

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: "You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love." Ps 119 (118): 137, 124

Communion Antiphon: "Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God." Ps 42 (41): 2-3

Reflection for this Sunday: This 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time calls us to a deeper reflection on what it truly means to be a disciple of Christ. The Scriptures remind us first of our need for God’s wisdom, for our human understanding is often limited and clouded. Without God’s light, we stumble in the dark, but with His guidance, we can discern His plan and walk in peace. St. Paul, in his letter to Philemon, challenges us to see one another no longer through the eyes of division or social status, but as brothers and sisters in Christ—welcoming all with love, compassion, and respect. The Gospel brings us to the heart of discipleship, where Jesus tells us that to follow Him requires sacrifice: nothing—neither family, possessions, nor personal comfort—can come before Him. Carrying our cross is not simply enduring hardship, but choosing to live in total commitment to God’s will, even when it is costly. This week, we also rejoice in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8. Her life is a beautiful witness of complete surrender to God’s plan, showing us that true discipleship begins with a humble and trusting “yes” to the Lord. Mary’s birth brought hope into the world, for through her, the Savior came to us. In addition, the Church prepares to celebrate a moment of great joy on September 7, when Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati together. Carlo, a modern teenager devoted to the Eucharist, and Pier Giorgio, a young man known for his charity and joyful faith, are shining examples of how holiness is possible in every age. Their canonization reminds us that sanctity is not reserved for the few but is a calling for each of us in our daily lives. As we reflect on this Sunday’s message, the nativity of Our Lady, and the witness of these new saints, we are encouraged to place God above all else, to welcome others as members of His family, and to walk with courage and love along the sometimes difficult path of discipleship. With Mary’s intercession and the example of Carlo and Pier Giorgio, may we learn to live our faith with joy, sacrifice, and unwavering trust in the Lord.

Pope’s Intention for the Month of September: "For our relationship with all of creation." Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

2025 Bishop’s Fund Appeal: The Bishop’s Fund Appeal gives us the opportunity to share our blessings and serve those most in need throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Our parish goal is **\$12,409.65**, and we hope for **120 or more families** to participate so we can exceed this goal. With faith and hope, we trust that together we will be successful in this year’s Appeal. **Commitment Weekend is Sunday, September 14.** When you receive Bishop LaValley’s letter and brochure, please respond as generously as possible with a pledge or one-time gift. Gifts beyond our goal will assist families in need through the Bishop’s Good Samaritan Fund. Donations may be brought to Mass, returned in the provided envelope, or made online at www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund.

Thank you for your prayerful support!
***Court Little Rose #1300** will have a meeting on Tuesday sept. 16th @ 6:00pm.
***K of C Blood Drive Drawing** on Sept. 16th from 4-7pm at the Parish Center
***CDA # 1548** will have a meeting on Sept. 8th At 6pm at St. Bernard’s Rectory.
***K of C # 4441** will have a meeting on Sept. 13th at 8am.

St. Ann’s & Holy Angels Parish Families: St. Ann’s Harvest Dinner (Altona) St. Ann’s Harvest Dinner will feature turkey & all the trimmings, apple & pumpkin desserts, bake sale, themed basket raffle and lottery raffle. Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holy Angels Hall, Altona. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$9 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 & under. **Contact for More Information:** PARISH OFFICES **Phone Number:** 518-236-5632

SACRED HEART CHAZY HARVEST DINNER: Turkey Dinner With All The Trimmings (Chazy) Sacred Heart Parish in Chazy is having their Harvest Dinner on September 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parish Center. Menu includes roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, rutabaga, rolls and butter, beverage, apple or pumpkin pie. Adults and all take outs are \$16, meals for kids ages 6-12 are \$9. Visit our Sinners' Den Pantry for "sinfully" delicious goodies. There will be a raffle with great prizes. Please join us!! We are handicapped accessible. For more information, 518-846-7650 or Chazypa@rcdony.org

PLATTSBURGH CLM EVENT: St. Peter’s Church Join Bishop LaValley and the area Commissioned Lay Ministers at St. Peter’s Church, Plattsburgh, September 14th a Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage starting at 2 p.m. Registration: www.rcdony.org/plattsburghyeaofhope **Contact for More Information:** Cathy Russell **Email:** crussell@rcdony.org

