Faith brings hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - Christians can find hope even at the hour of death, which faith teaches is not a closed door but a wide-open passage to a new life with Christ, Pope Francis said.

While all men and women are "small and helpless in front of the mystery of death," Jesus' victory over death assures Christians of the joy of the resurrection, the pope said Oct. 18 during his weekly general audience.

Despite chilly temperatures in Rome, thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square to greet the pope who rode around St. Peter's Square, stopping frequently to greet pilgrims and kiss babies. Making sure one child was kept warm, the pope pulled up the hood of the baby's jacket before he was taken back to his parents.

Continuing his series of talks on Christian hope, Pope Francis reflected on death, which is "a reality that our modern civilization tends to eradicate" so completely that "when death comes to us or those around us, we are unprepared."

Meet a seminarian

NCC FILE PHOTO
Nicholas Olley, a parishioner of St. James Minor Church in Carthage, is in his second year of college at the Pontifical College Josephinum.
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Happy Birthday, Sr. Catherine

St. Joseph Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout turns 100 this week.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUBILARIANS

Four of the nine religious women celebrating special anniversaries in 2017 are shown with Bishop Terry R. LaValley following the Religious Jubilee Mass Oct. 15 at St. Mary's Cathedral. From left are Mercy Sister Brian Marie Latour, St. Joseph Sister Cathleen Moore, Bishop LaValley and St. Joseph Sisters Marie Cordata Kelly and Mary Paul Blank, all celebrating 60 years of religious life. Unable to attend were St. Joseph Sister Victorine Brenon, 70 years; St. Joseph Sisters Mary Maurice Black, Gabriel Marie Meyer and Mary Kateri Rose, 65 years; and St. Joseph Sister Marie Angele Ellis, 60 years. Autobiographical sketches of the jubilarians are on pages 4-5.

CELEBRATE CHRIST

‘Called to Lead’

PHOTO BY PAM BALLANTINE
St. Joseph Bethany Fitzgerald, representing faith and ecology groups of the diocese, was one of the exhibitors at Celebrate Christ 2017 held Oct. 20 and Oct. 22 at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. Keynote speaker Christopher Lowney spoke to Catholic school personnel on Friday and parish catechetical leaders Saturday on the theme "Leadership Lessons from Pope Francis: Doing the Laundry, Dusty Shoes and the Monastery Bell." Full coverage of Celebrate Christ will be published in next week’s NCC.

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EDITOR’S NOTE

Consecrated diocese? Yes, it matters

Between the time this paper was sent to the printer and the time that it landed in mailboxes, the Diocese of Ogdensburg experienced a bit of an upgrade.

On Sunday afternoon all the parishes and people of the diocese were consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop LaValley presided at the special liturgy, held at St. Mary’s Cathedral on the 65th anniversary of its dedication.

The Prayer of Consecration was based on the Consecration that Pope St. John Paul II prayed 35 years ago in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. That makes it especially appropriate as the universal church observes the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

In last week’s North Country Catholic, Dr. Maura Hearden Fehlner wrote a powerful reflection on the reasons why this consecration matters.

To consecrate yourself, she wrote, means to entrust yourself entirely to someone. “Strictly speaking, we can only consecrate ourselves to God because we are his,” Dr. Hearden Fehlner wrote. “However, when the Church speaks of consecration to Mary, it means we are giving ourselves to God through Mary.”

“To the extent that we entrust ourselves to her motherly care and conform to her immaculate example, our diocese will receive great graces,” she said.

Our diocese has certainly been the beneficiary of great graces in recent months with new deacons and blessed opportunities for Catholic educators, married couples, law enforcement personnel and youth but there is still plenty of space for more.

“Oh, Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil which so easily takes root in the hearts of people of today and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future,” the bishop prayed on Sunday.

We don’t have to think hard or long about the menacing evil threatening us as individuals and as part of a community, parish, country, world. Yes, this consecration really matters!

FATHER MUECH SAYS

Living with a well-formed conscience

Recently, I discovered a new saint — new to me anyway. I was wandering through some of the you-tube videos on my computer and came upon the life story of Franz Jaegerstaeter. Jaegerstaeter was condemned to death and executed by the Nazis in 1943 at the age of 36 for refusing induction into the Nazi army and was beatified in 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Franz Jaegerstaeter lived his life in a town in Upper Austria. The German government had invaded and ruled over Austria, demanding the men of Austria to be inducted into the Nazi army. Jaegerstaeter was married and had three daughters. The story goes that although he underwent basic military training, he received an exemption from involvement in the military because he was a father and farmer. During that time he was the sacristan at the parish church and a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

In 1943, that exemption was removed. He was formerly inducted into the Nazi army but he refused induction claiming to be a conscientious objector. He considered the war and the Nazi cause to be morally unacceptable. He was arrested. He was executed. He was truly a martyr.

Franz’s story was not recognized until years later. Now many have learned of him and written about him. One witness to his life and sanctity was his wife, Franziska, who lived many years after Franz’s death until the age of 90.

Following conscience — we, Christians, trust in the notion of conscience. The Catholic Catechism for Adults reminds us: “The formation of a good conscience is another fundamental element of Christian moral teaching. Conscience is a judgment of reason by which the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act.”

