

ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

August 8, 2021



19th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

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Church of the Assumption
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Oratory



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Bloomingdale, 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.



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.

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The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things, and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story, what meaning our life has when viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



Fish Creek Mass

We are happy to announce that Sunday Mass is once again being offered in the "Cathedral in the Pines," at the Fish Creek Campsite amphitheater at 8:30 a.m. Masses will run through Labor Day weekend. Everyone is welcome to attend, rain or shine. Tell the attendant at the entrance you are going to Mass, and you will be admitted at no charge.

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From the Pastor

We continue this week Jesus' reflection on the bread of life. We too must continue our reflection on the Eucharist; what is it for us? Have you ever really thought about it, or is it just that thing you do? The power it has is lost unless we understand what it is we are doing!

In the synagogue, Jesus decided that direct absolute talk was necessary. He wanted his hearers to take notice, and he wants us to stop and ponder his words. The leaders of the people objected to what Jesus promised. They saw him as altogether too ordinary, despite the sign he had just given them in the multiplication of the loaves.

He refused to back down, despite the many objections. He insisted: "I am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever." Then came the simple direct statement, a promise which reveals the love of Christ. Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus did not say that the bread would be like his flesh, or that it would be a reminder of his flesh. Quite plainly he said, "The bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The bread and the wine which are the outward appearances of the Eucharist may seem too ordinary, too simple in the eyes of many, but people of faith see that we have been given a great gift from God through his Son. When we pray for our daily bread in the *Our Father*, we ask not only for the food that will sustain us on this earth but for the heavenly nourishment which will lead us to everlasting life. The bread that Christ gives is his flesh for the life of the world.

This bread of life will allow us to continue on our journey, to help us when we trip on the stones, when we fall in the holes, and when we face a left or a right, he will show us the correct way. And in our spiritual journeys the bread of life, the flesh for the life of the world will show us how to be imitators of God, to live as his beloved children and to truly understand what it means to live in love. Our journeys continue, and it is the body and blood of Christ that will keep going.



St. Bernard's Summer Raffle

St. Bernard's Summer Raffle to benefit the church and the school is underway. Along with the grand prize of \$5000, one \$2500 prize and six \$250 prizes are available. The drawing date is Sunday, September 19th, but a \$1000 early bird winner will be chosen September 6th.

Parishioners should have received 2 tickets in the mail, but if you did not or would like more tickets, see Father Martin or Father Alex, or contact the office at 518-891-4616.

Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord

Bernard "B.J." McCormick

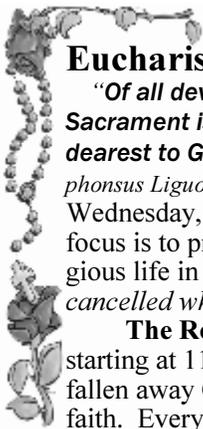




St. Bernard's School News

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you looking for some part time work that will be fun and rewarding? If so, you may be interested in working in our After School program at St. Bernard's School. We are looking to hire a part-time After School Assistant. Our After School program runs from 2:00-5:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. We are looking for assistants who would like to fill a day or two, or more! Please call the school office at 518-891-2830 or email principal@stbernardsschool.org if you are interested in learning more about this position or know of a candidate!

We will be holding Summer Scholar enrichment opportunities for students on Wednesday mornings throughout August. Students will enjoy STEM, Art, and ELA activities in addition to having outdoor play time. We will be hosting our second Popsicles on the Playground on August 19th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Families will have the chance to meet on the playground for social time. Finally, we will be hosting a Campfire Family Night at Camp Guggenheim on August 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be storytelling, sing-alongs and s'mores. All are welcome! Please call the school office or email, principal@stbernardsschool.org for more information on any of our summer programs.



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.

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, August 29th, before the 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Church of the Assumption. All parishioners are encouraged to come and pray the Rosary as a corporate body, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

☺The Kindergartener☺

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures, walking around to see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"
"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

The little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"



166th Annual Redford Picnic

The Annual Redford Picnic will be held Sunday, August 15th on the grounds of the Church of the Assumption Picnic Center. Events will start at 11:30 a.m. Ham and roast beef dinners will be served. There will be something for people of all ages, such as Skilo, Pie Wheel, Fancy Booth, craft fair, live entertainment, pull tabs, refreshments, food stand, fried bread dough, raffles and the main attraction — a ride on one of the oldest merry-go-rounds in North America.

Healing Mass for the Separated & Divorced



Please join in prayer in a Healing Mass on August 18th, 4:00 p.m., at Guggenheim for those suffering from the pain and loss of separation or divorce. For more information, contact the Diocese of Ogdensburg Family Life Office.

Discover the Wonder



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Environmental Stewardship

Hazy, lazy days of summertime. Rachel Carson believes, "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in." Is there a child you would like to take for a walk and help her/him discover the wonders of God's creation this summer?



Blue Mass

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2 p.m. on September 26th. This year the Blue Mass will be at Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone. The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel.

Registration is appreciated for planning and social distancing: <https://www.rcdony.org/bluemass>.

For more information contact, Fr. Chris Carrara 315-605-1039 or ccarrara@rcdony.org.

Safe Environment

Did You Know...the Monique Burr Foundation endorses 5 Safety Rules to help keep children safe.

Rule #2 – Spot Red Flags. Teach children safety concepts such as personal space and boundaries, respecting themselves and others, secrets and tricks, and digital safety. Educate them about the dangers present in society, how to spot red flag behaviors to identify unsafe situations, and how to seek help to minimize their risk of being victimized. For more information, visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.



For the month of August, donations of any canned fruit and mac and cheese are sought. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated during these unprecedented times.

AUGUST 8, 2021



August 7 — August 15

Sat., Aug 7 & Sun., Aug 8 — 19th Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. *(St. B)* (Ant.) Robert Flannery by Family
8:00 a.m. *(Assumption)* The Intentions of Father Martin Cline
by Claudia
8:30 a.m. *(FC)* Eileen Styles by Tom & Jackie Kalinowski
10:00 a.m. *(St. B)* People of the Parish

Monday, August 9

5:30 p.m. *(St. B)* Carolyn Miller by Lorraine Smith

Tuesday, August 10 — St. Lawrence

12:00 p.m. *(St. B)* Robert Douglas by Sharon Hisel

Wednesday, August 11 — St. Clare

8:30 a.m. *(St. B)* Sister Rita Mary Morrissette by Catholic
Daughters

Thursday, August 12

12:00 p.m. *(St. B)* William Wigger by Lena Wigger

Friday, August 13

8:30 a.m. *(St. B)* The Intentions of the Residents of
DeChantal Apartments

Sat., Aug. 14 & Sun., Aug. 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 p.m. *(St. B)* (Ant.) People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. *(Assumption)* Pat Howard by the Family
8:30 a.m. *(FC)* Doris Shatraw by Lena Wigger
10:00 a.m. *(St. B)* Robert Douglas by Linda & Bob Murphy

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph
4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt
17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-
26
Wed.: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and
10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt
19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt
19:13-15
Next Sun.: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-
10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day*:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
[10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



Funeral Masses

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

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Sunday Liturgies:

4:30 p.m. (Anticipated) — St. Bernard's
8:00 a.m. — Church of the Assumption
8:30 a.m. — Fish Creek Campsite
10:00 a.m. — St. Bernard's

Weekday Masses:

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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A Prayer to be Open to God's Will



Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing, give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help, give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.

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