Pope: God leaves us free

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - The Gospel parable of the prodigal son presents the image of God, the father, who gives people the gift of freedom, even to make mistakes, Pope Francis said. When it comes to our God-given freedom, "it is up to us to put it to good use. This gift of freedom that God gives us always amazes me," he said March 7 before reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The day Gospel's reading of the parable, he said, illustrates the characteristics of God, a father, "who is always ready to forgive and who hopes against all hope." Even as his son leaves with half of his inheritance and returns humbled, the father meets him with tenderness and welcomes him back. However, the father also shows the same mercy and love to his oldest son who doesn't understand and "doesn't share that goodness toward his brother who did wrong," the pope said.

"When one feels righteous -- 'I have always done good things' -- the father also comes looking for us, because that attitude of feeling righteous is an evil attitude: It is pride. It comes from the devil," he said.

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 specific 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 message about the report from Mr. Tooley and Bishop LaValley.

FULL STORY, PAGE 7-12

Funeral for Oblate priest

Among the survivors of Oblate Father Clarence Menard, native of Mooers, is his brother Father Gilbert Menard

FULL STORY, PAGE 4

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US

IT'S TIME TO RENEW: The NCC has served the diocese for 70 years... p. 15
EDITORS NOTE

Discovering God’s call for each of us

As promised, news about the Sept. 25 diocesan Vocation Summit is beginning to grace the pages of the North Country Catholic. On page 3, Father Garry Giroux, pastor in Brasher Falls and North Lawrence and chair of the Vocation Summit committee, answers the all-important question “what’s the big deal?” about the summit.

Read what he has to say about “INSPIRE: Called to Love” and mark your calendars today! It will be an amazing day for the Church of Ogdensburg.

As we look ahead to this major celebration, we can also look back on a quieter, though no less significant, spiritual gathering held at Wadhams Hall this past week.

About 65 Catholics from around the diocese involved in charitable apostolates took part in a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection. Sister Donna Franklin of Catholic Charities and Deacon Mark Bennett of St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh offered words of encouragement to members of the St. Vincent de Paul, Gabriel Projects, Legion of Mary, K of C and others.

Sister Donna told the group something they already knew: “We are living in a difficult time - it’s hard to be Christians.

“But this is the time that we’ve trained for,” she said. “We pray for courage so we can stand up for the good of our brothers and sisters in the midst of secularism, in the midst of things that degrade and defile human life.

“We need to stand up and raise our voices against injustices against the poor,” Sister Donna said. “What that means is different for each of us and we need to pray to discover God’s call for us.”

This “prayer to discover God’s call for us” is also a critical element of the Vocation Summit in the fall.

In the words of Father Giroux: “The Vocations Summit will celebrate the universal call to holiness; this call is given to everyone at his or her baptism; the call to holiness is to be lived out in the vocations of marriage, the single life, the consecrated religious life or the ordained ministry.

The Vocations Summit, he continued, will offer each of us a chance to consider the best way we can live in a “breath-taking holiness” that captures the attention of the world. How great is that?!

Looking ahead to the holiest of weeks

Let’s talk about Holy Week today. This is a good time to prepare ourselves for a successful Holy Week spiritually.

That first Holy Week began with Jesus and his apostles coming to Jerusalem to celebrate the Hebrew feast of the Passover. That day – a day that we celebrate on our Palm Sunday – was filled with joy, singing and joyful crowds of people. Everything seemed to be going so well. That would change very quickly.

This year our Holy Week comes as we are celebrating a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Holy Week will be a perfect time for us to recognize God’s great Mercy for us all. This mercy and love is demonstrated to us by Jesus’ suffering, his Passion and Death.

We are saved though God’s great love and mercy. Jesus leads our Exodus. That brings to mind the Exodus of the Old Testament when Moses rescues the Hebrew people, taking them from the slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

Our Exodus is led by Our Savior, Jesus Christ, who rescues us from the slavery of sin to the joy of being the children of God. Jesus shows us that God’s great love brings us forgiveness and Mercy.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate God’s great gift to us of the Blessed Eucharist as we join Jesus and the apostles at the Last Supper. Each pastor is reminded of our call to be dedicated to the needs of his parishioners, especially the poor, by imitating Jesus in washing the feet of some parishioners. It is such a humble moment yet, such a powerful reminder to each priest, to kneel before a parishioner and wash his or her feet.

Good Friday – such a strange title. What makes it good is the love of Jesus. Jesus often told us, “Greater love no man has than to lay down his life for his friends.” This is a call for all of us to follow Jesus in laying down our lives, by dying and living for another. Jesus’ suffering would have been wasted if he had not endured it with love. It was not Jesus’ suffering that saved the world but his love. Anyone who pretends to love suffering is crazy yet, we are glad to suffer for someone we love. Our love gives a meaning to our suffering.

Spiritual writers speak of Holy Week as a victory for Jesus. Good Friday is a triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of life over death.

That victory became evident in Jesus’ Resurrection to new life, a resurrection that we all hope to share in; one day Jesus will lead us to that new life.

I want to share with you one more event of our celebration of Holy Week in our day. That is the Chrism Mass. (Although in recent times, the Chrism Mass is celebrated the week before Holy Week so that more priests can attend.) The Chrism Mass is celebrated by the Bishop at the Cathedral Church. At this Mass, the Bishop consecrates and blesses the holy oils that will be sent out to each parish for the celebration of the sacraments during the next year. There are three sacred oils – the Sacred Chrism used in the conferral of Confirmation and Ordination. In addition, there is the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens.

The priests of the diocese all attend this Mass of the Chrism; they come to the Cathedral to receive the oils for their parish. In addition, this is the time in which all the priests are called to renew publicly their priestly promises.

I would like to share with you the words of these promises that we, priests, renew at each Chrism Mass: “I am resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying myself and confirming these promises about the Church, the Christ Church which, promised by love of him, willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of my priestly ordination. I am resolved to be a faithful steward of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ, the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls.

Then, the Bishop turns to the congregation seeking prayers for all priests so that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, so that they may lead people to the Lord Jesus. I also ask you to pray for all priests and to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

“Father Bill Says”
tipastor22@gmail.com

Fr. William G. Muench

Mary Lou Killian
The Vocations Summit

INSPIRE: Called to Love is coming.... what’s the big deal?

By Father Garry Giroux
Chair, Vocation Summit Committee

If we encounter someone who appears animated and joyful, being curious, we will probably ask, “What’s the big deal? What has you so excited?” Enthusiasm and joy awaken our healthy curiosity. Why? Enthusiasm and joy are attractive, and often contagious.

Called a Vocations Summit, is the big deal? What has you excited? Our healthy curiosity?

The Vocations Summit will remind participants that holiness catches the attention of our world because holiness is truly breath-taking. As St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans 12:2, “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”

The Vocations Summit will inspire participants to imagine what our homes, our parishes, our schools and our communities could be like if a good portion of the people that attend INSPIRE: Called to Love claim Christ’s invitation to holiness!

The Gospel enthusiasm and joy engendered by the Vocations Summit could captivate the attention of the young, the indifferent and the lapsed.

This is a big deal!

• Metropolitan areas like New York, Boston, Los Angeles, or Chicago regularly attract world-renowned speakers to their universities and convention centers; in those cities, it is not a big deal. But, it is a big deal when internationally known speakers, the likes of Bishop Robert Barron (creator/host of the Catholicism series) and Mr. George Weigel (Pope St. John Paul II personally chose him to be his biographer) as well as Mrs. Jennifer Fulwiler and Bishop Christopher Coyne come to the Diocese of Ogdensburg for INSPIRE: Called to Love.

Whether we are single or married, a consecrated religious or ordained, these speakers will remind us of the world’s need for our holiness.

For those already committed to a particular vocation, and for those in the process of discerning God’s call, these speakers will provide both formation and encouragement.

This is a big deal!

• Since the 1930’s, Americans have heard the expression, “There’s no such thing as a free lunch.” Its meaning is clear; you can’t get something for nothing.

Unlike the free-market economist, Milton Friedman, who espoused this saying in his writings, Bishop Terry LaValley decided that the participants at INSPIRE: Called to Love would get something for nothing!

The Vocations Summit is entirely FREE—there is no registration fee and the midday meal is also free!