We are referred back to the second Vatican Council. In the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes), there is a section on the Dignity of Moral Conscience (16). This document helps us to understand more about conscience. “The voice of conscience calls all to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, tells all inwardly at the right moment: do this, shun this.” We all have in our heart in our heart a law inscribed by God. St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans: “They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts.”

Franz Jaegerstaeter was challenged by the call of conscience. He could have lied to the Nazis and served in the army. This could have saved his life but he chose to follow his conscience.

“Gaudium et Spes” goes on to say: “Hence, the more a correct conscience prevails, the more do persons and groups turn aside from blind chance and try to be guided by the objective standards of moral conduct.”

I decided to use the story of Franz Jaegerstaeter on the Sunday when the Gospel was about “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”

In that Gospel story, the Pharisees ask Jesus, “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” to test Jesus — if he says the tax to Caesar was lawful — the Hebrew people would be upset with Jesus. If he considers it not lawful, the Romans would react against Jesus. So, he cleverly says: “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Christians are citizens of the country in which they live. They owe the fact that they are able to live in peace and security too its forces of law and order. Christians are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. To it they owe certain other privileges and to it they also have obligations.

Christians can sometimes be faced with a real dilemma — how to be a Christian in a secular world when the laws may often be unchristian. True Christians will strive to be good citizens of their country and at the same time good citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. They will fail neither in their duty to God nor to their fellow men and women. But as Christians our first and deepest loyalty is to God. Our well-formed conscience must be our guide.
Sister of St. Joseph to celebrate 100th birthday

WATERTOWN - Sister Catherine Laboure Goodbout, a Sister of St. Joseph for 67 years, will celebrate her 100th birthday Oct. 29.

A native of Canton, she is the daughter of the late Ernest and Mary LaPierre Goodbout.

Sister Catherine graduated from Canton High School in 1936 and received a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of New York State College of Potsdam.

Sister Catherine worked as a secretary at St. John’s, Morristown; Holy Name, AuSable Forks; St. Joseph the Worker, Mineville; St. James, Gouverneur; St. Joseph’s, Massena; St. Andrew’s, Norwood; and Holy Name School, Tupper Lake.

Sister Catherine also taught catechism, made home visits and taking census for parishioners at St. Cecilia’s, Adams; Sacred Heart, Massena; and Holy Name, AuSable Forks, where she served as school secretary and librarian.

Since retiring in 1995, Sister Catherine has resided at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse where, for more than 15 years, she made home and hospital visits to shut-ins and patients at local nursing homes and hospitals.

Today, Sister Catherine ministers to her community’s sisters who live at the motherhouse with her smile and prayer.

FOR COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTERS

"To be an effective disciple in mission...am I ready to change, to be transformed by the power of God’s Spirit?"

This was the message from Bishop Terry LaValley as he spoke at the fourth annual Commissioned Lay Ministry (SLFA) dinner meeting Oct. 11 at the Church of the Visitation/Father Amyot Parish Center in Norfolk. The event was attended by approximately 90 priests, deacons, CLM’s and guests from across the diocese. The Commissioned Lay Ministry Association offers several retreats, dinners and events throughout the year designed to enrich one’s spiritual life and faith formation. To continue to remain in contact with the association and be informed of any upcoming events, call or email any changes or updates to contact information to Jeannie Grizzuto at jgrizzuto@rcdony.org or call 315-395-2920 ext 1413.

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

‘I can’t remember when I didn’t want to be a priest’

By Catherine Russell
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

Nicholas Olley, in his second year of college at the Pontifical College Josephinum, is the son of Duane and Monica Olley and a parishioner of St. James the Minor Church in Carthage.

The family often prayed together while Nicholas was growing up. As he looks back, he credits these prayer times with planting the seeds of his vocation to priesthood. It doesn’t hurt that he has an uncle who is a priest of the order Fathers of Mercy as well!

As often as he could, he attended Camp Guggenheim where his faith continued to deepen.

Nicholas graduated from Augustinian Academy and Carthage Central School and attended Jefferson Community College prior to entering the seminary.

While in high school, Nicholas was in the chorus and acted in the school musicals. Because of his carpentry skills and ability to work with his hands, Nicholas was relied upon to help with set construction.

Also in high school, Nicholas saw a need for a youth group so he started one with some of his friends. At the same time, he was active in his church as a server at Mass, a member of the Vocation team and Liturgy Committee.

The faith heroes Nicholas most admires are Francis of Assisi, St. John Paul II, St. Padre Pio and St. Andrew. When he prays, he likes to use the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and he loves the Mass.

Nicholas is a typical north country resident who enjoys country music, hunting and hiking. And he likes to eat steak and prime rib!

When asked why he wants to be a priest, Nick replies, “I can’t remember a time I didn’t want to be a priest. I want to say Mass and bring the sacraments to the people.”

He credits his uncle and his pastors Father Cosmic, Father Maroun and Father Robinson with most influencing his decision to enter seminary. Growing up, he was able to spend a lot of time around priests and saw their joy and how happy they were.

His favorite scripture quote is “Be not afraid.” Nick thinks it is a great way to live life in today’s world and who can disagree with that?

As far as advice for a man considering priesthood, Nicholas offers, “Pray. Explore different types of priesthood, diocesan and religious, and find someone to talk to about it.”