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 9/13	Sunday 9/14
4:00pm (SB) (L) Mona Siskavich (EM) Mona Siskavich (EM) Karen Oehler	8:00am (SE) (L) Neil Burgoyne (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Sharlene Stanley
6:00pm (SE) (L) Judy Bombard (EM) Delbert Hart (EM) Gale Tourville	10:30am (SB) (L) Diane Barber (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 2)	Ann & Ed Landry
September 7	September 14
Regular Collection Fuel Collection	Regular Collection

St. Bernard’s & St. Edmund’s Annual Turkey Dinner : Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Adults \$15 • Ages 6–12 \$7 • 5 & under Free. Enjoy a delicious turkey dinner, plus a **50/50 Raffle** and **Lottery Tree Raffle** (donate lottery tickets in the collection basket or to the K of C/ Catholic Daughters). **Help Needed!** Prep days: **Sept. 12 & 13 at 9:00 a.m.** Extra help is also needed on dinner day. **Calling All Bakers!** Sign-up sheet at the back of the church for dessert donations. For info, call **518-594-3907**. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Little Rose #1300 – **64th Annual Harvest Dinner:** Join us on **Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.** at **St. Edmund’s Parish Center, Route 11, Ellenburg, NY** for an **All-You-Can-Eat Roast Beef & Ham Dinner** with all the trimmings, homemade desserts, and beverages. **Take-outs available**—call **518-536-2442**. **Cost:** Adults \$15 • Children (6–12) \$7 • Ages 5 & under Free. Enjoy a **Big Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, and Lottery Tree** as part of this wonderful community event.

Pray for the Sick: Betty Gregory, Shirley Guerin, Baby Walter, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Veronica Demers, Amy Wilson,, Jimmy Kowalowski, Mary Denton.

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 8/31/25
Regular Collection: \$5,801.00 *Thank You*

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 6th, 2025
4:00pm(SB) Ken Davies by Janet Collins & Family
6:00pm(SE) Rolland Dupuis by Richard & Kathy Dupuis & Family

Sunday, September 7th, 2025
8:00am (SE) Margaret Page by Betty & Jr. Gregory
10:30am(SB) Margo Rounds by Albert & Jane Blaine

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, September 8th, 2025: Novena & Adoration
9:00am (SE) Marilyn Decelles by Fr. Tojo Chacko

Tuesday, September 9th to Friday, September 12th, 2025:
No Mass

Next Weekend

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 13th, 2025
4:00pm(SB) Trevor Blondo by Jim & Linda Kowalowski
6:00pm(SE) Ramona Curry by Pat & Donna Curry
Sunday, September 14th, 2025
8:00am (SE) Cora & Louis LaValley by Nancy & Andy Miller
10:30am(SB) Clarence, Donald, Steven & David Lawrence by a Friend

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles which remain lit on the altar for a full week can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
(Week of September 7th)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Johnny Joe Kaska By Nancy Kaska & Family	Thanksgiving to St. Lucy By Therese Minckler



Upcoming Canonizations: Pope Leo XIV will canonize **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Pier Giorgio Frassati** on **Sept. 7, 2025**, in Rome. Carlo, a modern teenager devoted to the Eucharist, and Pier Giorgio, a joyful servant of the poor, will be the first saints proclaimed by the new pope. On **Oct. 19, 2025** (World Mission Sunday), seven others will be canonized, including martyrs, founders, missionaries, and laypeople from around the world: **Ignatius Maloyan, Peter To Rot, Vincenza Maria Poloni, Maria Rendiles Martínez, Maria Troncatti, José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, and Bartolo Longo.**

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St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Parish
St. Bernard's Church Est. 1875
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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

St. Edmund's Church Est. 1883
 5526 Route 11
 Ellenburg Center, NY

Office Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday:
 9:30am to 1:30pm or
 by appointment

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation is available 20 minutes prior to each Saturday Evening masses, or anytime by appointment.

For the sacraments of baptism and RCIA please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushiak@westelcom.com. For the sacraments of marriage and anointing of the sick, please contact Father Tojo.

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terriannyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org



Memorare to Saint Anne

Remember, O Good Saint Anne, whose name means grace and mercy, that never was it know that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, and sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I come before you, sinful and sorrowful. Holy mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and loving grandmother of the Saviour, do not reject my appeal, but hear me and answer my prayer.

Amen