To be sure, several individuals counseled against this move; they maintained that people will be more likely to attend the Summit if they paid money for it; they argued that people would make a greater commitment to this event if they invested some money in it.

But, after considering the pros and cons, Bishop LaValley, not wanting cost to be an obstacle, especially to families, made his decision. There will be no participant cost for the Vocations Summit. This is a big deal!

Palm 127 reminds us, “Un-
Funeral held for Fr. Clarence Menard, OMI

SAN ANTONIO, TEX. – A Mass of Christina Burial for Oblate Father Clarence C. Menard, 84, a native of Mooers, was held March 10 at the Oblate Madonna Residence Chapel. He died March 4. Burial followed in the Oblate Cemetery.

Father Menard was born Aug. 12, 1931, in Mooers, the son of Bernard Joseph and Marie Adele (Arcouette) Menard. He attended Oblate College in Bar Harbor, Maine prior to entering novitiate on Aug. 1, 1952, in Colebrook, N.H. He professed vows as a member of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on Aug. 2, 1953.

Father Menard completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the Oblate Scholasticate in Natick, Mass.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 24, 1958, at St. Jean-Baptiste Church in Lowell, Mass., by Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan.

Father Menard earned a licentiate and doctorate in Church History in 1967 from the Pontifical Gregorian University, in Rome, Italy.

Father Menard served as a professor at various institutions of higher learning throughout his ministerial life, to include the Oblate College in Bar Harbor, Maine; the Oblate College in Natick, Massachusetts; the Oblate College in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana; and Oblate College in Washington, DC.

He was also part of the formation team at the national Oblate Novitiate in Godfrey, Illinois. In 2006, Father Menard retired to Oblate Madonna Residence in San Antonio, Texas.

In 2010, Notre Dame Seminary conferred the Honorary Degree of Letters upon Father Menard.

In addition to his Oblate family, Father Menard is survived by his siblings, Father Gilbert Menard; Leonard Menard and his wife Joyce; Cécile McDonald and her husband Donald; Rita Miner and her husband Wilmer Gerald; Theresa Menard Lavoie; Roland Menard; Dominican Sister Elizabeth Menard, Gloria Menard; Catherine Frederick and her husband Gerald; Regina Stansbury and her husband John; Jeanne Menard; Arthur Menard and his wife Norma; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Father Menard is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Joseph, his sister Bertha, sister-in-law Doris Lavalley Menard, and brother-in-law Raymond Lavoie.

Subscribe to the North Country Catholic today!

Subscribe online at www.northcountrycatholic.org or call our office at 315-608-7556 to subscribe today!

Options to receive the NCC in your mailbox or in your e-mail.
RETREAT DAY FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN CHARITABLE APOSTOLATES

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US

Deacon Mark Bennett, above, spiritual life director of St. Peter’s Church in Plattsburgh, and Daughter of Charity Sister Donna Franklin, director of Catholic Charities, were the main speakers at the Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for those involved in Charitable Apostolates, held March 8 at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg. At the conclusion of his presentation—which included discussion of a soup kitchen he oversees at St. Peter’s—Deacon Bennett shared a song.

Father Douglas Lucia, pastor of St. Mary’s in Canton, opened the program noting that “we have so many ministries that show God’s mercy in our diocese.” In a message to more than 60 participants, he asked, “why do we do what we do? Hopefully because the love of Christ impels us.”

Deacon Thomas Pouix of Massena, read the Gospel during the Mass held in Wadhams Hall Chapel.

David Clarke of Plattsburgh signed up for the Catholic Action Network, an initiative of the New York State Catholic Conference to help Catholics make their voices heard among state legislators.

PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MINER

Bishop Terry R. LaValley presided at the day’s Mass. Above he greets the participants who came from parishes across the diocese.
As Easter Vigil nears, new Catholic reflects on the RCIA process

As the Easter Vigil approaches, when new Catholics will be baptized and welcomed into full communion with the church, Julie Lashomb of Massena, a member of the diocesan catechumenate committee, invited people who had completed the RCIA process at Sacred Heart/St. Lawrence Parish in Massena, to share thoughts about their experience.

Melinda answered seven questions about the RCIA process:

1. Have things changed for you?

Yes most definitely. I always believed there was a God that was responsible for everything. However now I understand about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I have an understanding of the Old Testament and New Testament. If someone asked me about my religion I would be able to explain it to them. I am excited about religion. I have faith and understand why. I have more patience and look at people in a different way now. Which leads into our next question.

2. Do you look at life differently?

Of course. I try to remember that all people are our brothers and sisters. I understand that God loves us all. I understand that God is forgiving, loving, merciful. I try to remember to be an example to others and behave in a way that would please our Father.

3. Do you look at death differently?

Growing up I always worried about dying. I had several close relatives of mine who died at a very early age. I always believed in heaven but was scared. I certainly do not want to die any time soon. However, now I understand what is expected of me here on earth and what will be waiting for me. It really makes me want to live my life in a way that would please God. Also as a young adult I had a very close catholic friend tell me that I would not go to heaven because I had never been baptized. That was a cause of stress for me for most of my adult life. Now I know that this is not true. I am, however, very happy that I have received the Sacrament of baptism.

4. Do you look forward to receiving the Sacraments?

One of the most joyous days of my life was the day I was baptized, confirmed and received my first communion. I look forward to receiving the Eucharist each week and am proud to say that in the past year I could count on one hand how many times I have missed Sunday Mass. The Eucharist refreshes my soul each week and gives me the strength to walk the path the Lord has chosen for me. I would love to have understood the sacraments more fully when I had my children baptized and especially on my wedding day. My husband is Catholic so we did marry in the Catholic Church with a Mass but I did not understand fully the depth and meaning behind this special sacrament at the time.

5. How has your prayer life changed?

I realize now that there is power in prayer. Prayers really work. I feel good when you talk to God. Whether it is in a group or alone. I have many faithful friends and when we said prayers at the start of this process I felt silly. Now, I enjoy a group prayer. I am still learning and looking forward to becoming more familiar with the Saints to be able to pray to them also.

Prayer is a great way to help people. Sometimes you say I wish there was something I could do for them.’ Well, you can. You can pray for them.

6. Do you have a sense of church community?

I myself still do not do a lot of church socializing but I do go to church and love it very abundant. People are so welcoming and happy for you when you enter the church. There is plenty of opportunity for growing in the church community.

7. What ministries are you involved in or want to be involved in?

There always seems to be a need for volunteers within the church community. My ministry right now is directly related to my career. Every day I do my best to tend to the sick just as Jesus might have, with love, patience, and kindness. After 20 years in the profession there are days when I struggle but believing in Jesus reminds me to do my best. My most important ministry is to my children. I grew up with no religious education or exposure and now I am taking the opportunity to teach my children what I know about God and lead by being a good example for them.

There will be something interesting to happen. With Easter there is something special to happen. I am looking forward to receiving the Eucharist each week and am proud to say that in the past year I could count on one hand how many times I have missed Sunday Mass. The Eucharist refreshes my soul each week and gives me the strength to walk the path the Lord has chosen for me. I would love to have understood the sacraments more fully when I had my children baptized and especially on my wedding day. My husband is Catholic so we did marry in the Catholic Church with a Mass but I did not understand fully the depth and meaning behind this special sacrament at the time.

This practice enables us to appreciate more what we have and to share what we don't need with others who do need.

In the book entitled, Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint, Sally McFay, points to the “blessing” we have as consumers; namely, we have the freedom to make choices about what we purchase.

She says, “Consumerism is a cultural pattern that leads people to find meaning and fulfillment through the consumption of goods and services. Well known comment that consumerism is the newest and most successful “religion” on the planet is not an overstatement. . . religions are being handed a challenge here, a wholesale transformation of dominant cultural patterns.”

This is precisely one of the challenges that Pope Francis calls each of us to embrace - a conversion from addiction to consumerism to a Christian lifestyle of simplicity and Gospel justice. The first step to conversion might be to give thanks for the freedom to choose, second step to ask the question “Do I need second one?”, and third one to consider its potential effect on others who also have needs for the earth’s resources.
Roman Catholic
Diocese of Ogdensburg
Report of Special Funds

A Letter From The Diocesan Fiscal Officer

The Diocesan Fiscal Office is pleased to present in the North Country Catholic the Report of Special Funds for the year ended June 30, 2015, 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 are set aside for special purposes and investments.