PHOTO BY TOM SEMERARO
Nicholas Olley of Carthage has begun his second year of college at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.
Meet our religious jubilarians

Nine religious women celebrate special anniversaries in 2017

75TH JUBILEE
Sister Victorine Brenon, SSJ
I was born in Carthage, the daughter of Victor and Florence McAvoy Brenon, one of ten children, two of whom were Sister Geraldine and Sister Rita Marie, both Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown.

I attended a country school for grades one through five, and Augustinian Academy in Carthage until graduation in 1941. Following my novitiate, I attended Marywood College in Scranton, PA, graduating with a BS degree in Education. I received my MS degree from Plattsburgh State University. Graduate studies were pursued at Ypsilon State University in Michigan, and Notre Dame University, in Indiana.

I taught in several diocesan schools: Bishop Conroy, Ogdensburg; Champlain Academy, Port Henry; St. Joseph’s School in Dannemora; as well as Holy Family and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Schools in Watertown.

I have been in community life with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Watertown for nearly 75 years, what a lucky life with its unique spiritual, educational, and personal growth opportunities, linked to the privilege of life in Community, along with a “work net” of relationships and interactions with a vast array of people from many walks of life, I am humbled and grateful to our Heavenly Father who sustains and guides my life, goals and dreams along the way. My parents, John Martin and Mathew Glavin, were a joy and blessing, as were my brothers and sisters, who were always ready to encourage, and support me. I have an MA and an MS in education and have taught in many diocesan schools, as well as Mater Dei College.

60TH JUBILEE
Sister Brian Marie Latour, RSM
Sister Brian Marie was born on December 28, 1939, in Saranac Lake, the oldest daughter of Tuffield A. and M. Elizabeth Kennedy Latour.

She attended St. Bernard’s School in Saranac Lake, and graduated in 1957 from Saranac Lake High School.

Sister Brian Marie entered the Sisters of Mercy in Tarrytown, NY on September 8, 1957.

She attended Mercy College and was a graduate of Manhattanville College with a BA in Music in 1962.

Since she attended Manhattanville at the time of the beginning of the Liturgical Renewal, Sister Brian Marie was exposed to great teachers of Gregorian Chant, as well as those beginning the teaching of modern liturgical hymns.

She received her Master’s Degree in Education from SUNY Potsdam in 1968.

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Sister Brian Marie was received for profession of first vows on August 16, 1960, and final vows on August 16, 1965.

She spent years teaching elementary school at St. Cecilia’s School in Manhattan, St. Patrick’s School, Brasher Falls; St. Bernard’s School, Saranac Lake; Holy Ghost Academy, Tupper Lake; St. John’s Academy, Plattsburgh. She was the last principal of St. John’s School in Plattsburgh and the founding principal of Seton Catholic in Plattsburgh. Sister Brian Marie was also an interim principal at St. Agnes School, Lake Placid.

She worked at the Susan Devin Residence in the Bronx, St. Michael’s Home on Staten Island, and was the Director of Activities at Mercy Hospital, Watertown. She spent six years in Pastoral Ministry at St. Patrick’s in Brasher Falls, NY. Later, she was the local coordinator of the Motherhouse Community in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Since 2007, Sister Brian Marie has been working the AfterCare Program at Seton Academy. She is a member of St. John’s Parish, Plattsburgh, where she serves as lector, Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Altar Rosary Society.

Sister Marie Angele Ellis, SSJ

Sister Marie Angele, a native of Carthage, is the daughter of the late Toufee and Angele Hobeiche Ellis. She graduated from Augustinian Academy, Carthage; Central City Business Institute, Syracuse; and SUNY Potsdam, she pursued a business career as a medical secretary in Syracuse, before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph in September 1956.

She received the habit from Bishop Walter P. Kellemen in 1957, and made her Final Profession in 1962.

Sister Marie Angele taught at a number of diocesan schools, and in 1963 to 1997 was the Community Treasurer. From 1973 to 1981, she was assistant Superior General.

Sister Marie Angele has served on the Diocesan Finance Council, was Pastoral Associate at St. James Parish in Carthage, until her retirement in 2015.

Sister Cathleen Moore

Sister Cathleen Moore (Sister Emmanuel) is the youngest child of Edward and Hazel Spilman Moore. She graduated from Morrisstown Central High School in 1956, and in the fall of that year, entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Watertown. Sister Cathleen received her BA in elementary education from SUNY Potsdam. She later pursued her MA in Religious Education from St. Michael’s College in Winooksi, Vt.

Sister Cathleen has ministered in schools and parishes throughout the Ogdensburg Diocese as a teacher, principal and Director of Religious Education. Her motto is, “Where there are people, there is ministry to be done.”

Sister Cathleen ventured into the study of Cosmetology and worked in this ministry for about 15 years, in both hair salons and nursing homes in Syracuse. She was the Catholic Chaplain for Loretto Cunningham/Fahey Nursing Facility in Syracuse, for many years. She enjoyed being with the residents, their families, employees, and volunteers.

Sister Cathleen enjoys celebrating the differences of each season. She appreciates and enjoys being with her community and with her families and friends. Sister celebrates life daily, by her thoughts, words and actions.

