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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. September 27, 2026.



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Schedule of Holy Mass
Saturday
4:00pm St. Bernard's Church (SB)
6:00pm St. Edmund's Church(SE)
Sunday
8:00am SE
10:30am SB

For the Sacrament of Baptism and OCIA Please contact Deacon Lushia (518) 493-6671 or lushiak@westelcom.com.
For the Sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick Contact Fr. Tojo at the Office.



A Prayer to Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (September 29)
Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.
Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.
Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.
Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery.
Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. **Amen.**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: "All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy." Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Communion Antiphon: "By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so, we ought to lay down our lives for one another." 1 Jn 3: 16

Reflection for this Sunday: The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that **our actions must match our words**. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of two sons whom their father asks to work in the vineyard. One initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes; the other says “yes” but does not follow through. Jesus makes it clear that true obedience is shown by what we actually do. Our faith cannot remain only in words, promises, or appearances; it must be visible in the choices we make and the way we live each day.

The first reading from Ezekiel reminds us that **it is never too late to change our lives**. God does not condemn us simply because of our past. When a sinner turns away from evil and chooses what is right, God welcomes that conversion. This is the hope of repentance: no one is trapped forever by past failures. God continually calls us back to Himself and gives us the grace to begin again. The Gospel makes the same point through the tax collectors and sinners who listened to John the Baptist and changed their ways. Their willingness to repent brought them closer to God.

St. Paul then points us to **Jesus as the perfect example of humility and selfless love**. Christ did not seek status or glory but humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. His humility reveals that true greatness is found not in being served but in serving others. We are therefore called to put aside selfishness, consider the needs of others, and imitate Christ in humility, generosity, and love.

This Sunday invites each of us to examine our own lives: **Do my actions match my faith? Am I willing to admit my mistakes and change? Do I put others before myself?** God is not looking merely for the right words or outward appearances. He desires a heart that is willing to repent, obey, serve, and follow Him. When we turn back to God and put our faith into action, we discover His mercy and walk more faithfully in the path that leads to life.

LIFECCHAIN SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4: Stand and Pray Across the USA and Canada. Each year Lifechains form nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful, pro-life witness to the sanctity of life. Stand and pray locally at these locations: Watertown (Oct. 3), Massena, Gouverneur, Potsdam, Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh, Smithfield Blvd; 1pm to 2pm. Signs provided. Open to all faiths. Contact Deacon Lushia, lushiak@gmail.com www.lifechain.org **Contact for More Information:** Colleen Miner **Phone Number:** 518-524-0774

Our Lady of the Adirondack's House of Prayer (Ellenburg). Purgatory Prayer Devotion: The House of Prayer welcomes a new House Sitter on the third Tuesday of September and the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of October. Gary Phifer, a Commissioned Lay Minister from Plattsburgh, will be at Our Lady of the Adirondacks from 10 a.m. to noon and will be teaching the Purgatory Prayer Devotion. You are warmly invited to drop by and learn this beautiful prayer, made even more awesome by praying together with your brothers and sisters in Christ. As we enter the fall season, we move through the great season of remembrance and with hearts renewed pray for those who have gone before. Please call 518-534-9976 (Sarah) for more information.

Fruitful Parish Life Begins in Communion with Christ Join Marika Donders on Saturday, September 26 at 10 a.m. at the House of Prayer for a beautiful talk in the morning, followed by a light luncheon and a prayerful Conversation in the Spirt in the early afternoon. “Ministry begins not with efficiency, programs or plans but with the living encounter with Christ.” We are pleased to have this very heart-warming speaker back to refresh us for the busy seasons ahead in parish life! Please call 518-534-9976 (Sarah) to register.

URGE GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO OPT-IN: The Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit Program (FEFTC) will: 1. Permit each tax payer to donate up to \$1700 of income tax liability to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). This means that, instead of going to the federal government, that money can go to a fund for educational purposes. The Diocese of Ogdensburg has designated the Children’s Scholarship Fund as its SGO. 2. In turn, parents can apply to the SGO for financial assistance for educational purposes. 3. Any taxpayer can donate. Any parent can seek financial assistance as long as their income is less than three times the median income of the area in which they live. This will greatly benefit Catholic school families as well as others whose children are in other schools and programs. 4. So that the families can participate in this program, the governor of each state must approve the program for his/her state. 5. Kathy Hochul has not yet approved the program for residents of New York State. **Contact Governor Hochul Today!** Special interest groups have been engaging in a campaign of misinformation about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit in an effort to convince Governor Hochul to change her mind about opting in. To be clear: The new program does not take one penny from public school funding and, in fact, both public and religious school students will be major beneficiaries of the program. Governor Hochul has indicated she plans to opt in to help New York families, and **she needs to hear from you today** telling her that you support her decision. Go to bit.ly/Thank-Gov-Hochul or use the QR code to send your message.



Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 10/3	Sunday 10/4
4:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Jessica Charland	8:00am (SE) (L) Neil Burgoyne (EM) Mary Tomo (EM) Shar Stanley
6:00pm (SE) (L) Donna Curry (EM) Nancy Miller (EM) Andy Miller	10.30am (SB) (L) Mike Chase (EM) Mike Chase (EM) Joe Varin
Counters (WEEK 5)	Sherryl McCreless Nancy Miller
September 27	October 4
Regular Collection	Regular Collection Fuel Collection

65th Annual Harvest Dinner: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Little Rose #1300, invites everyone to their 65th Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Edmund’s Parish Center, Route 11, Ellenburg. Enjoy a delicious Roast Beef & Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, homemade desserts, and beverages. There will also be a Bake Sale and Lottery Tree. Take-outs are available. Adults \$17 • Children 6–12 \$8 • 5 & under FREE. Handicap Accessible. For take-outs or more information, call 518-536-2442.

45th ANNUAL POT ROAST DINNER: St. Patrick's Parish Hall (Chateaugay). Sunday, Oct. 4. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$17 per meal; dine in or take out. **Contact for More Information:** Monique Dwyer **Phone Number:** 518-651-0144

RACHEL'S VINEYARD AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT: October 9-11 Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Are you or a friend suffering after abortion? You aren't alone. Join others for a weekend of hope and healing. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. \$150 includes lodging, food and all retreat materials. Scholarships available. Confidential online registration at www.rcdony.org/pro-life/rv-retreat **Contact for More Information:** Colleen Miner **Email:** cminer@rcdony.org**Phone Number:** 518-524-0774

Offertory Collection for the Weekend of 9/20/2026
Regular Collection: \$ 3,486.00 Thank You

Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; terrianneyanulavich@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

SCHEDULE OF HOLY MASS & DEVOTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 26th, 2026
4:00pm (SB): Alfred & Marguerite Pageau by Don & Jeanie Pageau
6:00pm (SE): Louis & Cora LaValley by Nancy & Andy Miller
Sunday, September 27th, 2026
8:00am (SE): David LaBombard by Bard & Dale Winter
David’s Sons & Families

10:30am (SB): Jeannette Dubrey by Kim & Mike Chase

Monday, September 28th, 2026
5:30pm (SE):Pat Rodriguez by Lynn & Jim Dominic & Family
Tuesday, September 29th, 2026
9:00am (SB): Ken Davies by Joan Riani
Wednesday, September 30th, 2026
No Mass

Thursday, October 1st, 2026
9:00am (SE): For the People of the Parish
Friday, October 2nd, 2026
9:00am (SB): Claire Bailey by Jim & Linda Kowalowski

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
4:00pm (SB):Tom Seymour by Helen & Scott Barney
6:00pm (SE): Valerie Dominic by Linda Barnaby
Sunday, October 4th, 2026
8:00am (SE): Pat Rodriguez by Charles Rodriguez & Family
10:30am (SB): Marcella Poitras by Allen Poitras

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

Sanctuary Candle (Week of September 27th)

St. Bernard’s	St. Edmund’s
Robert Pageau By Mary Pageau	For the People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick: Shirley Guerin, Bill LePage, Fred Cayea Jr., Mary Dentael Burleigh, Tom Lavery, Bill Chase, Dennis LaBombard, Kay Seguin, Peter Sorrell, Marie Soucia, Carol Peets, Margo Layton, Riley Edick, Heather Manor Friesen, Cindi LeClair, Richard Manor, Mark Cayea, Bill Siskavich, Lloyd Bailey, Francine LaCroix, Mary Krakowski, Mary Caron, Theresa Cayea Lord, Veronica Siskavich Demers, Janet Collins