

Bringing Jesus to Our Work and Prayer

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary made him feel at home differently, as she was hungry for the Lord's teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

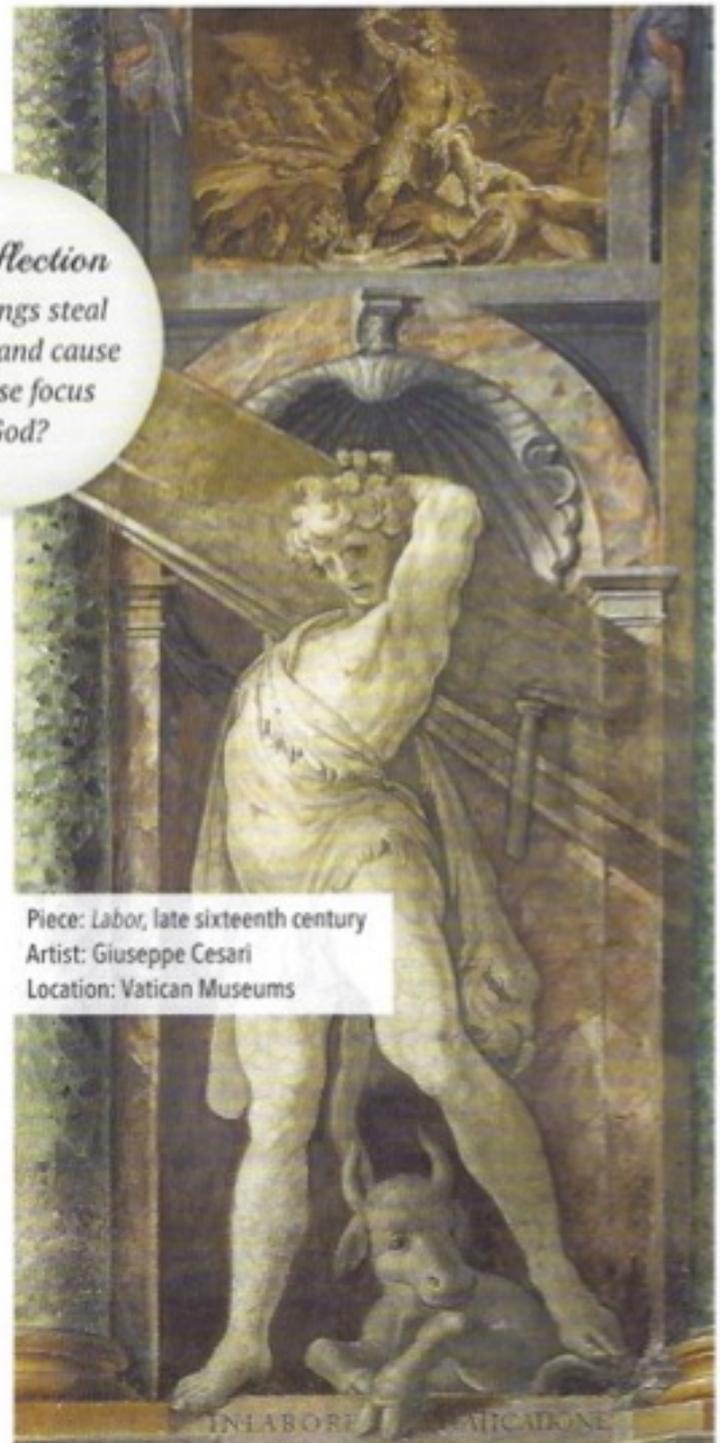
Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the "better part." Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the "why" we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn't mistaken in serving Jesus' needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don't worry about the small things at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like, "All for you, my Jesus" or "Your kingdom come!" Find one that works for you.

Let's not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
What things steal
my peace and cause
me to lose focus
on God?