The net assets of the Priests Retirement Fund decreased by $400,661 in the year ended June 30, 2015. The Fund had losses on investments in the amount of $315,696 in the fiscal year. Support from Christmas collections was $275,896, as compared to $373,564 the prior year, as the diocese reduced the contribution of this collection to support the Plan from 100% of the Christmas collection to 75%. An ad hoc pension increase was approved for retired priests in 2014-15, and again in 2015-16.

The Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund had a net decrease in net assets of $1,815,757 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its total net assets to $27,405,255. The investment’s portfolio had a rate of return of 2.1% in 2014-15. During the first six months of fiscal year 2015-16 fund investments saw a rate of return of 5.9%, bringing its market value to $25,812,128. The Fund’s July 1, 2015 actuarial valuation determined the Fund reasonably funded, seeing a decline from 92% to 85% in its funded status. The Plan is well funded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees (148% funded).

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had an increase in net assets of $58,997 for the year ended June 30, 2015, with the increase driven by a decrease in claims paid (-$36,377 less in 2014-15 as compared to 2013-14). The improvement in the financial condition of the program resulted in the diocese slightly reducing premiums in 2015-16.

The lay employees of the Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of $5,063 for the year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its net assets as of that date to $119,266. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide financial support to its former mission in Mollendo, 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.

The Disability Insurance Fund had a gain for the year ended June 30, 2015 in the amount of $10,850. Claims paid in 2014-15 mirrored that of the prior fiscal year ($133 less). The fund balance of this fund as of June 30, 2015 is $200,224.

The Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund had a net decrease in net assets of $1,815,757 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its total net assets to $27,405,255. The investment’s portfolio had a rate of return of 2.1% in 2014-15. During the first six months of fiscal year 2015-16 fund investments saw a rate of return of 5.9%, bringing its market value to $25,812,128. The Fund’s July 1, 2015 actuarial valuation determined the Fund reasonably funded, seeing a decline from 92% to 85% in its funded status. The Plan is well funded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees (148% funded).

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had an increase in net assets of $58,997 for the year ended June 30, 2015, with the increase driven by a decrease in claims paid (-$36,377 less in 2014-15 as compared to 2013-14). The improvement in the financial condition of the program resulted in the diocese slightly reducing premiums in 2015-16.

The lay employees of the Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of $5,063 for the year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its net assets as of that date to $119,266. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide financial support to its former mission in Mollendo, 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.

The Disability Insurance Fund had a gain for the year ended June 30, 2015 in the amount of $10,850. Claims paid in 2014-15 mirrored that of the prior fiscal year ($133 less). The fund balance of this fund as of June 30, 2015 is $200,224.

The Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund had a net decrease in net assets of $1,815,757 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its total net assets to $27,405,255. The investment’s portfolio had a rate of return of 2.1% in 2014-15. During the first six months of fiscal year 2015-16 fund investments saw a rate of return of 5.9%, bringing its market value to $25,812,128. The Fund’s July 1, 2015 actuarial valuation determined the Fund reasonably funded, seeing a decline from 92% to 85% in its funded status. The Plan is well funded as it relates to covering obligations to current retirees (148% funded).

The Unemployment Insurance Fund had an increase in net assets of $58,997 for the year ended June 30, 2015, with the increase driven by a decrease in claims paid (-$36,377 less in 2014-15 as compared to 2013-14). The improvement in the financial condition of the program resulted in the diocese slightly reducing premiums in 2015-16.

The lay employees of the Missionary Projects Fund had an increase in net assets in the amount of $5,063 for the year ended June 30, 2015, bringing its net assets as of that date to $119,266. The Diocese of Ogdensburg continues to provide financial support to its former mission in Mollendo, 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.

The Disability Insurance Fund had a gain for the year ended June 30, 2015 in the amount of $10,850. Claims paid in 2014-15 mirrored that of the prior fiscal year ($133 less). The fund balance of this fund as of June 30, 2015 is $200,224.
**Diocesan Trust Fund Principal**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**

January 1, 1977 - June 30, 2015

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PRINCIPAL**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Opening Balance</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Net Deposits</td>
<td>$14,925,681.98</td>
<td>$23,342.75</td>
<td>(98,143.06)</td>
<td>15,057,881.67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Realized Gain on Sales</td>
<td>$16,699,393.10</td>
<td>$2,146,592.08</td>
<td>2,232,765.75</td>
<td>$20,047,750.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fees [Custody/Management]</td>
<td>(1,693,704.99)</td>
<td>(93,539.00)</td>
<td>(100,110.96)</td>
<td>(1,687,354.95)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfers to Pay Dividends</td>
<td>(8,656,727.43)</td>
<td>(601,845.88)</td>
<td>(751,243.27)</td>
<td>(10,006,816.58)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net Adjustments*</td>
<td>3,990,584.89</td>
<td>684,776.81</td>
<td>(456,825.01)</td>
<td>4,218,546.69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Closing Balance [Book]</strong></td>
<td>$24,235,237.55</td>
<td>$26,600,564.31</td>
<td>$27,427,007.76</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Market Value</strong></td>
<td>$24,235,237.55</td>
<td>$26,600,564.31</td>
<td>$27,427,007.76</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* includes income reinvested for fund, funds in transit, etc.
** Assets June 30, 2015 at NBT Bank, Dimensional Fund Advisors & The Investment Fund for Foundations.

**NBT BANK INVESTMENTS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
<th>% Yield (Book)</th>
<th>% Yield (Market)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bonds &amp; U.S. Government Agencies</td>
<td>$3,782,879.22</td>
<td>$3,804,989.16</td>
<td>2.77%</td>
<td>2.83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equities &amp; Equity Funds</td>
<td>18,738,153.99</td>
<td>20,233,870.66</td>
<td>1.22%</td>
<td>1.07%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Money Market</td>
<td>715,338.55</td>
<td>715,338.55</td>
<td>0.01%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL NBT BANK INVESTMENTS</strong></td>
<td>$23,236,371.76</td>
<td>$24,754,198.37</td>
<td>1.50%</td>
<td>1.70%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS**

|                      | $626,000.00 | $493,849.67 |

**THE INVESTMENT FUND FOR FOUNDATIONS**

|                      | $3,564,636.00 | $4,044,110.87 |

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

|                      | $27,427,007.76 | $29,292,158.91 |

---

**Deposit & Loan Fund**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG**

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015

**BALANCE SHEET**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>June 30, 2016</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents</td>
<td>$2,112,911.67</td>
<td>$1,235,818.37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest Receivable</td>
<td>132,557.88</td>
<td>144,892.81</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notes Receivable - Borrowers</td>
<td>2,457,884.24</td>
<td>2,559,039.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserve</td>
<td>(414,091.00)</td>
<td>(466,939.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>26,186,128.43</td>
<td>24,333,647.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment - Diocesan Trust Fund</td>
<td>829,438.00</td>
<td>660,127.27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due From Retirement Plan for Priests</td>
<td>600,000.00</td>
<td>1,000,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due From Operating Fund</td>
<td>38,164.29</td>
<td>112,857.48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$31,742,993.51</td>
<td>$29,579,444.43</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                      |              |              |
| **LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE** |              |              |
| Notes Payable - Depositors | $26,306,706.43 | $23,478,621.06 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| **Fund Balance**     | 5,436,287.08  | 6,100,823.37 |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

|                      | $31,742,993.51 | $29,579,444.43 |

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>July 1, 2013</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>INCOME</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest on Notes Receivable</td>
<td>$84,470.25</td>
<td>$105,821.38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>846,835.66</td>
<td>765,706.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments</td>
<td>(1,286,921.78)</td>
<td>887,365.97</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Realized Gain (Loss) On Investments</td>
<td>644,399.12</td>
<td>846,500.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>$288,783.25</td>
<td>$2,605,414.57</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                      |              |              |
| **EXPENDITURES**     |              |              |
| Interest on Notes Payable | $735,731.81 | $729,223.57 |
| Investment Management Fees | 132,061.76 | 111,634.72 |
| Fiscal Office Administration | 130,830.00 | 106,162.00 |
| Office Supplies       | 6,912.97    | 302.78 |
| Office Equipment      | 0.00        | 0.00 |
| Increase in Reserves  | (52,847.00) | (153,861.00) |
| Loans Forgiven        | 0.00        | 0.00 |
| Contributions         | 0.00        | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURES**| $953,319.54 | $793,462.07 |

**EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITUR**

|                      | ($866,536.29) | $1,811,932.50 |

---

**MA R C H 16, 2016**
### Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program
#### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

**July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2015**

**BALANCE SHEET**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>$763,791.40</td>
<td>$836,923.80</td>
<td>$680,173.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and Equivalents</td>
<td>$4,400.54</td>
<td>$4,728.34</td>
<td>$4,728.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notes Receivable</td>
<td>$900,000.00</td>
<td>$200,000.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>$151,267.94</td>
<td>$150,103.69</td>
<td>$132,478.18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepaid Insurance</td>
<td>$14,131.01</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due from Operating Fund</td>
<td>$1,242,263.27</td>
<td>$1,794,797.02</td>
<td>$2,669,989.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BPIC Member Share</td>
<td>$195,127.05</td>
<td>$171,300.00</td>
<td>$207,184.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stock in NCRG</td>
<td>$132,247.84</td>
<td>$132,247.84</td>
<td>$132,247.84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$3,545,728.20</td>
<td>$3,889,709.65</td>
<td>$4,120,793.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note Payable - BPIC</td>
<td>$17,000.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unearned Insurance Premium</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserves For Claims</td>
<td>$470,067.22</td>
<td>$1,594,389.44</td>
<td>$2,149,721.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Balance</td>
<td>$6,767,298.89</td>
<td>$2,285,317.92</td>
<td>$1,979,171.04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</strong></td>
<td>$3,545,728.20</td>
<td>$3,889,709.65</td>
<td>$4,120,793.14</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**INCOME**

- Earned Premiums: $1,530,402.53
- Contributions: $1,607,191.88
- Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net): $(8,709.02) (88,915.42)
- Investment Income: $1,429.19

**TOTAL INCOME**

$1,562,231.12

**EXPENDITURES**

- Reinsurance Premiums and Bonds: $740,652.17
- Professional Services: $19,085.49
- Gallagher Bassett Service Fee: $22,304.00
- Adjustment in Reserves: $(163,840.53)
- Self Insured Claims: $423,006.86
- NY Compensation Board Assessments: $12,574,629.95
- Department Grants: $30,820.33
- Grants: $0.00
- Diocesan Administration: $160,003.12

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

$3,178,499.99

**EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES**

$(205,668.87) ($419,147.27) ($316,147.87) ($885,458.53)

---

### Diocesan Protected Self-Insurance Program - Claim Payment and Reserve Experience
#### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG

**As of June 30, 2015**

**YEARS**

- **II - 2014 - 15**
- **XXXIX - 2013 - 14**
- **XXXVIII - 2012 - 13**
- **XXXVII - 2011 - 12**
- **XXVII - 2010 - 11**
- **XXVI - 2009 - 10**
- **XXV - 2008 - 09**
- **XXIV - 2007 - 08**
- **XXIII - 2006 - 07**
- **XXII - 2005 - 06**
- **XXI - 2004 - 05**
- **XX - 2003 - 04**
- **XIX - 2002 - 03**
- **XVIII - 2001 - 02**
- **XVII - 2000 - 01**
- **XVI - 1999 - 00**
- **XV - 1998 - 99**
- **XIV - 1997 - 98**
- **XIII - 1996 - 97**
- **XII - 1995 - 96**
- **XI - 1994 - 95**
- **X - 1993 - 94**
- **IX - 1992 - 93**
- **VIII - 1991 - 92**
- **VII - 1990 - 91**
- **VI - 1989 - 90**
- **V - 1988 - 89**
- **IV - 1987 - 88**
- **III - 1986 - 87**
- **II - 1985 - 86**
- **I - 1984 - 85**
- **IX - 1983 - 84**
- **VIII - 1982 - 83**
- **VII - 1981 - 82**
- **VI - 1980 - 81**
- **V - 1979 - 80**
- **IV - 1978 - 79**
- **III - 1977 - 78**
- **II - 1976 - 77**
- **I - 1975 - 76**
### Diocesan Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund
**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg**
**July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2015**

#### BALANCE SHEET

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and Cash equivalents</td>
<td>$1,329,023.43</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due From Operating Fund</td>
<td>($129,686.39)</td>
<td>($208,904.31)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>3,135.00</td>
<td>3,135.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accrued Interest Receivable</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>$288,176.45</td>
<td>$229,179.25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Claims Payable</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserve For Claims*</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Balance</td>
<td>288,176.45</td>
<td>229,179.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</strong></td>
<td>$288,176.45</td>
<td>$229,179.25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Diocesan Lay Employees’ Retirement Fund
**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg**
**Annual Amounts (Book and Market Value) of Investments**

#### BALANCE SHEET

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due To Office Expense</td>
<td>$409,056.20</td>
<td>$418,149.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deferred Revenue</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Balance</td>
<td>27,455,266.00</td>
<td>25,655,416.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Investments</strong></td>
<td>$28,273,266.29</td>
<td>$26,065,655.09</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Due To Office Expense</td>
<td>$1,091,077.00</td>
<td>$1,066,747.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deferred Revenue</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Balance</td>
<td>21,148,128.32</td>
<td>22,049,243.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$23,239,254.03</td>
<td>$23,082,990.30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Diocesan Unemployment Insurance Fund
**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg**
**July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015**

#### BALANCE SHEET

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>June 30, 2015</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Money Market</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments (DTF)</td>
<td>414,727.84</td>
<td>434,948.56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due From Operating Fund</td>
<td>(129,686.39)</td>
<td>(208,904.31)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
<td>3,135.00</td>
<td>3,135.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accrued Interest Receivable</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>$288,176.45</td>
<td>$229,179.25</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Statement of Income and Expense

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>June 30, 2013</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Unemployment Premiums</td>
<td>$123,110.60</td>
<td>$116,279.92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)</td>
<td>(20,220.72)</td>
<td>(55,953.30)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>1,050.78</td>
<td>10,583.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer from Other Funds</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>$113,439.66</td>
<td>$182,811.16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>June 30, 2013</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Claims Paid</td>
<td>$33,607.23</td>
<td>$59,944.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consultant</td>
<td>6,270.00</td>
<td>6,270.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Diocesan Administration</td>
<td>14,585.23</td>
<td>14,484.74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer to Other Funds</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Expenditures</strong></td>
<td>$54,442.46</td>
<td>$90,738.88</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

### Excess (Deficit) - Income Minus Expenditures

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACCOUNT</th>
<th>June 30, 2013</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Excess (Deficit)</strong></td>
<td>$58,997.20</td>
<td>$92,072.28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Missionary Projects/Ogdensburg Peruvian Apostolate
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGdensburg
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FUND BALANCE - JULY 1</th>
<th>July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015</th>
<th>July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$114,202.46</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**RECEIPTS**
- Diocesan OPA Collection: $35,236.39
- Missionary Coop Collection: 0.00
- Parish OPA Donations: 0.00
- Interest: 3,738.28
- Special Gifts: 0.00
- General Donations: 76.75
- Bequests: 0.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**: 39,051.42

**TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND RECEIPTS**: $153,253.88

**EXPENDITURES**
- Office Supplies: $356.84
- Advertising: 0.00
- Budget Grants and Donations: 33,631.32

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**: 33,988.16

**FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30-**: $119,265.72

---

Diocesan Health*/Disability Benefits Program
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGdensburg
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015

