

# ST. BERNARD OF MONTJOUX PARISH

September 26, 2021

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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.



*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

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**Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

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

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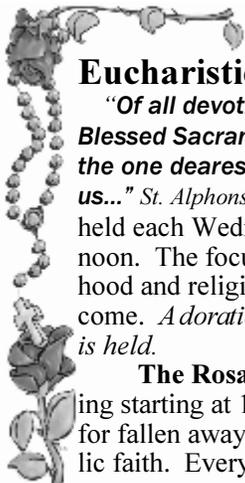
## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, Zacchaeus looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones, and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens; we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other as people to be loved and not as objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



### 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.



## From the Pastor

Dear friends,

I cannot say enough thank yous to all who helped make last weekend's picnic so successful. I was a little stressed about it, as I am about many things, but so many came through in the days before and on that day. We are a parish that has so many people more than willing to help and so many that don't even need to be asked — they just do.

Yet I cannot fail to recognize that it is the same people every time. And that is hard for me, they are willing, but others need to step up. For example I have had only two people volunteer to teach in our new religious education program! I have had families chastise me for not doing anything... and know that I have, but I can't do it without help; we are at a stumbling block.

I also want to include this week a push for the Bishop's Fund Appeal. I will rarely ever ask for money, you are very generous, when needed. With the Bishop's Fund I encourage you to think of St. Bernard's Parish— you have a priest, a deacon, a catholic school, a number of people who have gone through the Formation Ministry Program, the director of Pro-life ministry, and Camp Guggenheim. Yes, the diocese is facing a financial future of great uncertainty, but we cannot let the programs that we take advantage of lose out. Any gift is a sacrifice in our lives, but each gift is greatly needed. If we did a second collection for a natural disaster, you would at least give \$5. Please consider what you can do for our Diocese today!



### Life Chain 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!

### Diocesan Youth Council

The Diocese of Ogdensburg Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is comprised of members in grades 10-12 who live in the Diocese. Each member serves a one-year term (members are able to re-apply annually to serve for up to three total terms). The purpose of Diocesan Youth Council is: to help members grow in spiritual development and leadership skills so they may take a more active role in their local parishes, particularly in youth ministry and to allow members to help plan, facilitate and promote diocesan-sponsored events (youth rallies, Camp Guggenheim, March for Life, regional events, Catholic Heart Work Camp, etc.).

DYC is an opportunity to grow in leadership, build friendships, and have fun. It is also a significant responsibility, requiring maturity and commitment. Applying to DYC should be taken seriously and with prayerful consideration. Members must be in grades 10-12, be actively involved in their parish, possess leadership skills, integrity, motivation, and a love for the Lord. Members must attend one Lenten Retreat Day, the Youth Rally, an annual retreat day or weekend and a minimum of 6 council meetings virtually or in-person. To learn more and apply visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/youth/council.html>.



### St. Bernard's School News

Thank you to all those who played, sponsored, or supported St. Bernard's School in some way to help make our golf tournament a success! It was a great day to be on the course, fun was had by all, and of course, we raised money to help support our tuition assistance program at St. Bernard's School.

We had a full week of school and the students have been enjoying the fall weather. Each class has recess twice a day, and we also learn in the outdoor classroom, eat lunch outdoors, and go on walking field trips throughout the day. Last year, we recognized that students learn better when they've had plenty of fresh air and exercise, so we've incorporated both of those things into the day for our students.

This week, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders led our prayer service. They showed the rest of the school how to say a 5 Finger Prayer: The thumb, which is closest to the body, tells us to pray to those who are closest to us, like our family. The pointer reminds us to pray for those who point us in the right direction, like teachers, doctors, and priests. The middle finger, which is our tallest finger, reminds us to pray for those who lead us like our president and others in government. The ring finger, our weakest finger, reminds us to pray for those who are in pain or need help. The pinky finger, our smallest finger, reminds us to pray for ourselves and our own needs.

