

St. Bernard of Montjoux Parish

September 15, 2024

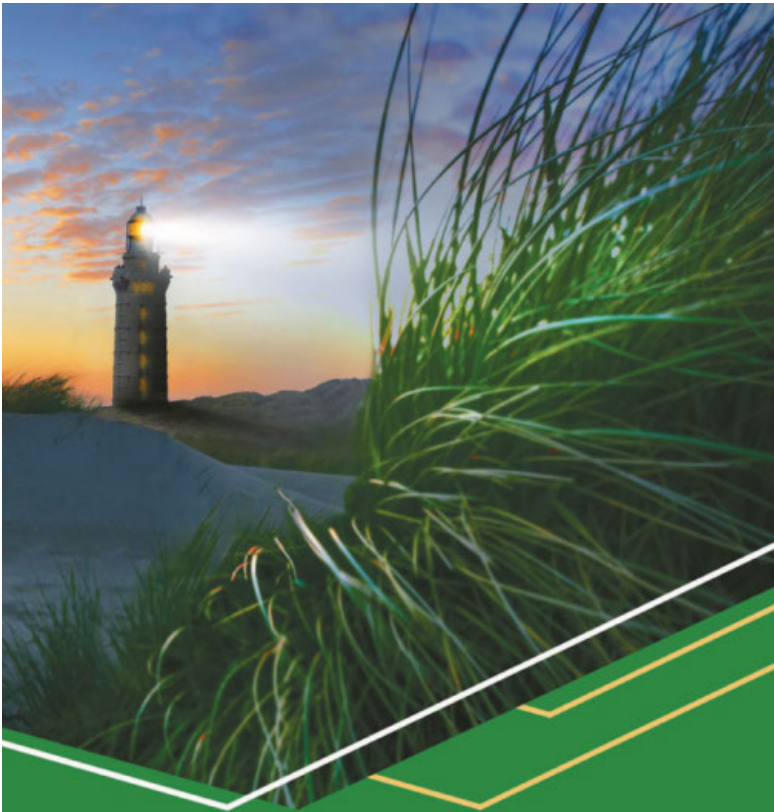
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Our parish is one of only two in the U.S. named for St. Bernard of Montjoux, patron saint of hikers, skiers and mountaineers. All other St. Bernard's parishes are under the patronage of St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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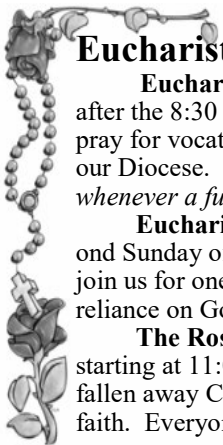
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me**" (*Mark 8:34*). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words *take up*. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "**saving one's life**." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— *Father John Muir*



Eucharistic Adoration/The Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration is held each Wednesday, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, until 11:45 a.m. 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.*

Eucharistic Adoration will also be held the second Sunday of each month after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please join us for one hour of asking, listening and showing our reliance on God.

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.



Remember the Picnic this Sunday, September 15th, after the 10 a.m. Mass at Mt. Pisgah. Hope to see you there!

Last Call for the Raffle! The drawing for St. Bernard's Summer Raffle to benefit the church and the school is this Sunday at the picnic



From the Pastor

I would like to share a daily reflection on the Eucharist from "Eucharistic Gems," a great book.

"Let us submit to God in all things and not contradict him, even if what he says seem to contradict our reason and intellect; let his word prevail over our reason and intellect. Let us act in this way with regard to the Eucharistic mysteries, and not limit our attention just to what can be perceived by the senses, but instead hold fast to his words. For his word cannot deceive." — St. John Chrysostom

I want to thank you for your patience the last two weekends. I had a great opportunity to help mom move to Pennsylvania, and it was a very freeing moment. This past weekend I celebrated the marriage of a friend. I thank Msgr. Murphy and Frs. Gruber and Lamica for their willingness to help. Get ready because you're stuck with me for a while!

"But who do you say that I am?" This is one of the most important questions for our faith. The answer we give shows where on our journey we are, and it shows what more we must do. Peter gives the right answer, "You are the Christ!" but what do we say? What is the answer that comes to us, for most it could very well be the words of Peter, for others it may be different. What do you say? We all must have an answer, and not answering says a lot too.

