

**Date:** March 26

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Place:** St. Mary’s Cathedral

**Features:** Bishop Terry R. LaValley will lead the Chrism Mass.

**SUMMER DIRECTED RETREAT**

Ogdensburg – Save the date to spend some time with the Lord at the 2015 Summer Directed Retreat.

**Date:** June 21-26

**Place:** Wadhams Hall

**Cost:** $450 which includes retreat, lodging, food and linens

**Directors:** Rev. Roger McGuinness, Rev. Douglas Lucia, Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SJS; Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lobey, GNSH; Sr. Marlene Butler, GNSH

**Features:** The directed retreat is offered in an atmosphere of silence, while giving the opportunity for daily one-on-one and in a spiritual director, along with daily Mass.

**Contact:** For more information please email inquiry@wadhams.edu