**BALANCE SHEET**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ASSETS</th>
<th>June 30, 2015</th>
<th>June 30, 2014</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>$48.00</td>
<td>$1,272.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash &amp; Money Market Funds</td>
<td>6,055.65</td>
<td>5,405.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment in Deposit &amp; Loan Fund</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>152,435.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due From Operating Funds</td>
<td>194,121.22</td>
<td>32,513.82</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$200,224.27</td>
<td>$191,626.31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reserve for Claims**</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deferred Revenue</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>2,252.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due To Operating Funds</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fund Balance</td>
<td>200,224.27</td>
<td>189,374.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</strong></td>
<td>$200,224.27</td>
<td>$191,626.31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>INCOME</th>
<th>July 1, 2014</th>
<th>July 1, 2013</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Premiums</td>
<td>$94,800.00</td>
<td>$116,544.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retiree Drug Subsidy</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net)</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>2,317.85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>$94,800.00</td>
<td>$118,861.85</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EXPENDITURES</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Claims Paid</td>
<td>$41,419.19</td>
<td>$41,551.57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Fees</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health Insurance - Retired Priests</td>
<td>14,910.56</td>
<td>13,629.29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fiscal Office Administration</td>
<td>27,620.29</td>
<td>26,742.11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfers to Other Programs</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</strong></td>
<td>$83,950.04</td>
<td>$81,922.97</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**EXCESS (DEFICIT) - INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURES**: $10,849.96

*Self insured health insurance program was terminated August 31, 1997
Priests' Retirement Fund
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG
July 1, 2013- June 30, 2015

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1 $11,069,001.97 $8,819,097.75

ADDITIONS
Share of Christmas Collection $275,895.79 $373,564.41
Diocesan Assessment 77,325.00 77,484.00
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection 10,721.36 13,356.00
Bequests and Donations 350,051.59 20,04
Investment Income 278,902.91 240,460.92
Gain (Loss) on Investments (Net) (315,695.52) 1,628,399.18
TOTAL ADDITIONS 720,201.44 2,331,284.55

TOTAL JULY 1 FUND BALANCE AND ADDITIONS $11,789,203.41 $12,151,282.30

DEDUCTIONS
Payments to Retired Priests $793,533.58 $743,144.08
Retired Priests’ Health Insurance 202,137.08 193,000.60
Diocesan Administration 125,192.25 146,135.65
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS 1,120,862.91 1,082,280.33

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30 $10,668,340.50 $10,889,999.97

FORTY-SEVEN YEAR SUMMARY

1968-2015
Share of Christmas Collection $7,550,146.63
Assessment Per Priest 1,487,279.70
Diocesan Assessment 305,555.44
Donations in Lieu of Christmas Collection 383,723.73
Bequests and Donations 2,798,665.32
Investment Income 6,541,352.27
Net Realized & Unrealized Gains on Investments 10,502,513.00
Self-Insurance Fund Grant 90,000.00
Loan Account Interest 119,838.70
Loan Account Grant 30,000.00
TOTAL ADDITIONS $29,809,074.79

DEDUCTIONS
Payments to Retired Priests $15,257,349.00
Retired Priests’ Health Insurance 2,308,995.37
Diocesan Administration 1,974,369.92
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS 19,140,743.29

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30 2015 $10,668,340.50

PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND ASSETS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Asset Category</th>
<th>Book Value</th>
<th>Market Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents - NBT Bank</td>
<td>$368,739.44</td>
<td>$368,739.44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>$6,128.47</td>
<td>$6,128.47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due to Operating Fund</td>
<td>(1,212,122.00)</td>
<td>(1,212,122.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest Receivable</td>
<td>6,616.93</td>
<td>6,616.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stocks</td>
<td>3,516,864.06</td>
<td>4,038,334.92</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bonds and U.S. Government Obligations</td>
<td>1,121,548.46</td>
<td>1,128,854.96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Manning &amp; Napier Funds</td>
<td>4,190,097.47</td>
<td>4,262,155.41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Investment Fund for Foundations: Multi-Asset Fund</td>
<td>1,417,875.00</td>
<td>1,608,798.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Investment Fund for Foundations: Real Opportunities Fund</td>
<td>150,307.00</td>
<td>172,114.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimensional Fund Advisors - Emerging Markets Social Core Equity</td>
<td>364,750.00</td>
<td>290,733.04</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TOTAL ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2015 $9,930,801.83 $10,668,340.50

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2015 $10,668,340.50

The Fund Balance has Accumulated as Follows:

1968 $17,500.80
1969 10,330.23
1970 20,579.08
1971 19,265.60
1972 27,914.97
1972-1973 5,070.97
1973-1974 18,329.14
1974-1975 55,740.80
1975-1976 44,465.90
1976-1977 36,976.48
1977-1978 54,045.99
1978-1979 66,581.55
1979-1980 133,879.84
1981-1982 2,235.30
1982-1983 99,793.90
1983-1984 173,959.28
1984-1985 30,889.45
1985-1986 153,452.78
1986-1987 111,359.14
1987-1988 204,214.85
1988-1989 188,566.80
1989-1990 226,548.99
1990-1991 143,441.06
1991-1992 445,497.41
1992-1993 272,881.17
1993-1994 463,490.02
1994-1995 491,107.10
1995-1996 960,060.25
1996-1997 1,021,061.17
1997-1998 408,417.16
1998-1999 829,004.36
1999-2000 719,110.30
2000-2001 660,809.56
2001-2002 (1,184,839.10)
2002-2003 330,280.74
2003-2004 1,009,257.04
2004-2005 693,492.98
2005-2006 722,134.05
2006-2007 1,178,509.12
2007-2008 (1,037,244.76)
2008-2009 (1,814,310.57)
2009-2010 92,956.71
2010-2011 1,351,134.50
2011-2012 (403,555.22)
2012-2013 632,558.28
2013-2014 1,249,004.22
2014-2015 (400,661.47)

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2015 $10,668,340.50
Catholic silence on involvement in Middle East called ‘massive failure’

By Beth Griffen
Catholic News Service

NEW YORK (CNS) — “The most massive failure of the Catholic community at all levels in the past 20 years has been to address the question of our ongoing involvement in the Middle East,” according to San Diego Bishop Robert W. McElroy.

“What is particularly fascinating and troubling is all three recent popes were clearly opposed to the wars, yet at no level in the Catholic community was there any major opposition or sustained witness,” he said. “It’s like the dog that didn’t bark.”

He spoke March 7 at a forum in New York on the topic “Prophecy Without Contempt” and in a subsequent interview with Catholic News Service.

Bishop McElroy said there has been no sustained discussion or opposition in society as a whole, as two wars dragged on to become the longest in American history.

He attributed the lack of discourse to the absence of a military draft and the subsequent distancing of the fighting from the consciousness of the people.

“The suffering is not here,” he said. “Paraphrasing historian David Kennedy, the bishop said, “America has created a capacity to fight wars endlessly because the cost to U.S. society is small, not wrenching, in terms of casualties and as a portion of the U.S. economy.”

All three popes opposed U.S. participation in these wars, he said, but “at all levels, the Catholic community has been virtually silent.”

The prophecy on the war issue has occurred in the Middle East, he said, where all parties have articulated that the region has been subjected to great tragedies, the bishop said.

Bishop McElroy said the attack on the Muslim community in the United States is “a great outrage.”

“The Muslim question is an alarm bell about authoritarianism in society. That’s not just a disagreement. It’s an alarm bell that goes to the core of who we are as a nation and absolutely needs to be repudiated in the strongest possible way by everybody,” Bishop McElroy said.

The anger dominating the current political climate is a sign of disenfranchisement and the feeling of not being listened to by the elites, Bishop McElroy said.

“When significant sectors of working-class white America feel disenfranchised, that’s a problem, and this gets played upon in a troubling way,” he said.

“Anger that turns into division should always be challenged,” the bishop said.

“What we’re witnessing now is an anger that’s meant to divide, to be purposefully destructive of the social fabric of society,” he said. “It’s not anger that is meant simply to redress grievances.”

Consistory set to approve Mother Teresa as saint

By Junno Ancho Esteves
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis will preside over a consistory to approve the canonization of five men and women, including Blessed Teresa of Kolkata, the Vatican announced.

The March 15 consistory will also determine the approval of canonization of Argentine “gaucho priest,” Blessed Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero; and Blessed Jose Sanchez del Rio, a 14-year-old Mexican boy martyred for refusing to renounce his faith during the Cristero War of the 1920s. The Vatican said March 7.

The meeting of cardinals and promoters of the sainthood causes, also known as an “ordinary public consistory,” formally ends the process of approving a new saint.

Although the canonization dates are often announced at the consistory, it is widely believed Blessed Teresa’s canonization will take place Sept. 4. That date celebrates the Jubilee of Workers and Volunteers of Mercy and comes the day before the 19th anniversary of her death, Sept. 5, 1997.