Piece: *Labor*, late sixteenth century
Artist: Giuseppe Cesari
Location: Vatican Museums

[Jesus said,] "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Luke 10:41–42

**Parish of the Visitation
and St. Raymond
St. Andrew's Church**

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Masses: Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm
Sunday: Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am
Confessions: Saturday: St. Andrew's Church from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat July 20 4:00pm **ST. ANDREW'S** – Gertie LaBaff by Ernie LaBaff
Sun July 21 8:15am **ST. PATRICK'S** – Intentions of the People of the Parishes
10:45am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** – James Spencer by Terry & Donna Peterson
Mon July 22 8:30am **ST. ANDREW'S** – Joan & Albert Pike by The Family
Tues July 23 8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** – Intentions of Paul & Nancy Paige by The Firman Family
9:30am LBSH
Wed July 24 9:30am **HIGH STREET APTS, NORFOLK** – Lyle & Keitha Camp by Francis Sharlow
Thu July 25 8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** – Leon Fraser by John & Gerry Richards
Fri July 26 8:30am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** – Kevin Patrick McCardle by Jack & Mary Maroney
Sat July 27 4:00pm **ST. ANDREW'S** – Intentions of the People of the Parishes
Sun July 28 8:15am **ST. PATRICK'S**
10:45am **CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** – Loretta Regan by Ida Claffey

REVISED WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

The Steering Committee for the Linking of the Parishes of Brasher/North Lawrence, Norfolk/Raymondville and Norwood spent months developing a reasonable weekend Mass schedule that one priest could physically handle year-round. It was decided by the Steering Committee and approved by the three Pastoral Councils and by Bishop LaValley that there would be three weekend Masses, one at St. Andrew's, one at St. Patrick's and one at Visitation-St. Raymond's. At the time of the linking of the three parishes in January of this year, Father Giroux recommended there be an evaluation of the weekend Mass times after about 6 months.

During the past six months, parishioners have expressed their opinion on the times of our two *Sunday morning* Masses; it is thought by some that the morning Mass at St. Patrick's is *too early* for both younger families and for senior citizens; others have stated that the Mass at Visitation-St. Raymond's is *too late* in the morning. These concerns have been discussed in all three of the parish Pastoral Councils as well discussed by the Living Stones Steering Committee. Following discussion and consultation, it has been recommended by the Pastoral Councils and the Steering Committee that, **beginning Sunday, August 4, 2019**, the weekend Mass schedule will be:

Saturday **4:00pm** Mass at St. Andrew's, Norwood
Sunday **8:30am** Mass at St. Patrick's, Brasher Falls
Sunday **10:30am** Mass at Visitation-St. Raymond's, Norfolk

Father Giroux has accepted the recommendation of the Councils and Steering Committee and approved this revised Mass schedule. This schedule takes effect in three weeks; please pass on this information.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING

How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?

Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond

July 14-15, 2018 - \$1,424.00
July 13-14, 2019 - \$1,426.00
Adult Env. \$1,138.00, Plate \$161.00
Maintenance Env \$22.00, NHN \$25.00
Knights of Columbus \$80.00

St. Andrew's Church

July 14-15, 2018 - \$3,525.00
July 13-14, 2019 - \$1,881.00
Adult Env. \$1,456.00, Plate \$325.00
Maintenance Env \$94.00
Operation Rice Bowl \$6.00

Beginning August 1 Father Giroux's Weekly Schedule:

Monday Chancery, Ogdensburg
Tuesday Brasher & North Lawrence
Wednesday Norfolk, Norwood, Raymondville
Thursday Chancery, Ogdensburg
Friday Typically a day off
Saturday All three parishes
Sunday All three parishes

Note: It is best to phone respective offices in advance if you need to schedule time to meet with Father.

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All mail to Visitation Rectory, PO Box 637, Norfolk, NY 13667
Email: visitationchurch@centralny.twcbc.com Website: norfolknorwoodraymondville.org
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am-12:30pm, **Parish Secretary:** Amy Mudry
Religious Education: Director of Faith Formation Carol O'Brien Gonthier



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

At one time or another, we've heard the persistent voice of a child very much wanting to know, "WHY? But WHY?!" Every parent is familiar with this questioning—and so is our Mother, the Church, as her sons and daughters struggle to understand Church teaching on sex, love, and marriage.

With her annual celebration of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, the Church invites us to ask "WHY," to better understand the reasons behind her teaching. This year's theme: *LOVE NATURALLY! COOPERATING WITH GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIED LOVE*, reminds us that Natural Family Planning is, in fact, God's plan, as revealed in Scripture and understood through two millennia of the life and teaching of the Church.

