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January 17, 2021

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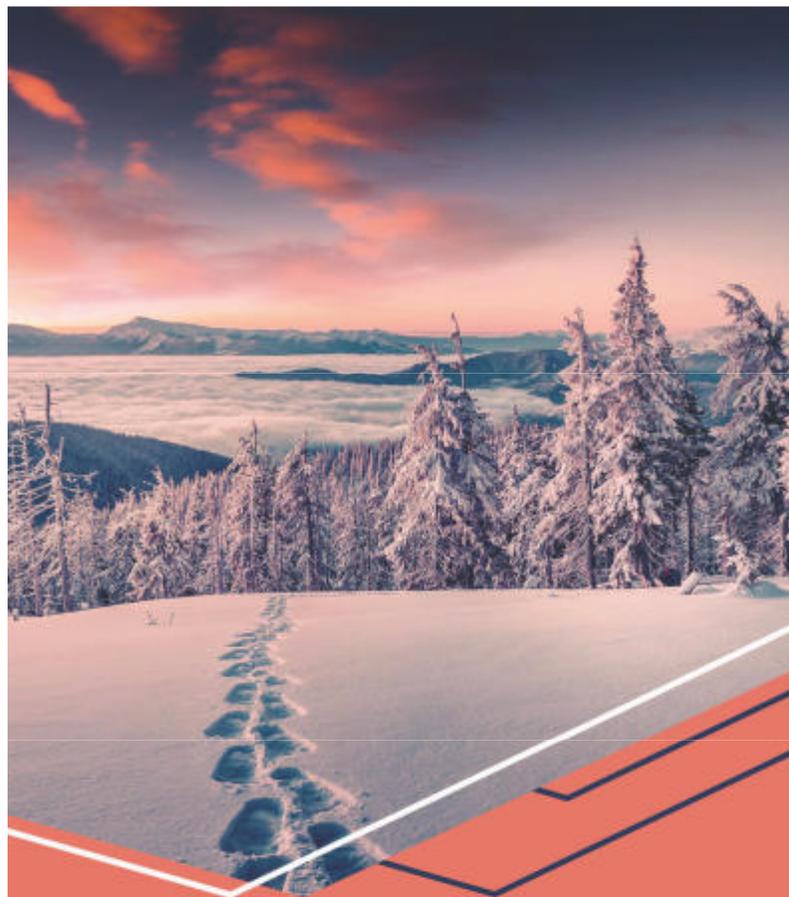
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1990, 1970 CCC.

Our parish is one of only two in the U.S. named for St. Bernard of Montjoux, patron saint of hikers, skiers and mountaineers. All other St. Bernard's parishes are under the patronage of St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

Eleventh century Priest of the Diocese of Aosta in the Alps, St. Bernard was well known for his ministry among the travelers and hikers in the treacherous alpine passes between France and Italy. One of the monasteries he established developed the massive breed of dog that could function well in deep snow and unrelenting cold—the St. Bernard.



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Regular Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Deacon: Joseph Szwed, 518-891-5008

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Respect Life Collection

The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion in our nation.

In 2021, this collection will be held the weekend of January 23/24. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.



From the Pastor

Two thoughts for you this week:

First, we were recently given a great gift for Christmas. And like many other gifts it comes with very involved directions. And what do most people do with directions? They throw them to the side and then proceed to screw up the gift and spend days undoing and doing it right. We are back in our ordinary time, the directions of how to use the gift that we received for Christmas.

We were given Christ, and many of us are not sure what to do with this precious gift. Do I leave it on the shelf to collect dust, do I re-gift because it is not really what I wanted, or do I pretend to use it and tell all how wonderful it was, when I really do not care — like getting socks for Christmas? Take this ordinary season as a direction manual — read the details and understand where each piece goes and why.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." I have recently found myself reflecting on these words, and finding some key points that are a struggle. "United" I have to believe that in the history of our country we are perhaps at the most un-united time. And are we sure how to get back? We are perhaps facing the worst and most deadly pandemic that has ever fallen upon us, yet it has become second page news. And why? Because we are caught up in "war" with no winners.