On Dec. 17, Pope Francis approved a second miracle attributed to Blessed Teresa’s intercession. That miracle involved the healing of a now 42-year-old mechanical engineer in Santos, Brazil, who was in a coma after being diagnosed with a viral brain infection that resulted in multiple brain abscesses.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter!
www.twitter.com/Pontifex
#Pontifex
Proud to serve the Diocese of Ogdensburg

PINTO MUCENSKI HOOPER VANHOUSE & CO.,
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, P.C.

42 Market St.
Potsdam, NY 13676
Phone: 315 265 6080
Fax: 315 265 3530

301 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669
Phone: 315 393 7502
Fax: 315 393 9231

443 S. Main St.
Massena, NY 13662
Phone: 315 769 7430
Fax: 315 769 8377

Members: American Institute Certified Public Accountant
NYS Society of Certified Public Accountants

Cardinal Dolan, NYS bishops meet with Gov. Cuomo

ALBANY - Bishop Terry R. LaValley was set to join Cardinal Timothy Dolan and the other bishops of New York State to visit the state Capitol in Albany on Tuesday afternoon, March 15.

The religious leaders were scheduled to meet with Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and legislative leaders on issues of concern to the Catholic Church.

Among the issues to be discussed:
• The Education Tax Credit, designed to drive more scholarships to low-income children to help them attend Catholic and other religious and independent schools;
• Opposition to assisted suicide legislation;
• An increase in the minimum wage, along with increased state reimbursements for not-for-profit charitable agencies, like Catholic Charities, to cover the added costs;
• An increase in child care subsidies to enable more low-income parents of young children to enter and remain in the workforce.

The Manning & Napier Foundation is proud to support the Diocese of Ogdensburg for their continued dedication, loyalty, and contributions to the community.
NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC

Join us as we walk together in our Christ-led, Christ-fed, Hope-filled Journey of Faith

Subscribe to the North Country Catholic today
Subscribe online at our website
www.northcountrycatholic.org
call or office at 315-608-7556
The waving of palm branches and the cries of “Hosanna to the King!” usher in the holiest week of the year.

The full drama begins with the crowd’s fickle acclaim of Jesus as King for a day. It is a foreshadowing of the blasphemous mockery the soldiers will hurl at our thorn-crowned Saviour a few days later.

And yet, for a few hours we can raise our voices joyfully with the crowd, linking the honor given by the crowd, especially by the children, with His ultimate victory beyond the grave.

We wonder and rejoice as the veil is raised to permit a glimpse of Jesus, the Messiah and liberator.

But then, as the Palm Sunday Mass proceeds, the horrors of the Passion are proclaimed, and we are left wondering what I would have done, when I hear, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

How could have events have accelerated at such a dizzying pace between Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday?

The forces of darkness were never more vicious in their attempt to destroy the Mission of Jesus on this earth.

That the religious leaders of the day were made instruments of evil is a tragic lesson to all religions, even to the present day.

That these leaders scandalized their own people, making them agents of falsehood, is another warning to those of unwary and careless piety. How easily the righteous can be persuaded by the lies of their leaders that a certain action is not at all evil, but actually good and admirable.

We wonder how many of those whom Jesus healed in his journeys were among the crowds crying out against Him just a few days later!

The Passion narrative is the most powerful story ever written about the sacrifice of the innocent to evil, and the blind consent of crowds to the will of those in power. In this year’s narrative according to St. Luke, the Roman Procurator three times declares the innocence of Jesus, and so does Herod Antipas, the Jewish tetrarch of Galilee. Yet, fear of political expediency prevailed.

Only the “good” thief who defends the truth of Jesus’ innocence and honestly admits his own guilt, is rewarded with heaven that day.

In this Year of Mercy, how ironic that no mercy of any kind was shown to Jesus by either the Roman authorities, the Jewish Religious leaders, or the crowds.

The outstanding example of courage and kindness, however, came from Veronica who wipes the face of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa.

We wonder how many people may have been converted by the powerful image on the cloth which she must have proudly treasured that day.

And did Simon gradually gradually help Jesus willingly with the Cross?

The whole purpose of God the Father and of His divine Son in allowing the brutality and agony of the deal was to show the greatest mercy to all of us, sons and daughters of Adam. He continues to show endless mercy to us in our fickle and weak response throughout the ages even to the present time.

This Holy Week is another opportunity for us to become fervent messengers of God’s love and mercy in a world that still has time.

By embracing the Cross of Jesus in patience and gratitude, may we find hope and newness of life.
THE YOUNG MESSIAH

By John Mulderig
Catholic News Service

It’s a seemingly glaring omission likely to strike even casual readers of the New Testament as disappointing: With the notable exception of the finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Gospel writers are entirely silent about their subject’s childhood.

Apart from this single incident, our only canonical information about the years between the Holy Family’s return from exile in Egypt and the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry consists of Luke’s general observation that, during this time, “Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

While frustrating for scholars – and a happy hunting ground for those given to wild theories (Jesus in Tibet, anyone?) – this period can, nonetheless, provide a fertile field for speculation if handled in a careful way.

A case in point: the engaging dramatization “The Young Messiah” (Focus). Director and co-writer Cyrus Nowrasteh’s screen version of Anne Rice’s 2005 novel "Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt" sensitively explores the mystery of the Incarnation.

By remaining faithful to the underlying message of scripture even as it tackles a topic on which the Bible itself is mute, Nowrasteh’s script, written in collaboration with his wife Betsy, avoids the many theological pitfalls that surround the union of Christ’s divine and human natures.

The result is an intriguing, devotion-friendly piece of entertainment suitable for viewers of most ages. Families will welcome it as especially appropriate fare for Lent as well as the Easter season.

As the film begins, a combination of both ordinary and supernatural circumstances indicate to Joseph (Vincent Walsh) that the time has come for his family to leave their temporary residence in Alexandria - the only home 7-year-old Jesus (Adam Greaves-Neal) has ever known - and return to Nazareth.

Not for the first time, Joseph and Mary (Sara Lazzaro) are being forced to grapple with the concrete implications of their son’s unique identity.

Together with Jesus’ other close relatives - including his uncle, Cleopas (Christian McKay), and cousin, James (Finn McLeod Ireland) - Joseph and Mary understand, at least partially, that the lad is the promised Messiah and the Son of God.

The fact that he possesses miraculous powers is, moreover, becoming apparent even to people outside the family circle.

Joseph and Mary’s dilemma is obvious: How can they properly guide a child who remains, in many ways, a mystery to them? And how are they to answer the many questions he himself keeps raising? As Joseph pointedly asks, “How do we explain God to his own Son?”

In the midst of their bafflement, Joseph and Mary are confronted with an even more urgent priority: keeping Jesus safe from the dangers that surround him. The notoriety resulting from the boy’s superhuman abilities has drawn the attention of corrupt King Herod (Jonathan Bailey) who dispatches a Roman centurion named Severus (Sean Bean) to track and kill him.

Jesus is also being dogged by the figure of Satan (Rory Keenan), though only he can sense the evil adversary’s presence.

While “The Young Messiah” can be warmly endorsed for a wide range of audiences, the mature elements listed below, although discreetly handled, are still likely to disturb some parents.

Order your 2016 Diocesan Directory!
The Official 2016 Directory of the Diocese of Ogdensburg includes detailed information about parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations.

Order online at www.northcountrycatholic.org or call our office at 315-608-7556 to order yours today!

$15.00 each

Welcome Spring!
Visit our website at www.northcountrycatholic.org to pay by Credit Card for immediate delivery.

OR Send this coupon with payment to:
North Country Catholic
PO Box 106, Canajoharie, New York 13317
**Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery when mailing in your renewal**

☐ Inside Diocese $27 ☐ Outside Diocese $30
I want to be a Patron: ☐ $35 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250
☐ New Subscription ☐ Renewal

☐ Please send my subscription to my e-mail address:

Name __________________________
Address _______________________
City________ State ______ Zip_______
Parish ________________________
ADIRONDACK

END OF LIFE ISSUES
Saranac Lake - Join Kathy Gallagher from the NYS Catholic Conference to discuss proposed NYS Legislation on Physician Assisted Suicide and the Catholic understanding on End of Life issues.
Date: March 19
Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: St. Bernard’s Church
Cost: $20 will be accepted to help with the cost of lunch and materials.
Features: Includes testimony of JJ Hanson who will share the story of his will to fight against a terminal cancer.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT
Saranac Lake - The St. Bernard’s Church Hand Bell Choir will hold a free St. Patrick’s Day Irish Music Concert.
Date: March 20
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: Will Rogers Village
Features: Sing-a-long also featured

CLINTON

LOBBY FOR LIFE DAY
Albany - Champlain Valley Right to Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the Lobby for Life Day at the state Capitol.
Date: April 13
Time: 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Place: Legislative Building
Cost: $20
Features: Premier Coach from St. Peter’s Church, Plattsburgh
Contact: Applications for the trip can be found at church entrances or call Kitty at 518-563-2943.

