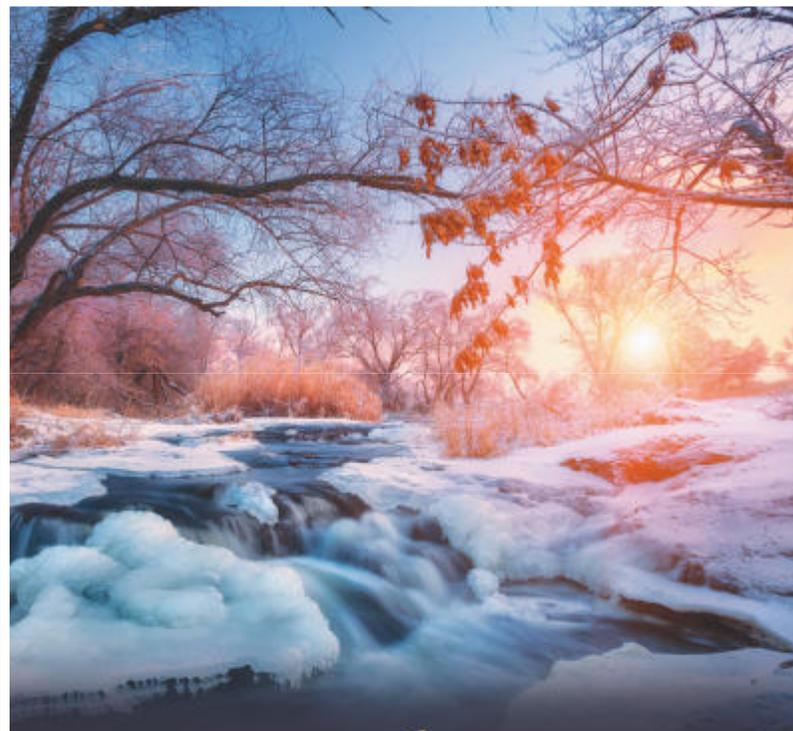


# ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

## January 24, 2021



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

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### Worship Sites



**St. Bernard's**  
27 St. Bernard St.  
Saranac Lake, NY  
12983

**Church of the Assumption**  
826 State Rt. 86  
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### Oratories

**St. Paul's**  
1640 State Rt. 3  
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**St. John's  
in the Wilderness**  
6148 St. Rt. 30 Lake Clear, NY

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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**Priest in Residence: Msgr. C.J. McAvoy**

**St. Bernard's Rectory 518-891-4616    [www.stbernards.church](http://www.stbernards.church)**

**Regular Office Hours:**

**Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Deacon: Joseph Szwed, 518-891-5008**

**Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Carol Kraeger**

**School Principal: Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, 518-891-2830**

**[www.stbernardsschool.org](http://www.stbernardsschool.org)**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, take the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love He offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

*Respect Life*  **Respect Life Collection**

The Respect Life Second Collection will be held this weekend. 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

It always seems difficult for me to write about something that affects us all, and that is death. We do all we can to avoid the topic, and then, when it happens to a loved one, we are completely overwhelmed with the process. The diocese requires all priests to have funeral plans submitted to them as well as healthcare proxy and power of attorney documents. I strongly encourage you to also have these things prepared ahead of time, for your peace of mind and for that of your loved ones.

Due to the size limitations of the cemeteries of St. Paul's and St. John's, I have decided to raise our prices for graves and openings. We must consider that once all the graves are sold, whether they are ever used or not, there will be no more money coming in to offset cost. So, we must do what we can now to assure that the perpetual fund-care is as solid as can be at this time.

So effective immediately at all cemeteries:

The cost of a full grave will be \$650.

The cost of a full grave opening will be \$550.

The cost of a cremation opening will be \$225.

At St. Bernard's Cemetery, cornerstones will be \$100.

These prices are comparable to those throughout the local area. This cost will be re-evaluated in the next years and could be adjusted accordingly. I only do this with the intention of future care in mind. We have all driven by old cemeteries only to see them overgrown, with stones toppled over and no care any kind. I hope to avoid all of that with the cemeteries of our parish.

As scripture says, "Be prepared for you do not know the hour or the day".



### A Message from Bishop LaValley

Bishop LaValley wanted to share his thoughts and prayers regarding the incident on Capitol Hill. It is posted on the Diocesan YouTube Channel at [https://youtu.be/qu\\_TB4C2Gts](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](http://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.



### Fifth Sunday Rosary

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus will continue the Fifth Sunday Rosary Program Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come and pray the Rosary as a corporate body, beginning at 7:30 a.m.



## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### St. Bernard's School News

This was our last week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which means we're at our halfway mark of this strange school year!

Here is a snapshot of what our students learned in class this week:

**Fifth Grade** - Multiplying fractions and continued work on simplifying and converting fractions. The fifth grade math curriculum is very "fraction heavy", but our students are rising to the challenge!

**Fourth Grade** - The Life Cycle of a Salmon. Our fourth grade is taking part in the "Salmon in the Classroom" program, in which they will raise salmon as eggs this winter and then release them into local streams in the spring. The students are excited to watch their new classmates grow and change!

**Third Grade** - Prepared to lead the school-wide prayer service this week. The third graders' prayer service focused on our virtue of the month — Honesty.

**Second Grade** - Writing personal narratives. The second graders are stretching their writing muscles this week by following the writing process to compose a personal narrative. Students will be putting together all they have learned about writing so far to create an interesting and true piece that they will be able to share with their friends and family.