"Liberty and Justice for all" It amazed me how supposedly highly educated people have forgotten what "for all" means. We may debate what liberty means and justice means, but for all is not open for interpretation. Whether white, black, Asian, Latino, rich or poor, liberty and justice was a key piece of the founding fathers' understanding. And they made sure that they were for all. Why have we decided all these years later to limit these pursuits.

And the last thing, which will cause the most stir, how do we fix it? It is within the pledge — under God. When we think about it, the majority of problems began when we took God and put him second or third or not even on the list of priorities at all. And look where we are today. I invite and challenge that every time you set foot in this Church you say a pray for our country, our leaders and those that are responsible for liberty and justice. We may have differences in these areas, but we cannot differ on the need for God and prayer!



A Message from Bishop LaValley

Bishop LaValley wanted to share his thoughts and prayers regarding last week's incident on Capitol Hill. It is posted on the Diocesan YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/qu_TB4C2Gts. It is being shared with the press, and it will be on the diocesan home page at www.rcdonv.org. It will also be included in the next month's *North Country Catholic*.

Please check out the Bishop's message and heartfelt prayer to St. Joseph.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Bernard's School News

Students at St. Bernard's School continue to thrive despite the turmoil around them. A major goal throughout the year has been to allow students to continue to experience a joy-filled childhood, despite the pandemic and social and political unrest.

Last week our teachers addressed current events in developmentally appropriate ways. For the younger students, this really comes down to how they are affected when the adults they love are "off" due to current events. Those little minds worry about us almost as much as we worry about them. For the older students, these last few weeks have provided an opportunity to teach about government and civics. Our students listened to "The Breaking News" by Sarah Lynne Reul. They then thought of the small things they can do to care for loved ones around them. Our students came up with ideas such as: water the plants, play with my brother, fold the laundry, and be a good listener. By reassuring children and helping them focus on helping others and spreading joy, we give them autonomy and a sense of control.

We will begin selling Easter candy through Niagara Chocolate this week. If you are interested in buying Easter candy, please give the school office a call and we will get you a catalogue.

School will not be in session on January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Environmental Stewardship

How can my simple, small acts to "reduce, reuse and recycle" possibly contribute to peace in the world? In his message on World Day of Peace 2021, Pope Francis reminds us that all creation is interconnected. It also highlights our need to listen to the cry of the poor and, at the same time, to the cry of creation. Constant and attentive listening leads to effective care for the earth, our common home, and for our brothers and sisters in need... Peace, justice and care for creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually, lest we fall back into reductionism." Our responsible use of God's gifts that are meant for everyone is one step that we can take towards building a more just and compassionate world.

Advocacy in the Palm of Your Hand

The Catholic Action Network (CAN) can text critical advocacy alerts directly to your smartphone, with links to quickly send messages to your elected officials on urgent issues of the day. To sign up, just text the word CAN to 50457. You'll immediately receive a one-time link to complete your registration, which is free. Please consider signing up today.

Catholic War Veterans and Auxiliary

The Department of New York Catholic War Veterans (CWV) and Auxiliary are launching a campaign to recruit membership in their organizations. The CWV and Auxiliary belong to the people they serve and the communities they live in. Join them in camaraderie and service for the Church and the Catholic way of life.

For further information and membership application visit their web site cwv.org or contact John O'Shea at 516-316-4221 or joshea112@hotmail.com.



Diocesan Mass for Life

Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at www.rcdony.org/livemass.

Join in person or virtually to pray for a deeper respect for human life. For more information contact the Respect Life Office at cmminer@rcdony.org.

99 Experience — A Virtual Workshop

The 99 Experience is a video presentation to spark conversation, inspire prayer and awaken the call of God's love within you. Think of it as a virtual parish mission. As Catholics, we often think of ourselves as part of the flock, as part of the 99, safe in the care of the Good Shepherd. We do not see ourselves as the "one lost sheep" needing to be found, nor do we feel the need to go out and search for the one lost sheep.

The 99 Experience is a call to recognize that we might be that one sheep who is lost, even though we are part of Jesus' flock. It is a call to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is also a call to recognize that God may want to work through us to go out and find the one who is lost.

When: Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. , January 21 and 28 via Zoom.

If you are interested in participating, please email: mdonders@rcdony.org.