PAINT AND SIP
Chazy – Paint and Sip party to be sponsored by the Gals of Sacred Heart.
Date: March 30
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Parish
Cost: $30 per person includes all supplies, snacks and “sipping”
Contact: 518-846-7650 or 518-570-7747 or send check to Sacred Heart, PO Box 459, Chazy, NY 12921 by March 23

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Plattsburgh - A Divine Mercy Sunday observance is set.
Date: April 3
Schedule: Beginning at St. Peter’s Church, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:15 p.m. in the main church; Lecture Series: Three different lectures 12:30, 1:15, 2:00 in the Emmaus Room; Sacrament of Reconciliation: 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 in the chapel; 2:30 p.m.; Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the main church followed by a Procession to St. John’s Church where closing benediction will take place.
Features: Sponsored by St. Peter’s St. John’s and OLV for Year of Mercy.

SPRING BRUNCH
Altona – Holy Angels to have a Spring Brunch.
Date: April 10
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: Adults, $8; Children 6-12, $3; under 5, Free
Features: Brunch, bake sale, craft tables
Contact: Call 236-3848 to reserve craft tables.

PAM SUNDAY BREAKFAST
AuSable Forks - The Au Sable Forks K of C is holding Palm Sunday Breakfast.
Date: March 20
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30
Place: Holy Name Parish Center Gym
Cost: Adults, $10; Children under 12, 5

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Plattsburgh - Annual Good Friday prayer service to be held.
Date: March 25
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: In front of Planned Parenthood
Features: Prayer for the sanctity of life.

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP
Mooers - Monthly prayer group held to pray for all of the sick in our parishes.
Date: Meets every second Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
Place: Senior Housing

Features: Prayer for all the people added to our list each month. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are cited within the prayer service. Prayer and snack lasts about an hour.
Contact: Nancy Monette at nmonette@charter.net

ESSEX

ST. MARY REGISTRATION
Ticonderoga - St. Mary’s School Pre-K & Kindergarten registration for 2016-17 school year is set
Date: March 22
Time: 4 p.m. to 6
Features: Children are eligible for Pre-k if they turn 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2016. Children are eligible for Kindergarten if they turn 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2016.

CABBAGE ROLL SALE
Brushton – Cabbage roll sale to be held.
Date: March 17
Time: 6 a.m. until all are gone
Cost: $4
Features: May be pre-ordered starting March 16 by calling 518-529-6580

SUGAR ON SNOW BRUNCH
Chasm Falls - St. Andre Bessette Parish is holding a Sunday brunch to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week and the maple sugaring season.
Date: March 20
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Place: St. Helen’s Parish Hall
Menu: Sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, Fr. Joe’s Famous Baked Beans, cabbage salad, sugar on snow, homemade raised donuts, more take out available
Cost: Adults, $10; seniors, $8; children (5-10), $5; under 5, Free

FRANKLIN

LENTEN ADORATION
Plattsburgh - St. Peter’s will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Chapel. Will conclude with Benediction on Tuesday of Holy Week at 7 p.m.
Schedule: Mon. and Tues.
Time: 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

ST. MARY REGISTRATION
Titan - St. Mary’s School Pre-K & Kindergarten registration for 2016-17 school year is set
Date: March 22
Time: 4 p.m.
Features: May be pre-ordered starting March 16 by calling 518-529-6580

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Malone - Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated.
Date: April 3
Schedule: 11 a.m., Mass; Following the Mass from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for individual adoration. Confessions will be heard beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continue up until 2:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will begin. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be sung and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
Place: Notre Dame Church
Features: All are welcome to join in any or all of the above times of prayer and praise as your schedule permits.
Contact: Fr. Joseph Giroux, at the St. Andre’s Parish Office, (518) 483-1300

JEFFERSON

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS
Clayton - The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Mary’s and St. John’s Churches present “The Way of the Cross”, a dramatic presentation of the Passion and Death of the Lord.
Date: March 25
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Church
Contact: St. Mary’s Parish office, 668-3398 or Christine Woodley, 778-5125.
Journey with us through Lent in the Missions

This year, take a journey for Lent and with the Missions. As prayer and sacrifice characterize the Season of Lent, they also mark the missionary commitment to which all the baptized are called.

The Pontifical Mission Societies website puts “Lent In Focus” by helping you see the Season through a missionary lens. The pages of this website will grow as Lent continues. The web address if you are interested is www.onefamilyinmission.org.

Journey with us this Lent and with the priests, religious and laity in the Missions who are spreading the Catholic faith and caring for God’s people in a world of need!

During Lent especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks us to “celebrate and experience God’s mercy” as we give hope for others to experience that mercy firsthand. This Lent, you can answer the call of Pope Francis, and become messengers of God’s mercy and hope for our mission family. Your prayers and financial help to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will directly help priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists in their loving service among those in greatest need. By your Lenten sacrifice, you can journey with

•priests in Bangladesh who serve workers on tea plantations
•Sisters in Thailand who save girls from trafficking
•catechists in the slums of Kenya who visit the sick as they teach children of mercy and hope.

Our Lenten appeal is currently underway. I ask for your help. God calls all of us to be His voice in our world of need, reminding others that He is with us always. This Lent, would you be one of those loving missionaries with your support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

As we continue our Lenten journey, may you always be consoled in your darkest times by the knowledge that the Lord never abandons us.

Visit our website
www.northcountrycatholic.org

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

Find us on Facebook!

OBITUARIES

Ausable Forks — Howard Keith Aubin, 86; Funeral Services March 12, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Holy Name Cemetery.

Ausable Forks — Thomas Charles Devlin, 58; Funeral Services March 10, 2016 at Holy Name Church; burial in Jay Central Cemetery.

Ausable Forks — George J. Gravel, 77; Memorial Services March 12, 2016 at Holy Name Church.

Brasher Falls — Gerald Anthony "Gerry" Henry, 88; Funeral Services March 9, 2016 at St. Patrick’s Church.

Clayton — Mary E. "Libby" (Loveland) Natale, 94; Funeral Services March 7, 2016 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Crogan — Robert J. “Pickle” Campana, 97; Funeral Services March 11, 2016 at St. Stephen’s Church; burial in St. Stephen’s Cemetery.

Crogan — Mary F. (Briot) Knight, 90; Funeral Services March 10, 2016 at Scanlon Funeral Home; burial in St. Stephen’s Church; burial in St. Stephen’s Cemetery.

Dennemora — Jean D. Barcomb, 72; Funeral Services March 7, 2016 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Chensibusco.

Malone — Marjorie M. (Gokey) Badore, 96; Funeral Services March 10, 2016 at Notre Dame Church; burial in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Massena — Elizabeth K. “Betsy” (MacPherson) Frank, 75; Funeral Services March 12, 2016 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Norwood — Jean B. (Harper) Fiacco, 87; Funeral Services March 9, 2016 at the Buck Funeral Home; burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Plattsburgh — Helen M. (LaBombard) Ashline, 88; Funeral Services March 12, 2016 at St. John’s Church; burial in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Cooperville.

Redford — Robert M. “Bobby” Parker, 63; Funeral Services March 12, 2016 at St. John’s Church; burial in St. Peter’s Cemetery.

Church of the Assumption; burial in Saranac Independence Cemetery.

Watertown — Therese M. Capone, 72; Funeral Services March 9, 2016 at Sisters of St. Joseph; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Mary Dacey Malara, 79; Funeral Services St. Anthony’s Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Watertown — Marie S. Thomson; Funeral Services March 12, 2016 at Holy Family Church; burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

West Chazy — Robert “Bob/Papa” Aaron Everleth, 76; Funeral Services May 7, 2016 at St. Joseph’s Church; burial in St. Peter’s Cemetery.