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

	<b>9/5/21 collection</b>
	<b>St. Bernard's Parish .....\$10,862.00</b>
	Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal

Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the Church. 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. Online giving is also available at <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.

### Environmental Stewardship

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Creation Care Fall Tip: Sealing up those areas of heat loss in your home is more than about saving money. It is also about caring for creation. To find out where heat is escaping, for information on having an energy audit contact NYSEA. Put this at the top of your TO DO LIST.

### Searchlight

  
This overnight youth retreat invites teens into a relationship with God by encouraging them to ask the big questions about the purpose of life and answer them with the Gospel Message. Along the way, they will have fun and enjoy a true "camp" experience at Guggenheim. Overnight accommodation in the Dorm, meals and a special gift are included for a fee of \$49.00/teen. Once you register, you will be directed to the payment page. After completing payment, you will receive a Guggenheim packing list and schedule for drop off and pick up times. The retreat will begin Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and end Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM.

COVID-19 Safety Notice: All staff are fully vaccinated. All attendees, upon check-in, will be requested to provide proof of vaccination or results of a negative PCR test for COVID-19 taken in the last 72 hours. We ask that any registered attendee experiencing any common COVID symptoms not attend the retreat. Questions? Contact, Jeannie Grizzuto, Youth Office Administrator at: [jgrizzuto@rcdony.org](mailto:jgrizzuto@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 ext. 1413.

### Interfaith Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness Support Group

An Interfaith Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness Support Group meets each Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Bernard's Chapel. The group's mission is to provide a safe place where people can meet and openly share how their spirituality affects their mental health challenges.

If you have any questions, please email [intothe-light2021@gmail.com](mailto:intothe-light2021@gmail.com) or see the brochures at the entrances of the church.





## September 25 — October 3

### Sat., Sept. 25 & Sun., Sept. 26—26<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time

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

8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) Grace & Jim Racette by Steve & Cherie

10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Robert Douglas by Kathy Weir

### Monday, September 27 — St. Vincent de Paul

5:30 p.m. (*St. B*) Gabriel Willette by Deacon Lawrence & Frances Willette

### Tuesday, September 28

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Lou & Blanche Tranchina by the Luciano Family

### Wednesday, September 29 — St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael, Archangels

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Ronald Smetanick by Elaine Sater

### Thursday, September 30 — St. Jerome

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Robert Douglas by Vivian Eccleston

### Friday, October 1 — St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) The Intentions of Seth & Amanda Conklin by Family

### Sat., Oct. 2 & Sun., Oct. 3 — 27<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) Patricia Norton Hoover by John & Colleen Miner

8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) Douglas Hilts by the Racettes

### Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/  
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:  
51-56

Wed.: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk  
10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-  
5, 10

Next Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



### Funeral Masses

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

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Liturgies:

4:30 p.m. (Anticipated) — St. Bernard's

8:00 a.m. — Church of the Assumption

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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### St. Bernard's Parish Council:

Jeff Branch, RoseAnn Hickey (Vice-President), Tom Kalinowski, Jim Law (President), Dorothy Metz, Kathy Samperi, Sister Carol, Deacon Joe Szwed, Jim Murnane (trustee), Carol Ward (trustee), Andrea Kilbourne-Hill (school rep), Kathy Hall (secretary — non-voting member)

### St. Bernard's Finance Council:

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



### St. Bernard's Swinger!

Sister Carol enjoys the swings in the park during the Annual Parish Picnic. A good number of parishioners took advantage of the beautiful day to soak up some sun, enjoy the food and socialize. Many thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to make the picnic a success.



For the month of September, please bring cereal. For the month of October you are asked to bring peanut butter/jelly and crackers. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

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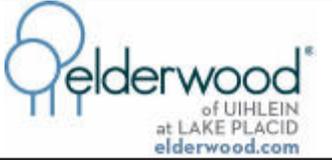
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