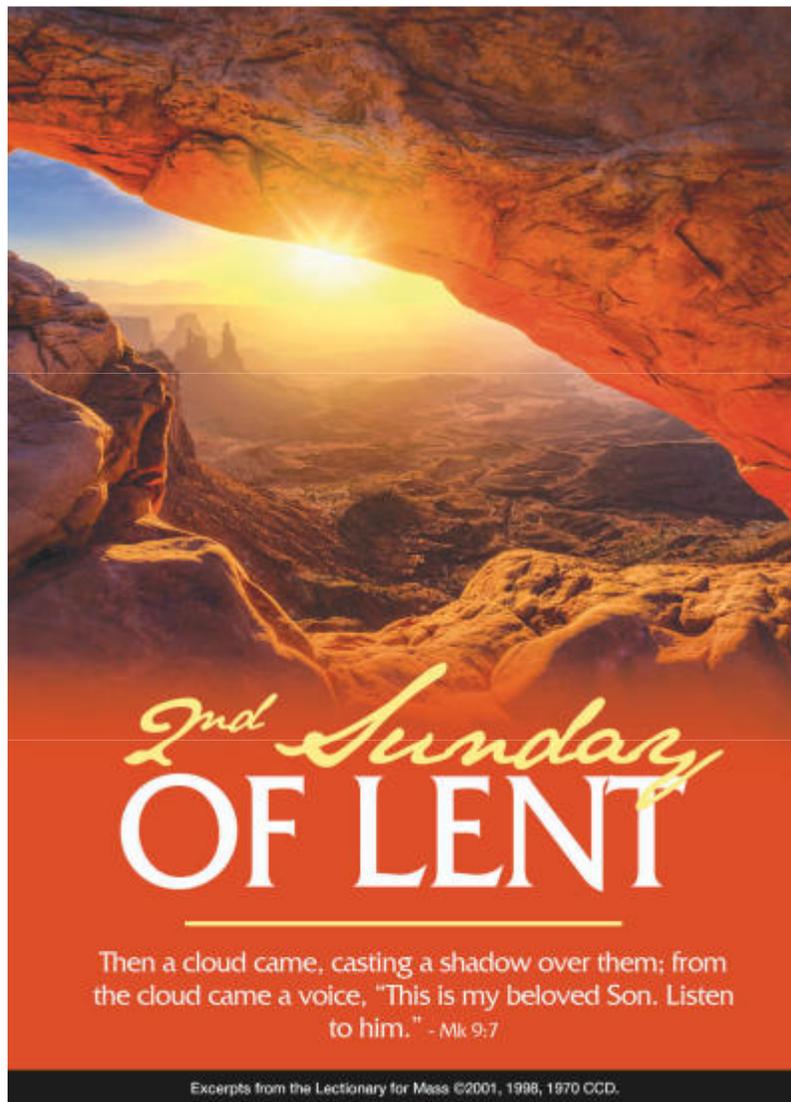


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February 28, 2021



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St. Bernard's
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1640 State Rt. 3
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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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Regular Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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School Principal: Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, 518-891-2830
www.stbernardsschool.org



A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated through her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. It is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently, but for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

Lenten Regulations: Abstinence

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent, except March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord

Robert “Bob” Douglas



From the Pastor

Tabernacle

Many people have asked me where the tabernacle in the main church came from. Well, it was made by two gentlemen from the former St Joseph’s in Bombay. The church was closed about a year or so ago, and I had an inside scoop, being the former pastor. I am very honored to acquire the tabernacle. I received Bishop LaValley’s permission to have it in the church for the time being.

I am thankful to the Family of Jacklyn Hagar who gave money to the Church upon Jacklyn’s death for something in the Church. I used the money for the tabernacle, and the five “new” chairs in the sanctuary. I believe they fit the area well and are a welcomed addition for my back.

Mass

I feel strongly about the need for daily Mass! And I feel that it is a vital part of the renewal that is needed in our families and our community. I understand that time and other reasons are a factor in yes or no of attendance, but I also believe there are many excuses that are not real reasons. The benefits of taking time with the Lord are immense and needed, above any other thing we are trying, to give ourselves peace. I am personally inviting you to Mass; you will not regret it!

Triudam

I recently gave a reflection to the Catholic Daughters of America, and it seemed to have good feedback. I meant to have it live-streamed, but could not due to many things. And so, I will give the talk again as we get closer to Holy Week. This presentation will be on the parish website and Facebook page. I hope it will help many to have a more fruitful Easter.

Something remarkable happened on that mountain. Consider the possibility that it was not Jesus who changed but rather it was Peter, James and John who were transformed. Imagine that this account from Mark’s Gospel documents the experience of Peter, James and John as their eyes were opened; their vision widened, enabling them to see without impediment the virtually blinding light of Jesus’ love that flowed from every fiber of his being.

Indeed, every day of Jesus’ life something of that remarkable brilliance, that remarkable passion, and that remarkable glory was revealed to people of all ages, stages and states of life. The shepherds and magi saw it; the elders in the temple saw it; the guests at a wedding saw it; a woman caught in adultery saw it; a boy possessed by demons saw it; a man born blind saw it; a good thief saw it.

