

# ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

September 12, 2021

## Worship Sites



**St. Bernard's**  
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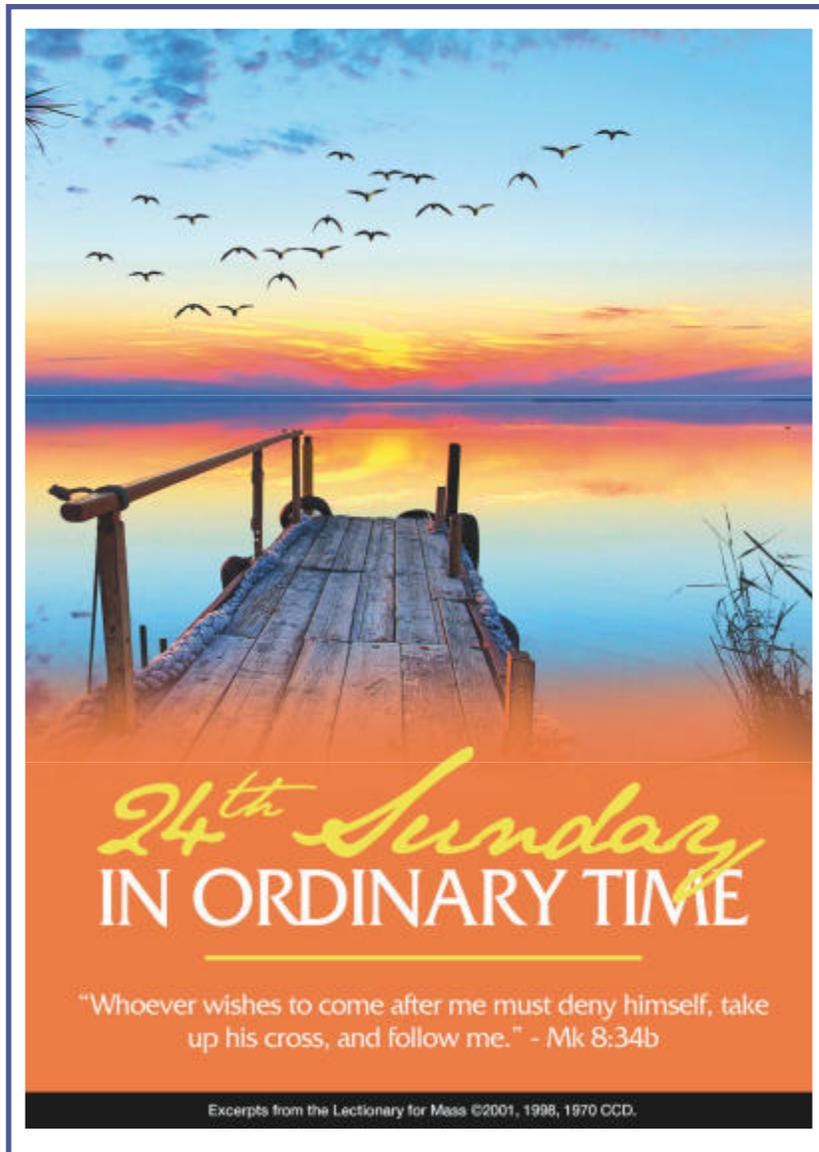
## Oratory



**St. Paul's**  
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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](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, 518-891-2286**

**School Principal: Andrea Kilbourne-Hill, 518-891-2830**  
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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends, struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955), a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest, often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thoughts. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God, and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



### St. Bernard's Summer Raffle

The raffle is "drawing" to a close. Get your tickets soon because the drawing for the six \$250 prizes, the \$2500 prize and the \$5000 prize is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## A Letter from the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*Faith in action is love, and love in action is service.* By transforming that faith into acts of love, we place ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord. Saint Mother Teresa reminds us that when we share our time, talent and treasures with our faith family, we in fact bring ourselves closer to God.

During this past year, in the midst of a seemingly endless pandemic, we have come to realize even more that we are a family of resiliency, caring, compassion and that we must continue to be a **Family of Faith In Action**. As a family of faith in action we are helping one another to know Jesus, who can shape our souls and our lives so that we can become who God truly intends us to be. The Bishop's Fund Appeal and the ministries it supports provide for us an opportunity to put our faith into action, to draw closer to God and to support our family of faith along our journey.