Sister Mary Paul Blank, SSJ

Sister Mary Paul was born in Wilno, Ontario, a small town in the center Algonquin Park known as “God’s country.” She entered religious life at age 21. Sister Mary Paul graduated from Toronto Teachers College in teaching methods and in academics. She received her BA from Toronto University, and her MA in Theology from St. Bonaventure University.

She taught in Toronto, Hamilton and St. Gregory’s School in Oshawa, Ontario. Her teaching career continued at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown, where she opened the preschool. She also taught at Augustinian Academy in Carthage, Seton Catholic High School in Plattsburgh, and St. Mary’s Academy in Champlain.

Blessed with a special gift and love of teaching, Sister Mary Paul worked wonders with many children who struggled to read, as well as gifted children, instilling in them wonder and love of God and His wonderful gifts, creativity and love for learning.

After a busy life of prayer, instilling love of God in young people, and the ministry of teaching, if religious ever retire, Sister Mary Paul now resides at the Motherhouse in Watertown, caring daily for over 100 plants throughout the house, decorating the dining room for the seasons and special feasts, helping wherever needed, and enjoying extra time for prayer.

Sister Marie Cordata Kelly, SSJ

Sister Marie Cordata Kelly was born in AuSable Forks and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at age 17. She graduated from SUNY Potsdam, with a BS in Education, and later earned Master’s Degree in Business Education and Office Supervision from The Catholic University of America, as well as a Master’s Degree in Theology from St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Cordata enjoyed teaching for a total of 53 years in the Ogdensburg Diocese, including St. Andrew’s School in Norwood, St. Mary’s School in Fort Covington, St. Joseph the Worker School in Mineville, St. Mary’s School in Massena, Immaculate Heart Central High School in Watertown, and Seton Catholic Central High School in Plattsburgh, as well as St. Mary’s Academy in Champlain.

Sister Cordata now serves as secretary to the Major Superior, at the Motherhouse. She enjoys interacting each day with the Sisters, employees, and volunteers, while especially enjoying extra time for prayer.
ONE BREAD...ONE BODY... ONE FAMILY

Bishop’s Fund supports work of Vocation Office

By Catherine Russell
Diocesan Vocation Coordinator

The diocesan vocations office, with wonderful support from the annual Bishop’s Fund, has always promoted vocations to priesthood and consecrated life.

Creating a culture of vocation …

However, the mission of the office was expanded when Bishop LaValley established the three priorities leading us into the future.

The first priority is creating a culture of vocation. In the introduction to the WE ARE CALLED diocesan vocation plan, we find the words of the Bishop: “The first vocation each of us acquires by virtue of baptism is to become a saint, to be holy… We will build a culture where such awareness of our baptismal call is nurtured and where church vocations are encouraged and celebrated.”

What does that mean? Many of us grew up accepting that it was only the nuns and priests who were called to be holy, to be saints. The rest of us could just show up for Mass or Sunday, put money in the collection and lead a decent life. Yet the beautiful vocation of faithfulness should never be reduced to that!

By virtue of Baptism, each of us received the gift of a vocation to love, to holiness, to priesthood and mission for the Kingdom!

Pope Francis says it this way, “To be saints is not a privilege for the few but the vocation of everyone.”

To that end, the Vocation Office works with the parish vocation ministry teams throughout the diocese, providing support and resources so that all may realize this call.

Gradually, the word is spreading that vocations to priesthood and consecrated life will surface once we all realize our own vocation to be a true disciple of Jesus and pray for more workers in the vineyard.

Are you reading about our nine seminarians? Keep the prayers coming!

The office collaborates with other departments, like the Youth Department, to plan activities on the theme of vocation, family and discipleship.

One such activity was the middle school retreat that took place at Camp Guggenheim this fall. The event was attended by about 100 students who learned that God calls them to a mission for the Kingdom!

The Vocation Office, with support from the Bishop’s Fund, accompanies men discerning priesthood. Operation Andrew dinners and discernment retreats are offered annually throughout the diocese. These provide opportunities for men to talk with the Bishop and priests about the vocation to priesthood. A summer retreat and Christmas gathering for our seminarians is planned as well.

So, THANK YOU to everyone who donates to the Bishop’s Fund! Wonderful work is being done because of you! May God bless you each and every day and may we continue to help create a culture of vocation in our diocese.

Bishop’s Schedule

Oct. 26 – 9 a.m., Prayer Service and Visit to St. Bernard’s School in Saranac Lake
  11:30 a.m., Prayer Service and Visit to St. Agnes School in Lake Placid

Oct. 27 – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. James Church in Gouverneur followed by visit to St. James School

Oct. 28 – 9 a.m., Mass for the Confirmation Destination Family Catechesis Program at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Constable

Oct. 29 – 9:30 a.m., Opening School Mass at St. James Minor Church in Carthage followed by Visit to Augustinian Academy
  7:15 a.m., Novena and Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral

Oct. 30 – 10:30 a.m., Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at the Bishop’s Residence in Ogdensburg

Nov. 1 – 10 a.m., Mass and Installation of Readers and Acolytes at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH

Environmental Stewardship

‘Hope Amidst Crisis’

Recently eight people from our Diocese including a student who attends the University of Vermont participated in a Conference at St. Michael’s College in Colchester entitled “Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation.”