Fr. Gerald Muoka suggested that "the concept of the Cross" which was: A sign of condemnation and curse has become a sign of salvation (*Deut. 21:23*). A signification of suffering now signifies Hope, Faith and Love (*In 12:32*). A symbol of rejection has become an icon of Acceptance, and a representation of death sentence now stands for life. That is why, no matter how you place the cross, it must have an existential representation of positivity:

- ~When placed flat on the ground, it becomes a bridge against the gullies of life challenges
- ~When placed on the wall, it becomes a ladder to climb to PROMINENCE and ETERNITY
- ~ When viewed with the binocular of Mathematics, it becomes a plus + or additional sign
- ~ When placed in a traversed position, it becomes (x) times. Sign of *MULTIPLICATION* (restoration) of lost fortunes for Christ's sake (*Matt. 16:25; Job 42:10*).

There are fundamental questions we ask ourselves: Are we ever ready to make sacrifices for what we believe – for Christ's sake? What can we actually have sacrificed for the sake of the Gospel? Can we offer our ego for peace to reign in our families, marriages or relationships? Jesus' challenge to all His would-be disciples requires more than a "feel-good" spirituality. A true disciple asks, "Am I willing to sacrifice something for the God Who loves me?" The martyrs chose death for the Christian faith to be nurtured."

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Sean Joseph Lanigan
Alice Scollin





St. Bernard's School News

We were excited to kick off our new Enrichment Clubs this week. They will take place on Friday afternoons before prayer service. Every student will have the opportunity to participate in fun and engaging activities designed to spark curiosity and develop new skills! Our first offerings include Legos/Robotics, Super Student Skills, Outdoor Club, and Makerspace. These clubs provide hands-on learning experiences for all of our students, from K through 5th grade.

A special thank you to everyone supporting our annual Golf Scramble, especially our Title Sponsors—Duff's Dumpsters and Rock Solid Patio! While our golfer slots are full, we are still welcoming additional sponsors and prize donations. If you'd like to contribute, please contact the school office.

Thank you for helping make this year's event a success!

High School Leadership Weekend

All students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to attend the High School Leadership Weekend, Sept. 20 – 22nd at Camp Guggenheim. Register before Sept. 18th at: rcdony.org/leadership to be part of this action-packed weekend of fun, friends, leadership workshops and moving prayer experiences. Cost is \$95.00 and includes all meals, snacks and lodging. Check in: 6:30 p.m. Friday and depart: 2 p.m. Sunday. Contact Anita Soltero at asoltero@rcdony.org or call (315) 393-2920 with questions.

Middle School Retreat

The Vocation Office and the Office of Youth Ministry are sponsoring a Middle School Retreat in the Clinton-Northern Franklin & Adirondack Deaneries, Friday, October 4, at Holy Cross Parish Center in Plattsburgh from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The purpose of this retreat is to guide young people to prayerfully consider what God's plan is for their lives. This invitation is open to students in Grades 6-8 both in the Catholic and public schools and is considered a legally excused absence. Contact your pastor, Catholic school principal, or Religious Education Coordinator for a registration form. Registration forms are due by 9/30.

Young Adult Ministry Retreat: Encountering the Holy Spirit

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18 and 30-something, come away on retreat at Camp Guggenheim Lodge from Friday evening **September 20 through September 22**. Come for the entire weekend or Saturday only. Come and enjoy the peace of Saranac Lake, time for prayer, reflection, conversations and silence. Suggested cost (to defray the cost of the lodge): \$40 per person (but don't let the lack of funds stop you from attending.) To register: www.rcdony.org/yamretreat. For more information contact Marika at mdonders@rcdony.org



Catholic Daughters' Gift Basket

St. Bernard's Catholic Daughters are selling tickets for a Coffee Lovers Basket, valued at \$100 — what a great Christmas gift for the coffee lover in your family! Tickets, which are \$2 each or 5 for \$5.00, are available through Oct. 8. The drawing will be held after the 10:00 Mass that day. Proceeds will go toward our works of

Kevin McCullough

We enjoyed having seminarian Kevin McCullough with us this summer. He would be happy to hear from you while he is at school. His address is: Saint Vincent's Seminary, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650



Blue Mass

The Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all police, corrections, fire and EMS personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass on Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Canton. The entire North Country is invited to join in prayer for the safety and well-being of all first responders and public safety personnel.