If so many others could recognize it in a word, a glance, or a touch, why might Peter, James and John have required such extra effort in helping them to see Jesus’ glory? Perhaps it was because they were so close to Jesus; perhaps it was because they were with him every day; perhaps it was because, on some level, they had somehow taken his glory for granted.

What about us? Do we recognize that same divine glory present in us, present in others, present in creation, present in even the simplest and most ordinary, everyday experiences of justice, truth, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and compassion?

Or do we take it for granted?

From the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
North American Province

The Second Sunday of Lent



St. Bernard's School News

This past week we celebrated our 100th day of in-person learning with a pajama day, pancake breakfast, and movie afternoon. The 100th day is always a fun celebration in the primary grades, but this year it is even more special because of the challenges we have faced. I'm not sure any of us could have predicted that we would have been able to have such a smooth school year. We put our faith in our staff to be prepared and caring, in our families to be safe and responsible, in our students to be adaptable and enthusiastic and most importantly in our God. We are reminded of the verse as we reflect on what we accomplished in our first hundred days, "Having hope will give you courage." (*Job 11:18*)

As we move towards wrapping up our third quarter, the students and teachers will be preparing for student-led conferences. These spring conferences will be different from the fall parent/teacher conferences because the students will be in attendance and will be leading the way by showing examples of their work, sharing their goals, and describing any challenges or difficulties they may be having. Student-led conferences provide students with the opportunity to take ownership of their own learning and build independence.

Mark your calendars for March 5th for our Kindergarten Open House! This COVID-friendly introduction to St. Bernard's will allow families to see the classroom, meet our teacher, and learn about the Kindergarten program. Call the school office, 518-891-2830 to reserve a time to join us and please spread the word as well! We will be having Open House hours for grades 1-5 later in March.



Environmental Stewardship

"Fast from Food Waste" is suggested as a Lenten practice by Ignatian Solidarity Network. Approximately 1/3 of food produced is wasted across the global food supply chain in one year. Around 40% is wasted in the United States annually. (*Yale Climate Connections*) As a result of the 1.3 billion tons of food wasted every year worldwide, 45 trillion gallons of water are also wasted. When we throw food in the trash, we're throwing away all the resources that went into growing, harvesting, packaging, and shipping the food such as water, gasoline, land, and pesticides. (*NPR*) "...'whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor.'" -- *Laudato Si* So food waste is an issue within our control.



Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Bernard's, will again be sponsoring a Baby Shower for Catholic Charities/Birthright sometime in the spring. Please consider buying diapers and other baby supplies while they are on sale. If you are more creative and wish to sew, crochet or knit items please know blankets, quilts, hats and mittens are very important. If you already have some of these items, RoseAnn (891-0212) would be happy to pick them up at your convenience.



For the month of February, you are asked to bring peanut butter/jelly and crackers. For the month of March, donations of any canned meat or tuna are requested. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated during these unprecedented times.

National Catholic Women's Conference

The National Catholic Women's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all ages. This year, they will be exploring all the ways that women can open themselves to receive Christ's peace. Despite the pressures that exist in life, peace is possible! Let's explore it together.

The free event is March 12-14. Register today at www.go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021.

The Foster Grandparent Program

This Program offers opportunities for low income persons, 55 and older, to provide person-to-person services in health, education, and the welfare of children ages 21 and below. Foster Grandparents are placed in a classroom setting with a child or children who are in need of emotional support and development of basic learning skills, to provide companionship, encouragement, individual attention, and unhurried help. The Foster Grandparent also receives a small non-taxable stipend bi-weekly that cannot be held against any current benefits. Contact: MHoward@catholiccharities.org, or 518-359-7688 for more information.

Is God Calling You to Be More Active ?

The Formation for Ministry Program prepares men and women to serve their local parish. This is a two-year program and classes are online through Boston College. Candidates also meet a few times a year as a group for workshops. More information is available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Or contact Cathy Russell at: crussell@rcdony.org or call (315) 393-2920.

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 (Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., M.A., M.H.T., 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; email: terrianeyanulavich@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.



February 27 — March 7

Sat., Feb. 27 & Sun., Feb. 28 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. (St. B) (Ant.) People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. (St. B) Mary Struss by Cathy & Jim Vaughn
10:00 a.m. (St. B) Dennis Duprey by Bob & Jacci Gardner

Monday, March 1

5:30 p.m. (St. B) Michael Quinn by Shirley Hosler

Tuesday, March 2

12:00 p.m. (St. B) Anne Latham by Marylyn Walker

Wednesday, March 3

8:30 a.m. (St. B) Anthony & Angelina Tranchina by the
Luciano Family
1:30 p.m. (St. B) Dot Fobare by Dorothy

Thursday, March 4

12:00 p.m. (St. B) Damien Garbacki by Mary Buzzell

Friday, March 5

8:30 a.m. (St. B) Barry Morgan McDonough by Andrew
& Cheryl Fawcett

Sat., March 6 & Sun. March 7 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. (St. B) (Ant.) Gloria Carpenter by Tony &
Barbara Kreuzer
8:00 a.m. (St. B) People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (St. B) Frances L. Oliver by Family

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17,
18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk
6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 23:1-12
Wed.: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-
28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
[8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 1
[Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps
95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-
5, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Funeral Masses

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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: (Throughout Lent)

Mon. — 5:30 p.m., Wed. & Fri. — 8:30 a.m.,

Tues. & Thurs. — 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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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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