This conference, sponsored by the Catholic Church in Vermont, was part of a yearlong, statewide, intentional focus on embracing a letter from Pope Francis entitled L’Eco della Terra: A Encyclical Letter.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Carolyn M. Woo, a former president and CEO of Catholic Relief Service, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, brought a message of hope to the more than 200 people who attended the Conference.

She noted that “we are in the midst of a crisis, it is very important to focus on what can be done to take better care of the Earth.”

Dr. Woos stated “Hope is where you believe that action can make a difference.”

Among the responses to the change in climate, which disproportionately affects the world’s poor, Dr. Woo suggested socially investing with companies that have good ratings for healthy living, clean water, renewable energy, zero waste and disease eradication. Even if it is as little as a $50 investment, it counts. You don’t have to sacrifice financial returns.

Dr. Woo sees hope in the momentum in the area of clean energy, and she encouraged the creation of green job fairs to encourage young people to pursue careers in this industry.

To reduce carbon emissions in the environment, she suggested the use of solar farms, plant-rich diets, wind turbines, reduced food waste and refrigerant management. Care of the Earth, she emphasized, transcends politics, and it needs each of us working together to create a more sustainable future for all.

To learn more about Laudato Si and how to put the message into practice, please plan to come to the October-ECO-Fest sponsored by the Watertown Faith and Ecology group on Sunday, October 29. See Calendar of Events on page 14 of this Week’s NCC.
SPECIAL PRAYER AND CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

FACES OF FAITH

The congregations of St. Ann’s and St. James’ of Wells and Speculator held a service Oct. 13 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. St. Ann’s congregant, Rosemary Reo, second from the left in the blue skirt, organized the event which was held at the Town of Wells Pavilion. She also provided handmade rosaries. The service featured litanies, hymns, prayers and recitation of the rosary.

Deacons Ronny Gingerich and Thomas Yousey served their first Mass at St. Peter’s Church, Lowville, Oct. 7, a day after they were ordained at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The clergy of St. Peter’s are shown after the Mass. From left are Deacons Ronald Pominville and Kenneth Seymour, Father Christopher Carrara, pastor; and Deacons Gingerich and Yousey. A parish wide reception for the new deacons followed in the parish hall.

Catholic Daughters Courts Little Rose 1300, Ellenburg; and Our Lady of the Snows 1548, Lyon Mountain; hosted the Past Regents Memorial Mass on Sept. 30 at St. Bernard’s Church in Lyon Mountain, with Bishop Terry LaValley, presiding. The celebration continued at the American Legion in Lyon Mountain with guest speakers, Helene Shepard, National Regent and Heather Rave, State Regent.

PHOTOS BY MARIKA DONDERS

About 40 pilgrims took part in the DOVS (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) annual pilgrimage to pray for vocations. The group traveled to Syracuse Oct. 10 where they visited the St.

Marianne Cope’s Shrine and Museum, above left, and joined Bishop LaValley for Mass at the newly renovated Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Pictured at right, the bishop spends time with one of the pilgrims during the bus ride south.
Respect Life Month
“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20
This month’s editions have been graciously supported by the following parishes, organizations & individuals:

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October is Respect Life Month
Praying Mom home to Jesus
By Eileen Greenwood
Catechetical director, St. Stephen’s, Croghan

One month and I can still remember how the night Mom flew away felt. We had sat by her for eight days and nights. She was brave. Kind. So caring and more worried about us than herself. She was frail, and her hand in mine felt like I was holding a precious baby bird and I was gentle with it...

We all took turns sitting beside her, reassuring her how much we loved her. We all heard her say over and over I love, love, love you. God bless you. God love you.

We all saw her minister to every single person who came through the door. She would welcome them. Tell them thank you. Say God bless you. She would smile through her pain, even as we cried through it for her suffering.

I remember the brown chair I pulled close to her bed so I could sleep holding her hand in mine. I remember the bar of the hospital bed under my upper arm and how it felt cold and left bruises but I didn’t care. I needed to be right there. Time was precious and we knew it. And she would call for me and I had to be where she could see me and to gaze into her beautiful brown eyes and try to empty my love and my strength into her to give her courage.

On the last morning a pale yellow butterfly flew up to me and I just knew that it was her day to earn her wings... We had sat by her for eight days and nights. We had to understand that our Mom was brave. Kind.

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We all saw her minister to every single person who came through the door. She would welcome them. Tell them thank you. Say God bless you. She would smile through her pain, even as we cried through it for her suffering.

The tears poured down our faces as we stood hand in hand that morning knowing that today would be so life-changing for us. She had lived in our home for 25 years. It was not easy to say to Jesus “take her from us, give her peace” because we knew what we were facing would be so difficult. But we did it together.

I am so grateful that we had each other to cling to through this. I am so grateful God said “marry this man!” because what strength and courage and faith and tender love he has brought to my life. I could not have made it through those beautiful, sad, emotional, glorious, and heart-wrenching days without him. He stayed with me that last final night.

Earlier that day towards evening, we had gathered with family in a circle of love around the bed. We stood together with family and we poured our heart out to her in a prayerful goodbye. I stood there listening to the words of our family, loving each of them for their love for Mom, and for being there with us.