The heart of this teaching: God made us. He loves us and wants us to be happy with Him forever. The beginning of this love story is told in the Book of Genesis. There we learn that God created human beings in His own image, that He created us male and female, blessed us, and commanded human beings to be fruitful and multiply. We learn further that a man shall leave his father and mother, and cling to his wife, so that the two may become one flesh. And God, looking at what He had made, found it very good.

What is God teaching us in this familiar story? First, out of all that He has made, human beings alone have been created *in God's image*—the image of a God who is Himself a community of loving persons. Secondly, we are created male and female so that we might image and participate in the free, total, faithful, fruitful love of the Blessed Trinity. Thirdly, this participation is made possible, in a special way, through the marital union of man and woman, which makes them one flesh and at the same time opens them to becoming co-creators with God of new persons.

So, what *is* God asking of married couples? Is it even possible for them to respect both the life-giving and love-giving meanings which God has written into the conjugal act? Consider Pope Francis' emphasis on the wisdom of the Church in this regard: "The use of methods based on the laws of nature and the incidence of fertility are to be promoted, since these methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (*Amoris Laetitia*, 222)

In proposing Natural Family Planning, the Church invites couples to live in harmony with their fertility, to accept it as a gift from God rather than attacking the gift as one would

a disease or an invader. NFP is an invitation to see things from God's perspective. After all, no one knows more about love than God who is love itself, and no one knows more about sex than the God who created it.

NFP accepts fertility as the wise design of a loving creator and educates couples to recognize and interpret the regularly occurring signs of fertility and infertility. A couple then uses this shared knowledge to avoid (or achieve) pregnancy according to their family planning intention. But NFP offers much more than effective family planning. As St. John Paul II explains in *Familiaris Consortio*, "The choice of the natural rhythms involves accepting the cycle of the woman, and thereby accepting dialogue, reciprocal respect, shared responsibility, and self-control." Growing in these qualities can only deepen a couple's love and strengthen their marriage. (# 32)

So, yes, God's design for marriage is good, very good, and cooperating with it brings blessings to couples, their families, and the Church. NFP is a way of life and love that values children as uniquely precious gifts of God and understands why the Church sees them as "the supreme gift of marriage." Faithful marriages and generously responsible parenthood will build up the People of God for years to come.

There is no time like the present to learn more about God's design for married love—especially now when it is being rejected and re-shaped by so many. Church documents, and other materials are available through our diocesan NFP Office at (518) 483-0459 or via email at apietropaoli@rcdony.org. Feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns you may have, and/or visit the website at www.rcdony.org/nfp. We are grateful to Suzanne and Angelo Pietropaoli who lead so faithfully our NFP efforts in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

May you discover all the blessings God intends for you!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Terry R. LaValley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Free Community Luncheons

St. Philips Episcopal Church, 42 S. Main St., Norwood will be having monthly *Free Community Luncheons* through September. They are held from 11:30 – 12:30 on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will temporarily replace the evening *Free Community Dinners*. The next luncheon will be Wednesday July 24th. Pulled pork on crusty rolls, Cole Slaw, Fruit Salads, Ice Cream. Come and enjoy a free home-cooked meal in the company of family and friends!

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp at
The Church of the Visitation for
Nancy Richards by Her Husband.
And at St. Andrew's Church it burns this week for
Pete LaPage by Polly & Family.

You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of \$10.00. Please contact the parish office.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Trinity Catholic still has openings for their **4-year-old Pre-K program**. Call the school office during office hours at 315-769-5911 for information, or visit the Admissions tab on their website at www.trinitycatholicsschool.net.

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Please try your best to either sell or buy the 10 tickets you received. The raffle generates the biggest portion of our Summer Social income. If you need more tickets, there are extra tickets in the back of the Church of the Visitation and in the Parish Office. If you are competing for the \$100.00 prize make sure your name is on the envelope when you turn in your tickets and stubs. Last summer our total sales of raffle tickets came to \$3,668.00, and as of last week we were nearing \$400.00. If you haven't turned in your tickets yet please consider doing so now. Raffle tickets are now available in the back of St. Andrews Church with 48 chances to win! Remember...whoever sells the most tickets gets \$100.00. Good luck!

