

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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MEMBERSHIP: All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments, and educational opportunities (including tuition assistance) at our Catholic School. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

MARRIAGE: Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding*. Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES: Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OF TIME & TALENT

Religious Education: Grades 1-8, 9 am Sunday mornings at St. Bernard
Grades 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation), 5:45 pm Sunday evenings at St. Francis

Liturgical

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Music Director	Kathy O'Mara	362-2902
Folk Group	Peggy Errera	368-3024
Resurrection Choir	Mariann Pascarella	368-5356
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office	362-6825
Liturgy Committee	Fr. Raymond C. Gramata	362-6825

Parish Community

St. Bernard School	Kim Mooney, Principal	368-5302
Parish Council	George Evans	362-3094
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe	362-3929
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco	363-9110

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY NOON,
in writing, a week before insert date.**



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Father Raymond C. Gramata, *Pastor*
Mrs. Kimberly A. Mooney, *Principal*

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday - Friday: 8 am to 4 pm
Ms. Wendy Thomson, *Financial Manager*
Ms. Kathy Bryant, *Secretary*

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Saturday: Please consult bulletin.
Weekend: Saturday (Vigil): 5:15 pm,
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Holy Days: Please consult bulletin

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 8:30 am, 4 to 5 pm, Thursday before
First Friday: 4 to 5 pm. Private appointments may
be made by calling Parish Office.

ST. BERNARD ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL:

450 West Washington Street: serving students,
preschool through eighth grade. Open to
parishioners, Catholics from other parishes and
those of other faiths. Offering Extended Care
before, during, and after school. For complete
information, please call 368-5302.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

Students not attending Catholic school should be
enrolled in REP programs. St. Bernard, St.
Francis and OMPH Religious Education
programs are combining students. Grades
1 through 8 will meet on Sunday mornings at St.
Bernard Church and grades 9, 10 & 11
(Confirmation) will meet at St. Francis on
Sunday evenings. Both programs will begin in
September.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic
faith. This process begins in the fall of the year.
Please call the Parish Office for further
information.



Today we celebrate a most wonderful feast - the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. When I was in fourth grade, the Religious Sister who taught us asked an important question during religion class about this feast. The question was this: "Is the Baptism of Jesus done by Saint John the Baptist a sacrament or not?" The sister asked by a show of hands and all of us raised our hand up when she said that it was a sacrament. Then she told us that we were all wrong. Jesus is the author of a sacrament, not John. I still have a good laugh over that mistake. Believe it or not, it is an easy one to make.

But let us look at the significance of the action between John and Jesus. Why would there be a need for Jesus to be baptized; what is its significance? Jesus so wanted to be identified with mankind. If we look at how it is recorded in the Gospel of Saint Matthew (Chapter 3: 13-17): "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him (John). John tried to prevent him by saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" So what then is the meaning of "to fulfill all righteousness"? To fulfill all righteousness is to submit to the plan of God for the salvation of the human race. This involves Jesus identification with sinners; hence the importance of His accepting John's baptism.

We have a tendency to separate the Baptism of Jesus from His temptations in the desert. One actually flows into the other. Let us listen to the words of Scripture taken from Saint Mark's Gospel: "At once (after the Baptism) the Spirit drove Him (Jesus) into the desert, and He remained in the desert for 40 days tempted by Satan." (Mark 1:12, 13) In Luke's Gospel Chapter 4, Luke goes into much more detail about the temptation. The key word is found in Saint Mark's gospel when the word "drove" is mentioned. Jesus was compelled by God, His Father, into the desert and just as Adam and Eve were put to the test; now Jesus was put to the test. This began the healing of the sin of Adam and Eve.

In the garden, Adam and Eve were told to not eat the fruit of the tree of Knowledge. The devil came to Eve and made it so inviting that she could not possibly resist. The devil knew full well that we would not choose anything that would be harmful to us, so he had to make it sound super good. So Eve succumbed and, through her, Adam gave in. Thus sin was born into the world. Now Jesus had to reverse that process by not giving in to the temptations from Satan. Even though Satan used the same technique on Jesus, He did not give in. The redemption process has not yet begun.

I like the one scene from the "Passion of Christ" by Mel Gibson. It takes place in the Garden of Gethsemane. Satan was hoping that Jesus would cave in at this point and would abandon what God wanted Him to do. But we know the prayer that Jesus said: "Let this cup pass from Me; not my will but Yours be done." Jesus stands up and we see a dark figure in the distance. From the garment of this dark figure

OUR PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

What we sacrifice and return to God through His church will be returned to us many times over.

