

ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

January 31, 2021



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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.



Pastor: Father Martin E. Cline Parochial Vicar: Father Alex Guimpol
Priest in Residence: Msgr. C.J. McAvoy

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Regular Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

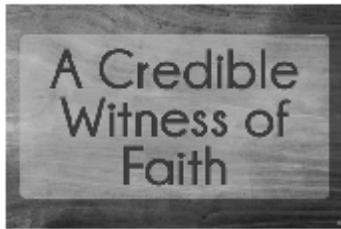
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Deacon: Joseph Szwed, 518-891-5008

Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Carol Kraeger

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

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses and people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority, and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses-people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses-figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.



From the Pastor

I was asked to post this prayer, and I strongly encourage many to pray it:

Billy Graham's Prayer for Our Nation

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that.

We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism
We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will, to openly ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen"

Another thought I have recently pondered... Every action has a reaction. When we make a choice, there is a reaction to that — often good and sometimes bad. But no matter what, we must accept the fact that something will come of our choice. This is the case in the Catholic Church with Excommunication. An example of this is a choice made by a person to publicly turn away from the faith of his/her baptism. It is an action of the individual's choice, and the diocese or Vatican makes a formal statement of such. This is the case with the diocese this past week.

Bishop LaValley wrote to the priests this week: "Tom, of his own free will, requested from Pope Francis the favor of laicization, that is, being returned to the lay state and dispensed from the obligations of priestly ordination, including the promise of celibacy."

On September 18, 2019, Pope Francis personally granted Tom's request. In accepting this dispensation, Tom freely and knowingly agreed to the conditions for this dispensation from the Holy Father. Principal among these conditions was his wholehearted agreement "not to exercise Holy Orders and to give good example, thereby showing himself a devoted son of the Church."

In announcing, a few days ago, his service "as Associate Priest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Plattsburgh," Tom has broken his word to Pope Francis. Thomas Higman has formally broken communion with the Roman Catholic Church and is, thereby, in schism. By his own action and choice, Thomas Higman is excommunicated from the Catholic Church. All Roman Catholics are cautioned to neither seek nor request any of the sacraments from Thomas Higman."

Some of you have maintained friendship with Tom, which is good. I personally have a friendship with Tom, which I would like to renew, but this does not take away from the actions that have taken place. Please pray for him and his family. If you have any concerns or questions please reach out to me, 518-891-4616.

God Bless!

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week
faith service knowledge

St. Bernard's School News

This Sunday marks the first day of Catholic Schools Week. Our students and families are excited to celebrate our school and parish. Here are some fun activities that will happen throughout the week. Feel free to give the school office a call, or email the principal if you'd like to join virtually!

Week-long Service Events:
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Penny Wars! Students can bring in spare change to school for the week. Students will vote for the local charity to which the change will be donated.

Daily Themes:

Monday — Celebrate your Community — Each class will add art to a mural that depicts Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy. The 5th Grade will present persuasive writing pieces during a Full School Meet, and classes will vote on the organization to which our Penny Wars money will be donated.

Tuesday — Celebrate your Students — Teachers will serve students a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and juice in their classrooms! Students will watch a movie with popcorn in the afternoon. Pajama Day!

Wednesday — Celebrate your Nation — Students will take Virtual Field Trips to different National Parks, Monuments, or Places of Interest in the United States. We will also read the letters and cards from Catholic Schools across the country!

Thursday — Celebrate Vocations — Saints Parade! All students will be able to share their chosen Saint during a Full School Meet. Students will make and deliver cards to Father Martin, Father Alex, Father Joe, Father McAvoy, Deacon Joe, and Sister Carol. Families will deliver meals and treats to the rectory!

Friday — Celebrate Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers. Our 4th Grade students will cook lunch for SBS staff, and 5th Grade students will make dessert for SBS staff. The week will end with a Full School Meet and BINGO!



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 this Sunday, January 31st, 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.

faithful simplicity



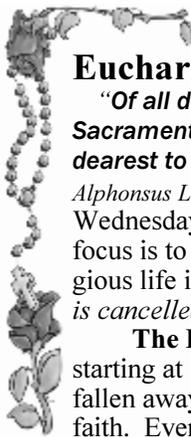
Environmental Stewardship

In this year dedicated to St. Joseph perhaps he can be a valuable guide in our daily challenge to be good stewards of God's creation. One can feel overwhelmed by the task of caring for our natural resources and succumb to temptation to do nothing. Sr. Madalievá, CSJ reminds us, "For Joseph it wasn't a question of success, but it was being faithful to the mix we call life." Maybe one lesson for us is to be humble enough to do the simple thing in front of us, i.e. putting on a sweater instead of turning up the heat; turning off that light when I don't need it; turning off the water facet while not needed.

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.

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 or 315-393-2920, ext. 1380.



For the month of February, you are asked to bring peanut butter/jelly and crackers. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated during these unprecedented times.



January 30 — February 7

Sat., Jan. 30 & Sun., Jan. 31 — 4th 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

Monday, February 1

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Carolyn Miller by Dorothy Metz

Tuesday, February 2 — The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Ruthie Rockett by Colette Lafuente

Wednesday, February 3 — St. Blaise

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

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

Thursday, February 4

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) John & Irene O'Connor by Dorothy Metz

Friday, February 5 — St. Agatha

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Ann Mandigo by Shirley

Sat., Feb. 6 & Sun., Feb. 7 — 5th Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Fr. Lucien Jean MSC by Joy Hayes

10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Elizabeth (Jim) Bevilacqua by the Bevilacqua Family (John, Nancy, Susan, Bill)

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

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

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:
1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wed.: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf.
17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11
[cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk
6:30-34

Next Sun.: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor
9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Funeral Masses

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

THE FOURTH 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

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

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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 or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org.

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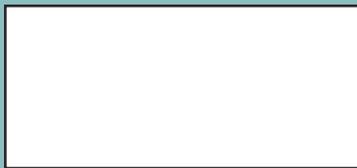
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