**First Grade** - Where Does Sound Come From? Students in first grade will complete some experiments to make connections between vibrations and sounds!

**Kindergarten** - Solving Problems between friends. As part of our social emotional learning curriculum, students learned the first two steps in problem solving (stop and talk) and practiced identifying different perspectives.

Next week is National School Choice Week. Keep an eye open on our Facebook page for events and activities throughout the week!



### Environmental Stewardship

In the midst of our troubled and hurting world we are reminded in the quote from Leonard Cohen, "There is a crack in everything; that is how the light gets in." As we begin this week, let us pray that we find a way to allow God's light to shine in us by embracing one new concrete practice of good stewardship of the earth's resources. A good starting point might be: only use what I need.



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



### Diocesan Mass for Life

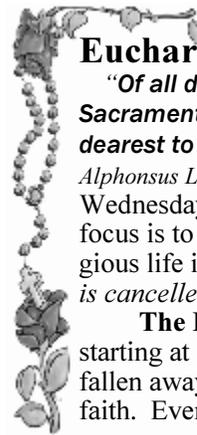
Bishop LaValley will celebrate a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. It will be live-streamed at [www.rcdony.org/livemass](http://www.rcdony.org/livemass).

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](mailto:cmminer@rcdony.org).

### Contribution Statements

Any parishioner who would like a contribution statement for tax purposes for the 2020 tax year should contact Ellen at the church office. You can request one by calling 518-891-4616, or emailing [office@stbernards.church](mailto:office@stbernards.church).

Statements will be mailed as soon as St. Bernard's receives all pertinent information from the Diocese.



### Eucharistic Adoration/The Rosary

*"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us..." St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held each Wednesday, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, until noon. The focus is to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese. All are welcome. *Adoration is cancelled whenever a funeral Mass is held.*

**The Rosary** will be said each Thursday morning starting at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. The intention is for fallen away Catholics and their return to the Catholic faith. Everyone is invited.



### THE SEARCH A Virtual Discussion

The office of New Evangelization will offer an opportunity to view and discuss the Formed.org program **THE SEARCH**, a 7-episode program that explores the deepest questions of the human heart: Why am I here? What's life all about? What happens when we die? It guides you through the great big story of everything, as astrophysicists, psychologists, neuroscientists, artists, chemists and professors point to one big (surprising) conclusion: Jesus Christ, and the Catholic Church. What do you seek?

They will meet on consecutive Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. starting February 1, 2021 to view and discuss The Search episodes via Zoom.

- Feb 1: Episode 1: What Do You Seek?
- Feb. 8: Episode 2: Who Are You?
- Feb. 15: Episode 3: Why a God?
- Feb. 22: Episode 4: What's our Story?
- Mar. 1: Episode 5: Who is Jesus?
- Mar. 8: Episode 6: Am I Saved?
- Mar. 15: Episode 7: Why a Church?

The online registration form is available at <https://www.rcdony.org/thesearch>. For more information, contact Marika Donders at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920, ext. 1380.

JANUARY 24, 2021



## January 23 — January 31

### Sat., Jan. 23 & Sun., Jan 24 — 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Monday, January 25 — The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Carolyn Miller by Bob & Jacci Gardner

### Tuesday, January 26 — St. Timothy & St. Titus

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Dick Metz by Dorothy Metz

### Wednesday, January 27

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Earl Stacy by Bob & Michelle White

1:30 p.m. (*St. B*) All Souls by Parishioners

### Thursday, January 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) An End to the Pandemic and a Wiser & More Appreciative Return to Normal Life by a Parishioner

### Friday, January 29

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Dennis Duprey by Ray & Donna Dora

### Sat., Jan. 30 & Sun., Jan. 31 — 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) David Struss by Cathy & Jim Vaughn

8:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Shelly Hadynski by Cathy & Jim Vaughn

10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) People of the Parish

### Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sun.: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



### Funeral Masses

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

## THE THIRD 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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### St. Bernard's Parish Council:

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### St. Bernard's Finance Council:

Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, Michael Kilroy, Alan Latourelle, Dorothy Metz, Jim Murnane, Carol Ward

	<b>1/10/21 collection</b> <b>St. Bernard's Parish .....\$5,508.00</b> Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
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### Attention All Pro-lifers

Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center on 62 Brinkerhoff Street, in Plattsburgh, has received notice of the resignation of its two anchor people, effective February 1, 2021. If they are not replaced by others, the center will need to close at the end of January.

If you are interested in submitting an application for one of those positions, or know someone who is, please call 518-324-2010, or send inquiries to the PPC Board at [plattsburghpregnancycenter@yahoo.com](mailto:plattsburghpregnancycenter@yahoo.com)

### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The Church celebrates World Day of Prayer For Consecrated Life on February 6-7. On this day we recognize the countless men and women who live consecrated life in various ways, as well as their contributions to the growth of the Church. We especially pray for those men and women in our diocese who daily live the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience while belonging to a community and tirelessly working in ministry. Through their example of discipleship, may we be inspired to deeper communion with Christ, and may there be an increase in vocations to the consecrated life.

If you would like to speak with a religious priest, brother or sister, or would like more information, contact the Vocation Office at 315-393-2920, or email either Fr. Chris Carrara at [ccarrara@rcdony.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdony.org) or Cathy Russell at [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org).

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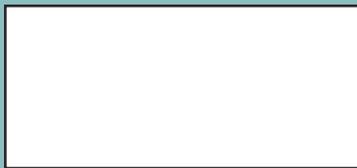
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