I remember waiting for my turn, praying to the Spirit to guide me and then I just let everything out of me in a prayer that may have been the most fervent and emotional yet. I spoke of gratitude for the legacy she would leave be­hind, that her children and her grandchildren know what an amazing and wonderful Grandma and Mother she was, tat they would always know of her love.

It was one of the most beautiful and precious times I have been blessed to witness in life. I will forever remem­ber and be grateful for that circle of love for Mom. We prayed her Home to a place of no pain and no suffering, a place of peace and joy. We prayed her into the loving arms of childhood friends and high school classmates.

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We prayed her home to her parents, her husband, and her children. And we prayed her home to Jesus, to his gentle, loving arms and the focus of her whole life.

We always knew she loved us and we saw it in everything she said and did. But we also knew she placed God first, loved Him first, and we were okay with that.

And that is why, after those long eight days were over, and it was time to walk out of that room, to leave her, I could do it. Everything that was amazing and beautiful about my Mom had flown away, and there was no more reason to stay.

We walked out of the hospital at dawn. The sun had just started to come up.

The birds were singing the most beautiful song I had ever heard and I knew, with every fiber of my being that it was for her, that God arranged that just for her...and for us. And it was peaceful. Going home to our children I felt incredibly peaceful, and just so thankful.

Because Mom had gone home to her loved ones. And I was going home to mine.

Uncle Lauria takes a ‘selfie’ in front of the family pumpkin patch with Vinnie, making a silly face; sister in law Rachel holding Anna and baby Sarah; and Anthony. Here he writes about how the openness to life of his brother and sister-in-law is an openness to joy.

The face of God looking straight into me

By Andrew Lauria
Contributing writer

I was sitting on the front porch of my neighbor, who happens to be my older brother, when a shirt and shoe-less four year old boy went running by with some sort of home-made stick weapon in hand.

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He was yelling for his older brother, who seemed to have climbed too high in a tree and was afraid to come down. A very outspoken two year old girl followed her brother up the hill toward the tree that echoed with a timid voice. She didn’t have shoes or a shirt on either. All the while, a newborn baby rests in her mother’s arms as she finishes her feeding.

We laughed on the porch. All was well.

Being an uncle and neighbor of four beautiful, adventurous children under the age of six is a perpetual source of hope and joy. They are the face of God looking straight into me with eight coffee-colored eyes. Sometimes when my two year old niece comes up to me with that grin that says she is happy to see me, my eyes tear up and my faith in the goodness of God’s human creation is immediately boosted.

I often think about this amusement and inspiration that comes from next door and it is no surprise to find the source of such life is my brother and sister-in-law, who have opened up their own lives to bring four beautiful children into the world. Their openness to life is reflected by the openness to joy that radiates from their children.

I was recently with my brother in a group of people when someone congratulated him on the birth of his fourth kid. They laughed and said “that must be a lot”. And he beamed a huge smile and said “yes, yes it is a lot”.

I have never seen my brother smile so much as since his second daughter was born just a few weeks ago. His openness to life has brought him a joy that I have never before seen in him.

His smile says it all; to be open to life is to be open to joy. This is something that is universally true, regardless of vocation or state in life. To be open to life means that we are open to the possibility found in another person, to be looking always for ways to support the development of our neighbor, to help the need of our best friend, to just hold the door for the old man using a walker. To be open to life means that we are open to the possibilities that come from God’s endless capacity to love His creation. To say that we are Catholic means that we are open to life, that we welcome our neighbor, help the stranger, and smile and laugh all the while with a tremendous joy that comes directly from His love for us.

And this brings me back to the four little ones with whom I share a driveway. As a single person, to be open to life means to be open to their lives, open to the new ways their personalities are unfolding every day, open to their simplicity, their joy, the incredible reality that in their sincerity lies the opportunity for me to reconnect with the simplicity of God.

To be open to life is to be open to God working through the lives of these tiniest of angels, who recall the child inside of me.

Sitting on that porch, we just smile at the comedy show that is happening before us. I watch my brother go and rescue his son from the tree while the two others “help” him. My sister-in-law pats the baby on her back as she burps from her meal. And in this scene lies all the hope necessary for a bright and beautiful future.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis’ recent statement that the death penalty is incompatible with the Gospel focused less on a government’s role in protecting its people and more on the need to defend the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

At least from the time of Blessed Paul VI in the 1960s, the Catholic Church has been increasingly critical of the use of capital punishment between those who acknowledge the early centuries of church teaching that a state has a right to punish offenders, including with the death penalty.

St. John Paul II, in his 1995 encyclical letter, “The Gospel of Life,” wrote of his alarm at “the extraordinary increase and gravity of threats to the life of individuals and peoples,” but said one sign of hope was the increasing opposition around the world to capital punishment. “There is evidence of a growing public opposition to the death penalty, even when such a penalty is seen as a kind of ‘legitimate defense’ on the part of society. Modern society, in fact, has the means of effectively suppressing crime by rendering criminals harmless without definitively denying them the chance to reform,” he wrote.

Two years later, Pope John Paul had the Catechism of the Catholic Church revised to strengthen its anti-death penalty posture. The text now says that, “given the means at the state’s disposal to effectively repress crime by rendering inoffensive the one who is responsible for the death of others,” the competence of legislators,” Father Dacok said. “But he can continually encourage respect for the sacredness of every human life, because the death penalty truly is not necessary.”