When we support the Bishop's Fund Appeal, we provide others, as well as ourselves, the opportunity to draw closer to God. When we work together, we are able to:

- Provide education to those called to serve as priests, deacons and commissioned lay ministers through the offices of Vocations, Education of Seminarians, Deacon Formation and Formation for Ministry
- Provide opportunities for children, teens, young adults and families to learn faith leadership skills through the Tuition Assistance Program, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and Family Life Ministry
- Provide a light in the darkness to those who are hurting due to unexpected difficulties such as job loss, illnesses and other tragedies through the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

It is our hope to reach a goal of \$1.3M this year in order to continue the vital ministries of the Diocese. Any funds raised over our goal will be used to supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund so that we may be able to provide additional grants to families and individuals who have been impacted by the pandemic.

I am so grateful for the generosity you have shown in past years through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. I ask that everyone across the Diocese take a moment to reflect and pray about their support of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Together we are a **Family of Faith in Action!**

With the promise of prayers for you and your loved ones, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg





## St. Bernard's School News

It was great to get our students back in the classroom this week as we began the 2021-2022 school year. We opened up the school year with 79 students, an almost 20% increase in our enrollment over last year! Our fantastic retention rate (98%) and the increase in enrollment in every grade is a direct result of the excellent work our teachers and staff are doing every day. Our school theme this year is, "Grateful for our Gifts," and we are truly grateful for the gifts that are our employees and volunteers.

We are also grateful for the continued support of our parish: priests and parishioners alike. Please know we will keep you all in our prayers throughout this year, and please reach out if you would like to become more involved in our school community.

Save the date for our annual St. Bernard's Scramble Golf Tournament: September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Saranac Lake Golf Club. Start hitting the range and forming your team, as this fun event always brings out the best in 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, 518-891-2830!

## Day of Reflection for Young Adults

There will be a Young Adult Day of Reflection on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdony.org/yamretreat).

## Lifechain Sunday

Join in the one-hour prolife, prayerful, public presence on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Saranac Lake Lifechain. Meet at Bandshell Park. Line up along River Street.

Lifechain practices social distancing. We stand for life rain or shine. Signs are provided. Bring a friend! More info at [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net). Thank you for standing up for life!

## Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee

The annual Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in person on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is to honor the Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up).

Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following Mass in the Brzana Hall. Couples only please register for the Mass through your parish or register at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee> by Friday, September 24, 2021.

For further information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org), or at (315) 393-2920 or Sr. Bernadette Collins, SSJ at (315) 393-2920 or [bcollins@rcdony.org](mailto:bcollins@rcdony.org).



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal.

Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember — every gift makes a difference — every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund, which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese.

You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.



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

## 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.





## September 11 — September 19

### Sat., Sept. 11 & Sun., Sept. 12—24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, September 13 — St. John Chrysostom

5:30 p.m. (*St. B*) The Francati Family by Lena Wigger

### Tuesday, September 14 — The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

\*8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Evelyn by Frank, Jerry, Pete, Jim and  
Gr grandchildren (\*Note time change — for this day only)

### Wednesday, September 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

### Thursday, September 16 — St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Deceased Members of the Witkowski &  
Reyns Families by Claudia, David & Cathy

### Friday, September 17

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Sister Rita Mary Morrissette by Paula &  
Jerry Cheney

### Sat., Sept. 18 & Sun., Sept. 19—25<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) Larry Smith by Lorraine & Family

8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) Edwin Woodward by Elaine Sater

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

### Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/  
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wed.: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—  
4:3/Mk 9:30-37



8/22/21 collection

St. Bernard's Parish .....\$7,417.38

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### Funeral Masses

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

## The 24<sup>rd</sup> 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

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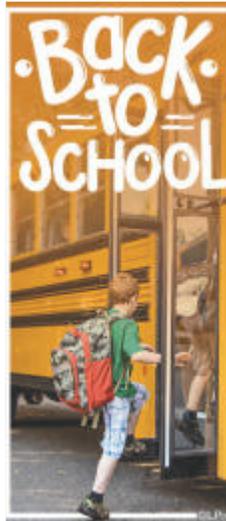
### St. Bernard's Parish Council:

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### St. Bernard's Finance Council:

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

### Prayer for Students



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning!

I want to grow closer to you

in everything I do at school.

In math and science, help me to see

your beautiful plan in the world.

Help me to discover new stories and val-

ues as I read and write.

In arts and music, help me to be creative.

In sports, help me treat my teammates and

opponents fairly.

Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.

Help me to listen with open ears,

an open heart, and an open mind

to all my teachers at school.

Help me treat my classmates with care,

kindness, and respect.

Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen.



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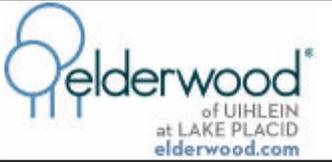
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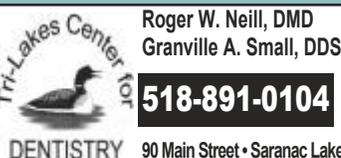
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