For a New or Used Car
Mort Backus & Sons
On Canton-Ogdensburg Rd.
315-393-5899

Consulting Actuaries
for the
Lay Employee and
Priests Retirement Plans

Frank J. Walters Associates
58-13 Seabury Street
Flushing NY 11373-4825
Tel: (718) 779-8404
Email: fjwainc@aol.com

Compliments of
be held to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.  
**Date:** March 19  
**Time:** 4 p.m. to 7  
**Place:** St. Mary’s Parish Center  
**Cost:** Adults, $7; Seniors, $6; Children under 12, $5; under 5, Free  

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**Watertown** – St. Patrick’s Church in Watertown sponsors weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays. The Monstrance is placed on the Altar at the end of Noon Mass. Our doors remain open until 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.  
**Contact:** 315-783-6086

**IH C 1976 CLASS REUNION**  
**Watertown** – The Immaculate Heart Central High School Class of 1976 Reunion Committee has plans for their 40th reunion.  
**Schedule:** July 8, Meet and greet at Golemans; July 9, dinner at the Savory Café  
**Features:** This will be in conjunction with Watertown High School Class of 1976 although we will have separate rooms on Saturday evening.  
**Contact:** Please reach out to us on FB – https://www.facebook.com/groups/110430185630357/ or contact Aileen Dawsley at 1976reunion@gmail.com or Steve Fazio at stevenmfazio@gmail.com

**ST. LAWRENCE**  
**LEWIS**  

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Port Leyden** – There will be a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the St. Martin’s/ St. John’s Altar and Rosary Societies.  
**Date:** March 31  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** Port Leyden Fire Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $8; Children, $4; under 5, Free  
**Contact:** Take-outs and deliveries are available by calling 348-8945

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration to be held.  
**Date:** April 3  
**Schedule:** Reconciliation will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the Divine Mercy 101, with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, at Stockbridge, MA, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will include: Blessing of The Divine Mercy Image and holy cards, presentation of petitions, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benedic tion.  
**Place:** St. Hedwig’s Church  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Mark A. Pasik, M.A., Pastor of St. Mark’s Church in Utica  
**Features:** A cover-dish reception will follow in the church hall.  
**Contact:** 346-6260 for more info

**LEWIS**  

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Ogdensburg** – St. Joseph’s Nursing home to have Easter Egg Hunt.  
**Date:** March 20  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Place:** St. John’s Church Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $7; Children 5-12, $4; under 5, Free  

**DINNER THEATER**  
**Brasher Falls** – The North Franklin Theater Group presents “Murder at Rutherford House”, an interactive dinner theater experience.  
**Date:** April 16  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Brasher Falls K of C Hall  
**Cost:** $30 per person pre-paid. Reserv ations deadline is April 7th.  
**Contact:** Call Terry Grant at 315-389-4116 or Phil Davis at 315-389-4627

**ST. MARY’S LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
**Canton** – The schedule of special programs for Lent at St. Mary’s follows  
**Schedule:** Saturdays: 8:10 a.m., Rosary for Vocations (Chapel); 8:30 a.m., Mass (Chapel); 9 a.m., Conversion Series by Bishop Robert Barron with discussion.  
(School Library): Sundays, 10 a.m., Symbol Series: Learn more about our Catholic Faith. (School Library); Thursdays, 4 p.m., Holy Hour for Vocations (Chapel); Fridays 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross (Church); Mon.-Fri. 7:15 a.m., Daily Mass (Chapel); Mon.-Thurs. 5:15 p.m., Daily Mass (Chapel) March 4th; 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross Penance Service; Confessions and Adoration until 10 p.m. (Church)

**LEWIS**  

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Port Leyden** – There will be a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the St. Martin’s/ St. John’s Altar and Rosary Societies.  
**Date:** March 31  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** Port Leyden Fire Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $8; Children, $4; under 5, Free  
**Contact:** Take-outs and deliveries are available by calling 348-8945

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration to be held.  
**Date:** April 3  
**Schedule:** Reconciliation will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the Divine Mercy 101, with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, at Stockbridge, MA, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will include: Blessing of The Divine Mercy Image and holy cards, presentation of petitions, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benedic tion.  
**Place:** St. Hedwig’s Church  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Mark A. Pasik, M.A., Pastor of St. Mark’s Church in Utica  
**Features:** A cover-dish reception will follow in the church hall.  
**Contact:** 346-6260 for more info

**LEWIS**  

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Ogdensburg** – St. Joseph’s Nursing home to have Easter Egg Hunt.  
**Date:** March 20  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Place:** St. John’s Church Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $7; Children 5-12, $4; under 5, Free  

**DINNER THEATER**  
**Brasher Falls** – The North Franklin Theater Group presents “Murder at Rutherford House”, an interactive dinner theater experience.  
**Date:** April 16  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Brasher Falls K of C Hall  
**Cost:** $30 per person pre-paid. Reserv ations deadline is April 7th.  
**Contact:** Call Terry Grant at 315-389-4116 or Phil Davis at 315-389-4627

**ST. MARY’S LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
**Canton** – The schedule of special programs for Lent at St. Mary’s follows  
**Schedule:** Saturdays: 8:10 a.m., Rosary for Vocations (Chapel); 8:30 a.m., Mass (Chapel); 9 a.m., Conversion Series by Bishop Robert Barron with discussion.  
(School Library): Sundays, 10 a.m., Symbol Series: Learn more about our Catholic Faith. (School Library); Thursdays, 4 p.m., Holy Hour for Vocations (Chapel); Fridays 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross (Church); Mon.-Fri. 7:15 a.m., Daily Mass (Chapel); Mon.-Thurs. 5:15 p.m., Daily Mass (Chapel) March 4th; 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross Penance Service; Confessions and Adoration until 10 p.m. (Church)

**LEWIS**  

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Port Leyden** – There will be a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the St. Martin’s/ St. John’s Altar and Rosary Societies.  
**Date:** March 31  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30  
**Place:** Port Leyden Fire Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $8; Children, $4; under 5, Free  
**Contact:** Take-outs and deliveries are available by calling 348-8945

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Houseville** – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration to be held.  
**Date:** April 3  
**Schedule:** Reconciliation will begin at 2:15 p.m. and the Divine Mercy 101, with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, at Stockbridge, MA, will be shown in the church hall at 2 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration will include: Blessing of The Divine Mercy Image and holy cards, presentation of petitions, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benedic tion.  
**Place:** St. Hedwig’s Church  
**Speaker:** The Rev. Mark A. Pasik, M.A., Pastor of St. Mark’s Church in Utica  
**Features:** A cover-dish reception will follow in the church hall.  
**Contact:** 346-6260 for more info

**LEWIS**  

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Ogdensburg** – St. Joseph’s Nursing home to have Easter Egg Hunt.  
**Date:** March 20  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Place:** St. John’s Church Hall  
**Cost:** Adults, $7; Children 5-12, $4; under 5, Free  

**DINNER THEATER**  
**Brasher Falls** – The North Franklin Theater Group presents “Murder at Rutherford House”, an interactive dinner theater experience.  
**Date:** April 16  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Brasher Falls K of C Hall  
**Cost:** $30 per person pre-paid. Reserv ations deadline is April 7th.  
**Contact:** Call Terry Grant at 315-389-4116 or Phil Davis at 315-389-4627

**ST. MARY’S LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
**Canton** – The schedule of special programs for Lent at St. Mary’s follows  
**Schedule:** Saturdays: 8:10 a.m., Rosary for Vocations (Chapel); 8:30 a.m., Mass (Chapel); 9 a.m., Conversion Series by Bishop Robert Barron with discussion.  
(School Library): Sundays, 10 a.m., Symbol Series: Learn more about our Catholic Faith. (School Library); Thursdays, 4 p.m., Holy Hour for Vocations (Chapel); Fridays 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross (Church); Mon.-Fri. 7:15 a.m., Daily Mass (Chapel); Mon.-Thurs. 5:15 p.m., Daily Mass (Chapel) March 4th; 5:15 p.m., Stations of the Cross Penance Service; Confessions and Adoration until 10 p.m. (Church)