TO REPORT ABUSE OF A MINOR

Any member of the clergy (including the Diocesan Bishop), member of a religious community, employee of the diocese or any parish in the diocese, and all volunteers who believe a minor is in imminent danger shall immediately contact the police by dialing 911. Anyone who witnesses or suspects sexual abuse of a minor by any member of the clergy, employee, religious or volunteer in the Diocese of Ogdensburg shall contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese (Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., M.A., M.H.T., 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; email: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; Phone: 518-651-2267 (daytime) or 518-569-0612 (evenings), or the Vicar for Clergy (Father Chris Carrara at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340; ccarrara@rcdony.org), or in his absence, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (at 315-393-3930 or 315-393-3458 (evenings)). In addition, all state-mandated reporters should call the New York State Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-342-3720 or 1-800-635-1522.

Any allegations of sexual abuse of minors by a Bishop must also be reported to the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS) at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org, or at 800-276-1562, or to the Metropolitan Archbishop of New York (212-371-1000). The Diocese shall immediately report current cases involving a minor and any clergy member, employee, religious or volunteer to the appropriate civil authorities.



For the month of January, you are asked to bring cereal. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated during these unprecedented times.

JANUARY 17, 2021



January 16 — January 24

Sat., Jan. 16 & Sun., Jan. 17 — 2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. *(St. B)* (Ant.) People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. *(St. B)* Elizabeth (Jim) Bevilacqua by the
Bevilacqua Family (John, Nancy, Susan, Bill)
10:00 a.m. *(St. B)* Virginia Struss by Cathy & Jim Vaughn

Monday, January 18 — Martin Luther King Day

8:30 a.m. *(St. B)* Andrew Francati by his sister Lena

Tuesday, January 19

12:00 p.m. *(St. B)* Ann Kelly by Jeanne Hart & Family

Wednesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. *(St. B)* M/M Jack Barry
1:30 p.m. *(St. B)* Carolyn Miller by the Akey Family

Thursday, January 21 — St. Agnes

12:00 p.m. *(St. B)* Dennis Duprey by Ray & Donna Dora

Friday, January 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 a.m. *(St. B)* Anne Latham by Beth & John Coppolo

Sat., Jan. 23 & Sun., Jan 24 — 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. *(St. B)* (Ant.) Rob Byno III by Mom & Dad
8:00 a.m. *(St. B)* People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. *(St. B)* William & Frances Oliver by Family



Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1
Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:
23-28

Wed.: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk
3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-
21

Next Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-
31/Mk 1:14-20



Funeral Masses

The noon Mass is cancelled, and the intention is rescheduled, whenever a Funeral Mass is held.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Liturgies:

4:30 p.m. (Anticipated) — St. Bernard's

8:00 a.m. — St. Bernard's

10:00 a.m. — St. Bernard's

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday — 8:30 a.m. — St. Bernard's

Tuesday, Thursday — 12:00 p.m. — St. Bernard's

Baptismal Preparation:

Please call St. Bernard's Rectory, 891-4616

Penance:

Saturdays: (*St. B*) 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Catholic Charities: 518-483-1460

Pregnancy Services:

Crisis Pregnancy? 1-800-NO-ABORT

Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center 518-578-9648 (Free pregnancy testing, counseling, & ultrasound)

Birthright 518-563-4300; OLV Gabriel Project 518-561-1842

Post-Abortion Healing is possible: 1-800-HOPE4ME, or

www.rachelsvineyard.org

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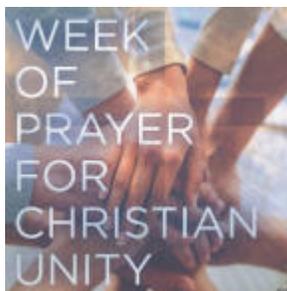
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1/3/21 collection

St. Bernard's Parish\$6,122.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Say a Prayer for Christian Unity throughout the week!

Our Father,

We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.

We seek you for guidance and for comfort.

But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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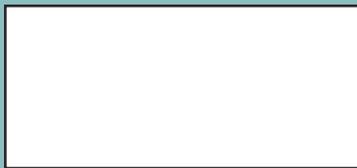
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