

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: "Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere." Ps 84 (83): 10-11

Communion Antiphon: "With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption." Ps 130 (129): 7

Reflection for this Sunday: The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time present a powerful call to reflect deeply on the cost, challenge, and reward of truly following Jesus. They remind us that discipleship is not a path of comfort and popularity, but a journey that requires courage, endurance, and an unwavering commitment to God's truth. In the first reading, we meet the prophet Jeremiah, who suffers rejection and persecution for speaking the words God gave him. Even when he is thrown into a pit and left to die, he does not abandon his mission, showing us that fidelity to God's will is more valuable than personal safety or public approval. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the fire He has come to bring—a divine fire that purifies, transforms, and sets hearts ablaze with zeal for God. Like fire that refines precious metals, this love burns away selfishness, sin, and fear, reshaping us into the people God calls us to be. Yet Jesus also warns that His message will bring division, even within families, because living by God's truth often conflicts with the values of the world. These tensions and trials are not signs of failure, but marks of authentic faith—moments when we stand with Christ even at great personal cost. Together, the readings call us to speak truth with courage, to open ourselves to God's refining love, and to persevere when our faith is tested. Though the road is narrow and at times painful, we walk it with the assurance that Christ Himself accompanies us, giving us strength, guiding our steps, and promising a share in His eternal victory. In this way, this Sunday readings reminds us that discipleship is both a challenge and a gift—a call to live boldly for God, knowing that His presence will never leave us.

Parish Turkey Dinner Sept. 14, 2025 will be having a lottery tree raffle. We will be asking for donations of lottery tickets for the tree. They can be put in the collection basket or contact either a member of the Knights of Columbus or Catholic Daughter. Thank you for your help to make this a success.

FOUNDERS' DAY: Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center, NY. Festivities of the Day: 9:15-10 a.m. Arrival and Special Music. 10-10:45 a.m. Creation, Our Cathedral of Hope!" with Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Guest Speaker. 11 a.m. Celebration of the Mass with Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley,, Bishop of Ogdensburg. Noon: Delicious Summer Luncheon...all are invited to join us. Please call 518-594-3253 to RSVP for lunch. If you forget, come anyway for we always have plenty! We hope you are able to take a break from our busy world and join friends and neighbors in giving thanks and praise to our Lord as we remember Father Joseph Trombley and the many volunteers who founded this treasure of prayer, retreat and worship in the beautiful foothills of the Adirondacks! There is no cost for lunch. Any donation, however, is always gratefully accepted. Contact for More Information: Sarah Anderson Phone Number: 518-534-9976

Fr. Ted Crosby's Silver Jubilee Mass: With gratitude to God and Our Mother Mary, the Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church West Chazy, New York Invite you to join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of our pastor Father Theodore A. Crosby. Sunday, August 17, 2025. Mass at 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception. In the Parish Center. Burgers and all the fixings will be provided Please RSVP by August 1st at the very latest by calling 518-493-4521.

HEART WELL HOMESTEAD'S 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Heart Well Homestead is hosting its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Barracks Golf Course in Plattsburgh on August 22nd beginning with registration at 11 a.m., a Putting contest at 11:30 a.m., Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., Dinner and Prizes by 6 p.m. Opportunities for sponsorship. It's time for golfers to sign up. They can match you up with a team. Get ready for a day of fun and camaraderie. Please go to their website: HeartWellHomestead.org . Contact for More Information: Janice Tobin Phone Number: 518-569-5370 call/text

CDA Court Little Rose will have a meeting on August 19th at 6pm,

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 8/23	Sunday 8/24
4:00pm (SB) (L) Mona Siskavich (EM) Karen Oehler	8:00am (SE) (L) (EM) No Mass (EM)
6:00pm (SE) (L) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller (EM) Delbert Hart	10:30am (SB) (L) Peter Siskavich (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Bonnie Relation
Counters (Week 3)	Sandy Smith Linda Trombley
August 17	August 24
Regular Collection Build. & Maint.	Regular Collection



150th ANNIVERSARY DINNER PREP – WE NEED YOU!



Friday, August 22, 2025



9:00 AM



American Legion, Lyon Mountain, NY

Lend a hand as we set up, decorate, and prepare for our historic celebration! Bring your energy, your smiles, and a willingness to pitch in whether you can stay an hour or the whole morning, every bit helps! **Be part of the history we're celebrating!**

Calling All Bakers! As we prepare for the joyful celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain on Sunday, August 24, 2025, we are inviting parishioners to help make this event extra sweet! We're looking for volunteers to make and bring desserts for the celebration dinner following the 10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Terry LaValley. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Whether it's cookies, pies, cakes, or your favorite family recipe, your contribution will be greatly appreciated! Let's come together in gratitude and celebration—thank you for sharing your time, talents, and treats!

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

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 16th, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Francis & Myrt Siskavich by Sandy Derr
6:00pm(SE) Laverne & Toly Trombley by Family

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

8:00am (SE) Richard C Trombley by Sandy & Stewart Smith

10:30am(SB) Peggy Toloski by Family

Monday, August 18th, 2025: Novena & Adoration

5:30pm (SE) Susan Cayea & Mary Beth Hart by Lillian Cayea

Tuesday, August 19th, 2025:

No Mass

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025: Feast of St. Bernard

9:00am (SB) Francis Kowalowski by Jessica & Bob Charland

Thursday, August 21st, 2025:

9:00am (SE) Jarrod Collins by Claire & Bernadette Kowalowski

Friday, August 22nd, 2025:

9:00am (SB) Robert Pageau by Mary Pageau

Next Weekend

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 23rdth, 2025

4:00pm(SB) Richard Rabideau by Jim & Linda Kowalowski

6:00pm(SE) Harry LeClair by Bob & Sue Fletcher

Sunday, August 24th, 2025: 150 Anniversary Mass

10:30am(SB) For the People of the Parish

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 August 17th)

St. Bernard's	St. Edmund's
Robert Pageau By Mary Pageau	Laverne & Toly Trombley By Family

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 8/10/25

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10 Church Pond Road
Lyon Mountain, NY
Schedule of Holy Mass

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

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

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Monday, Tuesday,
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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.

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Prayer to St. Bernard (August 20)
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, God called and you responded. You navigated the weaknesses of your age, inspired countless others to love God, and continue to make a lasting impact upon the world. Please pray for me, that I will never waver in my love of God and will believe, with a firm faith, that profound holiness is achievable. As you were so deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, please pray for me and for the whole Church, that we will discover that same love in our hearts and allow her to lead us through the darkness we encounter. **Amen**
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, pray for me.