

ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

September 5, 2021



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Oratory



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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

St. Bernard's Rectory 518-891-4616 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

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School Principal: Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, 518-891-2830
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness, we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.



Fish Creek Mass

This weekend is the final Mass of the season in the “Cathedral in the Pines,” at the Fish Creek Campsite amphitheater. Thank you to all who worked weekly to make this summer event possible. We look forward to

our return next season.



From the Pastor

Dear friends, I have few rants to share this week!

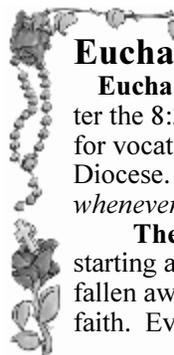
Patience is a virtue. And I hope to get some soon. This sidewalk project will take time; it was never a project that would be done in a day or two. Please have some understanding. Yes I know it is an eye sore — I don't need you to tell me that. Yes, I know it may be an inconvenience for some, but it needed to be done, and so it is being done. I cannot speed up the process nor would I, even if I could. It will be done by the end of September!

Mrs. Hosler is looking for some things for “Her” troops. If you are out shopping, please consider the following items— baby wipes, Christmas cards, snacks, and socks. In her many years of serving the troops, she has found these items are most helpful. You can leave them with me or place them at *The Enterprise* newspaper office.

Lastly, I have been in conversation with the Director of Religious Education from Lake Placid, and I feel that we will be moving in the direction of sharing resources. We hope to begin our program in October. With this, of course, we will need teachers for the program. If you are interested, please see me as soon as possible. More information on the program will be coming.

The need is real these days for us to be praying for each other, our community and our youth. You may not think it is working, but it is very much so. God Bless!

P.S. We are planning to paint the inside of the church. If you know of anyone who is an interior painter, please give me their name or ask them to get in touch with me. Thank you.



Eucharistic Adoration/The Rosary

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.

St. Bernard's Summer Raffle Early Bird Drawing This Sunday

The Early Bird Drawing for St. Bernard's Summer Raffle to benefit the church and the school will be held after the 10:00 Mass this Sunday, September 5th. Get your tickets in so you will be eligible for this \$1000 prize.

The drawing for the six \$250 prizes, the \$2500 prize and the \$5000 prize is Sunday, September 19th at the Parish Picnic. Tickets are \$100.

If you would like tickets, see Father Martin or Father Alex, or contact the office at 518-891-4616.

Ticket holders need not be present to win.





St. Bernard's School News

Our staff continued their Back to School professional development this week as we focused on our COVID precautions, student assessments, and our new student information system training.

Teachers also put the finishing touches on their classrooms in time to welcome our families for a back-to-school event, Pop On Over. Students and their families enjoyed seeing their classrooms, meeting their teachers, catching up with old friends, and being introduced to new members of our school community. After seeing their classrooms, students played and munched on popcorn and juice, while families chatted and swapped out uniforms.

School begins September 7th. Please note that drop-off for school will be from 7:40-8:00, and families will be entering school grounds from Church St. and exiting on River St.

Pick-up will be 2:10-2:20 with the same traffic pattern. Thank you in advance for being extra cautious in the parking lot area during school hours.

Save the date for our annual St. Bernard's Scramble Golf Tournament: September 25th at the Saranac Lake Golf Club. Start hitting the range and forming your team, as this fun event always brings out friendly competition! If you own a business and would like to sponsor a hole, team, or donate an auction item or prize, please contact the school office at 518-891-2830!

Day of Reflection for Young Adults

There will be a Young Adult Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 25th at the Lodge at Guggenheim from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The day will include talks by Fr. Matt Conger and the Young Adult Team, brunch, an opportunity for confession, Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley and the college students' retreat, followed by dinner. The day will include plenty of time for personal prayer, reflection and the simple enjoyment of the beauty and peace of Guggenheim.

For more information and to register, go to www.rcdony.org/yamretreat.



For the month of September, please bring cereal. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated during these unprecedented times.

Sisters of St. Joseph Lay Associate Program

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting to learn about their Lay Associate Program that is open to women and men. Associates meet monthly to learn about the spirituality and history of the sisters, pray together and share ways to deepen one's spiritual life. Introductory Meetings will be held in these Diocesan locations: St. Patrick's Parish Center, Colton, Saturday, Sept. 11; Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Watertown on Sunday, Sept. 12 and St John XXIII Newman Center, Plattsburgh, Sunday Sept. 12.

For more information, contact Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald at srbethssj@gmail.com or call 315-782-3460.

Sunday Mass on Media

Spectrum broadcasts our weekly Mass, along with a Faith and Ecology message, each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on channel 2. St. Bernard's 10 a.m. Mass is live-streamed on St. Bernard's Facebook Page.



Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Bernard will be having an in person meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Bernard's school cafeteria. If anyone needs any more information about the Catholic Daughters, please call RoseAnn Hickey at 518-891-0212.



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.

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

Interfaith Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness Support Group

You are welcome to join us for an Interfaith Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness Support Group meeting to be held each Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at St. Bernard's Church starting on September 7th. The mission of the support group is to provide a safe place where people can meet and openly share how their spirituality affects their mental health challenges. Each meeting will be facilitated by two members of our eight member team. If you have any questions, please email intothelight2021@gmail.com or see the brochures at the entrances of the church. We look forward to seeing you there.



2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal

The 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal will begin soon in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Your gift to the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal will help continue the vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need.

Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to this year's effort. In two weeks, we will have Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the Appeal. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to assist families in need.

Safe Environment

The Monique Burr Foundation endorses 5 Safety Rules to help keep children safe. **Rule #4 – Talk It Up.** Talk to children and other adults about safety, unsafe situations, and the Safety Rules. Let children know they can talk to you about safety when the need arises because child safety matters to you. Visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org for more information.



September 4 — September 12

Sat., Sept. 4 & Sun., Sept. 5—23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) Rose Masone by the Luciano Family
8:30 a.m. (*FC*) Robert Patrick Byno, Sr. by Alan & JoAnn Latourelle
10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Eleanor Miller by Gary Miller

Monday, September 6 — Labor Day

5:30 p.m. (*St. B*) Dot Fobare by Paula & Jerry Cheney

Tuesday, September 7

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Ann Latham by Vivian Eccleston

Wednesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Robert Douglas by Elaine Sater

Thursday, September 9

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Robert Douglas by Bob & Donna Tebo and Jim & Debbie Gaudet

Friday, September 10

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Rosemaray Salaycik by RoseAnn Hickey

Sat., Sept. 11 & Sun., Sept. 12—24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) Juan Lafuente by Colette Lafuente
8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Robert Douglas by Sharon Hisel

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wed.: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [1s 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sun.: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

 **8/15/21 collection**
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 **Funeral Masses**
The noon Mass is cancelled, and the intention is rescheduled, whenever a Funeral Mass is held.

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Labor Day Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in Your image and likeness
And gave us dominion over creation
to be stewards of the land
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, You became one of us
and labored as a carpenter.
You ask all people --
whatever our state of life --
to follow You faithfully.
Holy Spirit, bless all
workers this Labor Day.
May all our actions be
animated by Your love,
as we do all things for
the glory of God. Amen.

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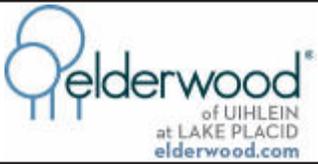


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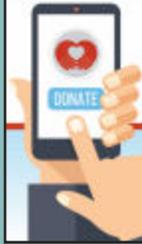


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