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually or physically especially for *Robin Fetter*. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

Anyone from Our Catholic Parishes may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.

MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE 2019 PVSR SUMMER SOCIAL

In the past we have solicited parishioners of PVSR by telephone for monetary donations to help cover the cost of food/ ingredients for the American Booth. This year we will NOT be calling people. So, if you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset our expenses for the 2019 Summer Social, please make your check payable to PVSR and write Summer Social Donation on memo line. Donations can either be mailed or dropped in the collection Basket. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and generosity!
~ Summer Social Committee

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATORS

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking **Family Support Coordinators** to work in Catholic schools to support *Healthy Families for a Hopeful Future* promoting healthy family lifestyles and choices. The Family Support Coordinators will assist students and families through an array of services that build healthy relationships and strengthens family engagement practices including parental support, efforts to coordinate and provide access to enhanced health, education, social and emotional well-being of youth and families. Coordinators needed for the following locations: Canton, Carthage, Gouverneur, Lake Placid, Massena, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake, Ticonderoga, Watertown. Bachelor's degree in childhood education, human services or related field. Prior experience as a Family Support Coordinator of youth and/or families is desirable. Strong communication and organizational skills are a must. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Deadline for application is July 29, 2019.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 27 Marriage Preparation Ministry Event
8:30am – 4:30pm, FAPC
- Aug 4 Stepping Stones Mtg
6:30pm – 8:30pm, FAPC
- Aug 5-7 VBS "Athens- Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth" 9:00am – 12:00pm, FAPC
- Aug 5 NHN Nursing Home Crafting
10:00am – 12:00pm, FAPC
- Aug 5 NHN Bingo
1:30pm – 3:30pm, High Street Apts.
- Aug 5 **Manicotti Monday**
4:00pm – 6:00pm, FAPC
- Aug 8 Norfolk Knights of Columbus Mtg.
6:15pm, FAPC
- Aug 11 **Norfolk Knights of Columbus Breakfast**
8:30am – 12:00pm, FAPC

ESCAPE TO



Come journey along with us
Monday, August 5th
through
Wednesday, August 7th

Our journey begins each day at 9:00 and ends at Noon at the Fr. Amyot Parish Center.

Wednesday's celebration will conclude with a Barbecue after Mass.

We would like to invite the youth of our linked parishes to join us in these three fun filled days!

Calendar

Monday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor

5:14-17

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

JULY 23

Weekday

Ex 14:21-15:1

Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

JULY 24

Weekday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

JULY 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Friday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

JULY 27

Weekday

Ex 24:3-8

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

JULY 28

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

Dear Padre,

Our son and his fiancée, both Catholic, are talking about getting married in the Church. What are recent changes since our daughter's wedding a decade ago?

The rite, now called *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, was revised in 2016 for weddings celebrated in English within the United States. Some of the changes at a Mass when two Catholics marry include:

- An expansion of Scripture selections to choose for the celebration, with at least one reading explicitly speaking of marriage
- The addition of the Gloria (sung or recited)
- An assembly's response following the couple's reception of consent
- After the final blessing, the marriage record may be signed in the sacristy or in the presence of the assembly (but not on the altar)

Moreover, adaptations include the English translation of the texts to accompany the optional use of the *arras* (coins) and *lazo* (veil) for one or both spouses with Hispanic or Filipino cultural backgrounds.

"A Marriage that is desired, prepared for, celebrated, and lived daily in the light of faith is that which is 'joined by the Church, strengthened by a sacrificial offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by Angels, and ratified by the Father...."

How wonderful the bond of the two believers: one in hope, one in vow, one in discipline, one in the same service!....Indeed, they are two in one flesh; where there is one flesh, there is also one spirit" (*The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word from Pope Francis

It is normal for a husband and wife to quarrel....Perhaps you were mad, perhaps plates flew, but please remember this: never let the sun go down without making peace! Never, never, never!....For if you let the day end without making peace, the next day what is inside of you is cold and hardened.

—Address to engaged couples, February 14, 2014