Because security and justice can be served without capital punishment, he said, the urgent matter today is to demonstrate respect for the sacredness of every human life, “even the life of public criminals responsible for the death of others.”

Father Robert A. Gahl Jr., a professor of ethics at Rome’s Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, said Pope Francis “continues the recent development of doctrine regarding the centrality of mercy for the Christian faith and the urgency to promote a culture of life in today’s throwaway culture,” where abortion and euthanasia are accepted.

“Pope Francis wants the church to offer a radical example of the defense of all human life,” Father Gahl said. “And without condemning all past practices, he vigorously demands the elimination of the death penalty.”
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**Medicare Advantage Plans for 2018**

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The connection between God’s law and joy

Our readings on this Sunday are all about God’s law. At first, this can strike a sour note in us, as in “Oh, no! I’ve gotta do this, I’ve gotta do that!” We need to stop right there and remember that we don’t “gotta” do anything. We can stop reading right now, and run off to corner and play a computer game. Or, we can ask ourselves “What’s so great about law? I’m depressed enough. I need some hope in my life.”

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The Foreigner

By Kurt Jensen
Catholic News Service

Jackie Chan takes a sharp turn from his typically genial screen personality to become the vengeful father of a London terrorist victim in "The Foreigner" (STX).

In this efficiently suspenseful adaptation of Stephen Leather’s pulp thriller “The Chinaman,” director Martin Campbell and screenwriter David Marconi have produced an unembroidered drama about resurgent Irish Republican Army violence and bureaucratic treachery.

There are explosions aplenty as well as displays of militarily survival skills and quite a few of Chan’s well-timed kicks and punches. None of the protagonist’s bombs are intended to damage anything but property, however.

He’s grieving dad Ngoc Minh Quan, and he’s trying to get the attention of government officials any way he can. As a former American-trained guerrilla during the Vietnam War, moreover, he’s as adept at explosives and trap-setting as any urban terrorist.

Vigilantism is always a troubling theme for believing moviegoers. So, despite his precautions -- he also avoids using guns -- it’s disturbing that Quan is meant to be cheered in the manner of a cowboy hero as he searches for justice.

Although the story has a modern setting, the source novel, written in 1992, was published five years before the IRA’s cease-fire with the British forces in Northern Ireland. So, while Irish terrorism seems anachronistic here, the idea is that mass killings are everywhere and that a parent’s quest is universal.

On the strength of his personality and the intelligence of the script, Chan also escapes any ugly stereotypes of a wily, inscrutable Asian.

After his daughter Fan (Katie Leung) is murdered in a bombing that kills 19, Quan, who also lost his wife and two other daughters to Thai pirates while escaping China years before, expects to see Fan’s killers arrested through the usual channels. But Liam Hennessy (Pierce Brosnan), a deputy prime minister with substantial political ambitions, is slow to respond and uncooperative once he does.

Quan then attempts to bribe a police inspector, Richard Bromley (Ray Fearon). But when that effort fails, he focuses all his energy on Hennessy, whose old ties to the IRA are as complicated as his relationships with his wife and mistress.

The result is a multilayered story that, although telegraphing many plot points too soon, avoids cynicism and makes for a taut journey, albeit one with a high body count.

The film contains a vigilantism theme, gun and physical violence, fleeting sexuality, a few profanities and frequent rough language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

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Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world, Sanctify them, Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

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CAR RAFFLE WINNER
Lake Placid — The winner of the Car Raffle for St. Agnes School was Ms. L. Clark from Lake Placid.

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BAZZAAR & BAKE SALE
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CLINTON

CLMs CELEBRATING MARY
West Chazy — Commissioned Lay Minister Marian Feast day to be held.
Date: Oct. 28
Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Place: St. Joseph’s Church
Cost: $10
Contact: Starr Burke at sburke7035@gmail.com; register online at www.rcdony.org/formation/commissioned-layministers/clm-event-registration.html or send a check by mail to The Diocese of Ogdensburg, PO Box 106, Canajoharie, NY 13317, write ERCLM on the memo of check.

TURKEY HARVEST DINNER
Morrisville — St. Alexander’s Church to have a Turkey Harvest Dinner.
Date: Nov. 12
Time: Noon to 5 p.m.
Cost: Adults, $10; Children 6-12, $5; 5 and under, $5
Features: Country store, silent auction
Contact: For take-out, 518-561-5039

FRANKLIN

HARVEST DINNER
North Bangor — The CC of St. Augustine’s will be hosting a Turkey Dinner.
Date: Oct. 29
Time: Noon to 4 p.m.
Place: John C. Dywer Parish Center
Cost: Adults, $10; Senior Citizens, $9; Children under 12, $5; 5 and under, Free
Features: Country store, silent auction
Contact: For take-out, 315-734-3615

JEFFERSON

OCTOBER ECO-FEST
Watertown — Second Annual October-Eco-Fest to be held with the theme “To Heal a Wounded World, We Need a Rev-olution of Love.”
Date: Oct. 29
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Place: Hearthside Center, Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
Features: Program will explore ways to protect God’s creation for generations to come, embrace justice for all, and seek an ecological spirituality. Sponsored by the Watertown Faith & Ecology Group. Event is free. Light refreshments served. Donations accepted.
Contact: Reservations are requested since seating is limited. To reserve a place, call 315-782-3460 or e-mail sr-bethssj@gmail.com

