

Order of the Mass #140

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: "Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel." Cf. Sir 34: 18

Communion Antiphon: "How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings." Cf. Ps 36 (35): 8

Reflection for this Sunday: The readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that forgiveness is at the very heart of our Christian life. Sirach warns us about the danger of holding on to anger, resentment, and grudges, reminding us that life is too short to be consumed by bitterness. We are called to remember how often we ourselves have needed God's mercy and, in turn, to extend that mercy to others. St. Paul reminds us that whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, and therefore our lives should reflect His love rather than judgment or division. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the powerful parable of the unforgiving servant, who receives an enormous debt of mercy from his master but refuses to forgive the much smaller debt owed to him. Through this story, Jesus teaches us that God's forgiveness is not something we are meant to receive and keep for ourselves; it is a gift that must flow through us to others. When Peter asks how many times he must forgive, Jesus answers, "seventy times seven," teaching that there can be no limit to genuine Christian mercy. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that an injustice never happened, excusing harmful behavior, or abandoning the need for justice. Rather, it means refusing to allow anger and resentment to control our hearts and choosing to place our hurts in God's hands. Forgiveness can be difficult, especially when we have been deeply wounded, but it frees us from carrying the burden of bitterness and opens our hearts to God's peace. This Sunday challenges each of us to examine whether there is someone we need to forgive, whether there is an old hurt we need to surrender, or whether we have been unwilling to extend the mercy we ourselves have received from God. As Christians, we are called not simply to forgive occasionally, but to make forgiveness a way of life. **Lord, teach us to forgive as You forgive us, to let go of anger and resentment, and to fill our hearts with Your mercy and peace. May our lives reflect Your love each day. Amen.**

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**** CDA #1300 Meeting Tuesday 9-15-26 @ 6pm.**

Today's Readings #997

"One Church, One Mission" 2026 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 2026 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 www.rcdony.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

Upcoming Charismatic Masses & Healing Services: All are welcome to join us for Charismatic Masses and Healing Services at St. André Bessette Parish, Notre Dame Church, Malone. Dates: Sunday, September 20; Sunday, October 18; Sunday, November 15; Location: St. André Bessette Parish – Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone, NY 12953; Prelude of Worship: 1:45 PM; Holy Mass: 2:00 PM. Prayer teams will be available after Mass for private prayer and individual healing ministry. Come, Holy Spirit! All are welcome! For more information, please call (518) 483-1300 or email sseymour@rcdony.org.

Celebration of Love and Marriage: Married couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join Bishop LaValley for the annual Celebration of Love and Marriage Mass on Sunday, September 20, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg—register by September 11 at www.rcdony.org/jubilee to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and be included in the program; refreshments will follow the Mass.

St. Ann's Harvest Dinner: Join the St. Ann's & Holy Angels Parish families for our annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 20, 2026, from 11:00 AM–3:00 PM at Holy Angels Hall, Altona! Enjoy a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, along with apple and pumpkin desserts. There will also be a Bake Sale, Themed Basket Raffle, and Lottery Ticket Raffle! Adults: \$18 | Children ages 6–12: \$10 | Children 5 & under: FREE Come enjoy a wonderful fall meal and support our parish community. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call 518-236-5632.

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." Ps 103

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 9/19	Sunday 9/20
4:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Jessica Charland	8:00am (SE) (L) Barb LaBombard (EM) Deryl Gregory (EM) Peggy McNeil
6:00pm (SE) (L) Kathryn Hart (EM) Nancy Miller (EM) Delbert Hart	10:30am (SB) (L) Diane Barber (EM) Diane Barber (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (Week 3)	Sherryl McCreless Nancy Miller
September 13	September 20
Regular Collection	Regular Collection Build. & Maint.

*****ANNUAL FALL TURKEY DINNER!** St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Parish invites you to our Annual Fall Turkey Dinner! Sunday, September 13, 2026. Serving begins at 11:30 AM — until sold out! Lyon Mountain American Legion Post 1623. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings, coffee & dessert! Adults \$15 • Children 6–12 \$7 • Under 5 FREE. 50/50 Raffle, Lottery Tree Raffle. Proceeds benefit our Parish Fuel Fund. Our Turkey Dinner has been very popular, and in recent years we have sold out early! Come early, bring your family and friends, and enjoy a wonderful meal while supporting our parish. For more information: 518-594-3907 or 518-578-2638. We look forward to serving you!

Volunteers Needed for Religious Education! We are in great need of volunteers to help with our Religious Education Release Time Program. If you have a heart for sharing your faith with young people, we encourage you to consider becoming a teacher or an assistant. This is a rewarding way to make a difference in the lives of our students as they grow in their relationship with God. Our Religious Education program begins on **Monday, September 21. High School:** 7:30 am - 8:35 am. **Elementary:** 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our parish office at **518-594-3907**. Together, let's guide the next generation on their faith journey!

**** Altar Rosary Meeting Monday 9-14-26 after Mass.**

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12th, 2026

4:00pm (SB): Mary Denton by Mary Jane Fuchs
6:00pm (SE): Romana Curry by Pat & Donna Curry

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

8:00am (SE): Lawrence & Jeff Smith by Sandy, Stewart & Family

10:30am (SB): Robert Jesse by Family

Monday, September 14th, 2026

5:30pm (SE): Ann Sylvester & Jackie Garrow by Family

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

9:00am (SB): Lucille Parsons by Veronica Demers & Family

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

No Mass

Thursday, September 17th, 2026:

9:00am (SE): For the People of the Parish

Friday, September 18th, 2026:

9:00am (SB): Lillian Savair Bosjolie by Patta & Jim Golovach

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19th, 2026

4:00pm (SB): Alfred & Marguerite Pageau by Don & Jeanie

6:00pm (SE): Valerie Dominic by Shirley & Family

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

8:00am (SE): Gerald Trombley by Family

10:30am (SB): Claire Bailey by Less & Rosemary Wood

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 12th)

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Theresa Minckler By Don & Jeanie Pageau	Brenda LaBombard By Jim & Family

Pray for the Sick: Shirley Guerin, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Mary Dentaal Burleigh, Tom Lavery, Bill Chase, Dennis LaBombard, Kay Seguin, Peter Sorrell, Marie Soucia, Carol Peets, Margo Layton, Riley Edick, Heather Manor Friesen

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
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Loving Father, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, drew His disciples to Himself. He shared His Word with them. He performed miracles for them. He shared His life with them.

Only after they experienced the unity of His love did He send his disciples out to the world to do likewise.

Lord, help us today here in our beloved Diocese of Ogdensburg to do the same. May we who know the warmth of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, share the fire of His love with all those we meet.

Bless our 2026 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Through it may each of us be reminded that We are vital members of your One Church sent on One Mission
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St. Bernard's & St. Edmunds

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