

For your 2019 Calendar

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinners	January 5 February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4
Events Committee	
Drawing for Wine Basket & Valentine's Basket	February 10
Ham Dinner	April 27
Drawing for Garden Basket & Lotto Banner	April 27

Job Advertisement – Guggenheim Camp Director

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is seeking a Guggenheim Camp Director who will supervise the day to day operation of Camp Guggenheim during the seven week Summer Camp season, to include staff orientation week and six weeks of Summer Camp. The Director is expected to uphold the Camp Guggenheim philosophy and ensure that all activities follow Camp policies and procedures, as well as Department of Health regulations. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic. Bachelor's degree preferred. Previous experience with youth ministry, camp administration or supervision including program planning, recreational leadership, training and directing staff counselors required. Excellent communication skills and proficiency in digital technology also required. Submit letter of interest, resume and three professional references to Thomas Semeraro at tsemeraro@rcdony.org. Deadline for application is February 15, 2019.

The last few years we have collected in each parish items for infants and toddlers prior to Christmas. We wish to assist Catholic Charities with a collection of these items in order to replenish their cupboards after the holidays. Boxes for donations of clothing, diapers, toys, etc. will be at each church.

God Is Not Nice

I hope that you are shocked by that phrase. Actually, it is the title of a book written by Ulrich Lehner. Let me explain.

Why am I impressed with this book?

Well, for many years now, I have felt that, in order to make religion more palatable, we have watered it down. You will remember that St. Augustine once said: God became one of us (in Jesus Christ), so that we could become more like him. In other words, God became one of us so that we could be elevated beyond where we are now. However, in my more than 48 years of priesthood, I have seen the opposite happen in some very subtle ways. Now, we seem to think that God should become more like us - a total reversal of the revealed history of salvation.

The theologian H. Richard Niebuhr said this: "American religion in which a God without wrath brought men without sin into a Kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross." Those words were written 80 years ago in his book *The Kingdom of God in America* (1937). I point out also that Niebuhr was not a Catholic.

So, I am proposing a study group/book club that would read and investigate this idea of what has become of religion. The topics would include: The God of Creation, the God of No Us, the God of Our Imagination, the God of Thunder, the God of Terror, the God of Surrender, the God of Intimacy, the God of Consolation, the God of Incarnation, the God of Rebirth, and the Adventurous God.

Our sessions would meet in the parish center on the following dates: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11. Sessions would start at 6:30 pm. Each session would last no more than one hour. Participants are expected to come prepared to each session by having read the section of the book under discussion. So, for the first session (January 14), participants should have read up to page 28. Participants need to purchase their own copy. Amazon would be the easiest way-remember to access the Amazon website through the parish website. :).

For more information about the author and the book, go to the parish website and click on the "Faith" link at the top.

INDIAN RIVER CATHOLICS

St. Mary's Church of Evans Mills—St. Joseph's Church of Philadelphia—St. Theresa's Church of Theresa

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Deacon: Patrick Donahue **E-mail address:** deaconpat@ircatholics.org

Marriage: arrangements must be made a few months in advance **Baptism:** by appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 PM (St. Joseph's);
before masses or by appointment (St. Mary's); Sundays 8:15-8:45 AM (St. Theresa's)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat.	Jan.5	4:00 pm (PH)	For Phyllis Donaghy by her Friends
		5:30 pm (EM)	For the People of the Parishes by the Legion of Mary
Sun.	Jan.6	9:00 am (TH)	For the People of the Parishes
		10:45 am (EM)	For Intention of Brandon Pierce by his Family
Mon	Jan. 7	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
Tues.	Jan. 8	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
Wed.	Jan. 9	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
Thurs.	Jan. 10	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
Fri.	Jan. 11	8:00 am (EM)	NO MASS
		6:30 pm (EM)	Holy Hour at St. Mary's
Sat.	Jan. 12	4:00 pm (PH)	For Joseph & Margarite Kilcer by their Family
		5:30 pm (EM)	For the People of the Parishes
Sun.	Jan. 13	9:00 am (TH)	For Rita Hewitt by Kimberly & Thomas Nowak
		10:45 am (EM)	For Richard & Charlotte Hall by Parishioners of St. Mary's

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
- Jan. 11 Holy Hour at St. Mary's Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
- Jan. 17 Finance & Pastor Council Meeting

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP— What brings 'tears to your eyes' when you look around at what is happening to "our Common Home" for which we as humans have been called to 'steward?' (Genesis 2:15) In the book entitled: Ten Commandments For the Environment, based on Pope Benedict XVI's teachings, we hear him say "we must awaken ..and face up to this great challenge and find an ethical capacity to change the situation of the environment for the good." Did you know that one practical step he took was to place solar panels on the roof of the Paul VI auditorium? What is one practical step you could resolve to do this New Year that would respond to the situation that brings 'tears to your eyes?'

YOUR OFFERINGS	ST. MARY'S	ST. THERESA'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
<i>Weekly Needs</i>	\$1,538.00	\$690.00	\$930.00
<i>Dec. 29th & 30th</i>	\$899.00	\$284.00	\$615.00

Please Pray for the Sick & Homebound, Especially: Josh Allen; Amanda Burnard; Don Briant; Susanne & John Bush; Randy Butler; James Cleary, Bernadette Call; Madeline Drake; Terry Marie Eckert; Karen Hall; Suzanne Hall; Nicholas Heldt; Dillon Hesse; Diane Hogue; Amy Huff, Terrie Kirk, Fred Kocyla, Barbara Lawler, Jacqueline May, Leslie Mc Keever; Robert M^cKeever; Jill McMahon; Jan Mady Mareth, Laurie Pickert; Monine Rodriguez;; Addison Rounds; Jeanne Watson, Alice Wood.

The Epiphany – "They opened their treasures and offered him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a treasure to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Talk to Monsignor Aucoin or Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/dlucia@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

Events Committee— A wine basket and a Valentine's Day Basket have been donated by parishioners for a raffle. Raffle tickets are available at each church and the office. Drawing will be February 10, 2019.

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish, we forward 75% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

JANUARY 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Readings: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Epiphany. The word means manifestation. God is revealing his glory, not with great fanfare or extraordinary signs but in the simple birth of a baby. Yet the Magi, following their star, recognized the sign and did him homage. How often do we look for great signs and symbols to know God's will for us? If only we had a star to follow, if only Jesus would speak to us and make his will clear. Yet, we have been given all the tools we need. We have the teaching of the Church, we have scripture, and we have the sacraments. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit. But like the Wise Men, we need to take time to study, to ponder and to allow God to show his will for us in the little everyday things. We need to take time to pray and to listen and then, we too, will come to recognize Jesus in our midst and will do him homage.

Menu for the Nutrition Meal Held at St. Mary's Parish Center. Open to residents of Antwerp, Evans Mills, Philadelphia & Theresa!!!!

Tuesday 1/8/19

Chicken ala King over Potatoes, carrots, lima beans, oatmeal cookie, wheat bread & milk.

Thursday 1/10/19

Macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, yellow wax beans, banana, wheat bread & milk.

For reservations call 313-686-4440 or 315-785-3191.

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