Environmental Stewardship

The Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all Creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. It is an annual ecumenical season where we pray and act together as a Christian family for our common home. For ways to celebrate the Season see: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.



Young Family Ministry Schedule

September 15 — Parish Picnic, 10 a.m., at Mt. Pisgah
September 25 — Pot Luck Dinner 5 p.m. at St. Bernard's School Cafeteria. (Please call or e-mail the Rectory Office if you plan to attend)

Job Opening

Our Diocese is seeking a Director of Youth Ministry/Coordinator of Campus Ministry, who will be responsible for the planning and implementation of the diocesan youth program and provide support, direction and motivation for campus ministers at each campus ministry location. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, have a Bachelor's Degree, extensive experience in the fields of religious education and faith formation, successful experience as youth minister, knowledge of current catechetical documents, familiarity with the characteristics of youth's personal, spiritual and emotional development, proven interpersonal skills and competency in administration and the use of technology. Salary: \$48,500 - \$60,000. Submit letter of interest, resumé and three professional references to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Ogdensburg, P.O. Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 or e-mail ksnover@rcdony.org.

Sisters of St. Joseph Lay Associate Program

The Sisters invite you to a meeting Sept. 8 at John XXIII Newman Center, Plattsburgh at 2:30 p.m. to learn about their Lay Associate Program. Associates meet once a month to learn about the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women. If you are interested, please contact Sister Mary Eamon (smelyngssj@yahoo.com).

Bulletin Ads

Gary Zakrzewski from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers! You can contact Gary at 216/325-6825 ext.6413 or at GZakrzewski@4lpi.com



September 14 — September 22

Sat., Sept. 14 & Sun., Sept. 15—24th Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) Kathy Neale by Jim & Michele Tucker
10:00 a.m. (*Mt. Pisgah*) Dorothy & Richard Metz by the Estate of Dorothy Metz

Monday, September 16 — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, September 17

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Bob Douglas by LouAnn

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) For Healing

Thursday, September 19

12:00 p.m. (*St. B*) Rose Wopat by LouAnn

Friday, September 20 — Sts. Andrew Kim Taegön & Paul Chông Ha-sang & Companions

8:30 a.m. (*St. B*) Carlton King by Phyllis King

Sat., Sept. 21 & Sun., Sept. 22—25th Sun. in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. (*St. B*) (Ant.) JoAnn Voudren by Madge
8:00 a.m. (*Assumption*) Shirleen Ricci by Family
10:00 a.m. (*St. B*) People of the Parish



Funeral Masses

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

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
Wed.: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sun.: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



9/1 /24 Collection

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The Twenty-Fourth 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. — No Mass Wed. & Fri. — 8:30 a.m.,
Tues. & Thurs. — 12:00 p.m. — St. Bernard's

Baptismal Preparation:

Please call St. Bernard's Rectory, 518-891-4616

Penance:

Saturdays: (*St. B*) 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Anytime by appointment.

Catholic Charities: 518-483-1460

Interfaith Mental Health & Spiritual Wellness Support Group:

Meets Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Chapel.
Contact: intothelight2021@gmail.com

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

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Lifechain

Stand up for life at this year's Lifechain!

On Sunday, October 6, gather at Bandshell Park and line up along River Street from 2:30-3:30 p.m. We stand for life rain or shine! Signs are provided. You can find more information about this peaceful, prayerful, public prolife witness to the sanctity of life at www.lifechain.org. Saranac Lake is one of 5 locations in our diocese. (Other locations include: Oct 6: Potsdam, Plattsburgh, Massena and Oct 5: Watertown).



Blessing of the Roses

The Blessing of the Roses in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux will be held on Sunday, September 29th at 3 p.m. in St. Bernard's Church. Please join members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites for a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers, Benediction and the blessing of roses to be distributed.



Rosary at Assumption

The Knights of Columbus will once again sponsor a recitation of the Rosary on the fifth Sunday of the month, Sunday, September 29, prior to the 8 a.m. Mass. Please come at 7:30 and recite the Rosary in honor of Our Blessed Mother.



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