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER
Evans Mills — Spaghetti & Meatball dinner to be held to benefit the Indian River Knights of Columbus.
Date: Nov. 4
Time: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Place: St. Mary’s Parish Center
Cost: Adults, $7; Senior Citizens, $6; Children under 12, $5; 5 and under, Free
Features: Country store, silent auction
Contact: For deliveries call Joanne Fitch at 315-955-5504

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DOVS LUNCHEON
Norfolk — The Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society (DOVS) invites you to be their guest at a luncheon.
Date: Nov. 15
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Fr. Amyot Parish Center
Speaker: Fr. Ray Moreau on “Bored At Mass?”
Contact: Anne at 315-353-2950 or Connie at 315-265-2762

OPERATION ANDREW
Two Operations Andrew dinners have been set.
Schedule: Nov. 8, at St. Anthony’s Church in Watertown; Nov. 30 at St. John Bosco Church in Malone
Time: 5 p.m.
Features: Prayer, dinner and discussion on vocations for young men, middle school age and older, and parents. Holy Hour to know your vocation, vespers and dinner to follow with Bishop LaValley and area priests.
Contact: RSVP to Cathy Russell, Vocation Coordinator at crussell@rcdony.org or 315-393-2920

DOVS MEMBERS SOUGHT
D.O.V.S. (Diocese of Ogdensburg Vocation Society) is a group of people who pray for and work to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese is seeking new members. DOVS meets most months, plans events to thank priests and religious and annually take a pilgrimage.
Contact: Call Connie at 315-265-2762 or Cathy at the diocesan Vocations Office at 315-393-2920
Thank you!

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From Pontifical Mission Societies on World Mission Sunday

With your help, catechists in Africa can be supported as they travel throughout the country, to faraway villages, to speak to all about Jesus and proclaim His Gospel.

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Our world is a full of sadness lately. We have witnessed natural disasters and the devastation it causes people both here and in developing countries. Through your generosity many people will know of Christ’s love, in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and the remote regions of Latin America.

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While World Mission Sunday is celebrated only once a year, I hope that in the months ahead you will continue to remember the missionary work of the Church, especially in your prayers. If you have given to the Mission Sunday collection in your parish, I say again, “thank you.” If you have yet to give, I once again ask you to be as generous as you can.

I encourage you also to pray the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades of the World Mission Rosary has different colors that represent different mission regions of the world: Asia, Americas, Europe, Oceania and Africa. Thank you and please continue to pray for missionaries throughout the world. We are in their prayers!

Please remember “The Society for the Propagation of the Faith” when writing or changing your Will. www.rcdony.org/mission

OBITUARIES


Clayton – Leona (McCrea) Kittle, 96; Mass of Christian Burial June 1, 2018 at St. Mary’s Church; burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Fort Covington – Anne Marie McDon­ald, 69; Funeral Services Cappiello – McKenzie and Cosgrove Funeral Home.


Massena – Frederick B. Cook, 84; Funeral Services Oct. 17, 2017 at the Phillips Memorial Home.


Redford – Marguerite “Peg” (Fitzgerald) Defayette, 73; Mass of Christian Burial at Church of the Assumption.


Tupper Lake – Roy Garrow, 92; Mass of Christian Burial Oct. 20, 2017 at Holy Name Church.


Celebrate your favorite priest in the NCC Priest Appreciation Issue

Join the North Country Catholic in honoring the special priests in your life.

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CELEBRATING FATIMA IN TICONDEROGA

Mary’s Church, saying the rosary together and praying a Novena. Father Kevin McEwan, pastor, is shown in back with the students and faculty members.

SCHOOL PHOTO
St. Mary’s School in Ticonderoga celebrated the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Mary’s Church, saying the rosary together and praying a Novena. Father Kevin McEwan, pastor, is shown in back with the students and faculty members.

YOUth Lead brings 66 teenagers to Guggenheim

By Kelly Donnelly
Diocesan youth ministry director

SARANAC LAKE - YOUth Lead, the annual leadership weekend retreat for high schoolers was held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 at Camp Guggenheim. This year, 66 teens gathered for the weekend to grow in servant-leadership.

The theme of this year’s weekend was the parable of the sower. The teens participated in a variety of prayers, workshops, and discussions centered around this parable in regard to leadership. From looking at how using the gifts God has given each of us to do His will to learning about saints whose lives are good examples of holy leadership, the participants had many opportunities to experience, pray, and discuss how they are each called to be leaders for Christ.

During the weekend, prayers included a walking Lectio Divina reflection, confession, Adoration, and Mass. Spending time with other teens who are passionate about living out their faith was another highlight of the weekend. Whether the youth were playing volleyball, cards, or enjoying conversation with each other, the participants were united in faith and fellowship, building new friendships and enjoying one another’s company.

At the end of the weekend, the teens planted seeds to bring back to their home parishes. This plant is intended to be a reminder as they go forward that each person is called to be a humble leader in their parishes, serving in whatever way is needed.