December 20, 2015 Weekly Collection....	\$ 5,860
Christmas Collection.....	\$ 9,150
December 27, 2015 Weekly Collection....	\$ 6,592
St. Bernard School December Collection...	\$ 491
January 3, 2016 Collection.....	\$ 8,790
<i>Average Weekly Operating Expenses.....</i>	<i>\$ 10,936</i>
2015 CSA Pledged.....	\$ 51,465
2015 CSA Paid.....	\$ 50,690

Please do not staple or tape your envelopes closed!
Thank you



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Parish Council: Wed Jan 13, 2016
- Catholic Women:** March 8, 2016
- Widows Group:** TBA
- RCIA:** Classes to be held on Jan 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
- REP: Gr.1-8:** Classes to be held on Jan 10th & 24th
- Gr. 9-11:** Classes to be held on Jan 10th & 24th

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, January 16-17, our parish will take up the *Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign*. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch)diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Please Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

Report Cards - January 29, 2016

Check our website, www.stbernardschool.net

Catholic Schools Week: Jan 31—Feb 5

Wed Jan 13, 10:00 am mass: Grade 2

comes a snake. The snake travels in front of Jesus and He stomps on its head. Jesus has begun the redemption process in earnest. Look back at Genesis: "He will strike at Your head, while You strike at his heel." (Gen.3: 15). At this point Satan is not aware that he has already lost the battle. He thought that he won when Jesus died on the Cross, but he got the biggest surprise on Easter Sunday. What a wonderful God we have! What Satan and many people thought was Jesus' failure became the greatest success story.

God Bless. *Fr. Ray*



2015 FINANCIAL REQUEST FORMS

REQUEST FORMS for a 2015 Financial printout for tax purposes can be found in the back of the Church. Return them to the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. **STATEMENTS will be available for pickup after JANUARY 29th, 2016.**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Five Steps to Safer Environments - The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

3rd ANNUAL TRI-PARISH CHILI CONTEST

Saturday, January 16, 2016

5:30-8:00 pm



G. Carlton Ritchie Hall, St. Francis Dr.

3 Categories: Traditional—Non-traditional—Hot & Spicy

CONTESTANT REGISTRATION FORMS are available at each parish office—

ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED by Jan 11th

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 32 ENTRIES

Drop off chili at the hall from 4:00-5:00 pm for judging.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning Chili maker in each category. Grand Prize Winner's Parish receives a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year, as well as 1/2 of the proceeds.

Come, sample the entries.

Dinner includes multiple chilis, tossed salad, bread, dessert & beverage

**Adults-\$8 • Children 6-12 yrs \$5 • Children under 5 FREE
Max. family cost =\$25**

Free admission to all contestants.

RSVP to parish office by Jan 11th if you are planning to attend so we have a tentative headcount.

PRAYER FOR SICK AND SUFFERING

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer and you would like to add them to our printed pray-for list or just added to our telephone prayer chain without being in the bulletin, contact the Parish office at 368-6285. Names will be kept on the list until you request them to be removed. If a name has been removed and you would like to add it again, please contact the office.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

I'm very neat. My wife is messy. I cured myself from my annoyance with her by imagining that she had died and then asking myself, "If you could bring her back to life but she'd still be messy, would you still want her back?" "Yes, for sure!" It cured me. Whenever I get annoyed with her mess, I rerun the script. (Sam Bradley) This could work with many annoyances.

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehavior's we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.



St. Bernard Parish is asked to supply salad greens and fixings for about 100 people for the Tri-Parish Chili Contest. Please drop these off to the G. Carlton Ritchie hall between 4:00-5:00 pm on Saturday January 16 and then COME AND ENJOY THE FOOD & THE COMPANY!!

PRE-CANA 2016

The next area Pre-Cana session will be at St. Bernard on **February 21, 2016** beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and running until 5:30 p.m. A lunch will be provided. All persons planning a 2016 wedding should make plans to attend. To register contact Kathy Durner at 362-7733 or the parish office at 362-6825.



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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF JAN 11 - 17, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, January 11

8:00 am NO MASS

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am Joseph Gino Genovesi (*David, Sara & Andy Nuzzo*)

SBS 10:00 am Frances Beers (*M/M Kenneth Luke Family*)

Thursday, January 14

12:10 pm Deceased Members of the McManigle Family
(*Ann Mongillo*)

Friday, January 15

8:00 am Peg & Otto Anderson (*Joe Anderson*)

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Frances Cannon (*Cindy & Dan Songer*)

5:15 pm Robert Cedar (*Tom & Rosemary Burke*)

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Jamie Ann Pascarella Giordano (*Family*)

10:00 am Honey Colella (*Pre-Cana Team*)

Pitt 7:00 pm Karen Bentley (*Ron & Kathy Symington*)

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, January 11

9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis and Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 am Humbert Piscitelli & Angelo Piersimone (*Louise & Joyce*)

Saturday, January 16

4:30 pm Joseph Butler (*Billie Cummins*)

Sunday, January 17

11:00 am Argenia "Arg" Sposato (*Joyce Schaming*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Albert Montecalvo (*Family*)

Thursday, January 16

8:00 pm Natalie Montecalvo (*Family*)

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am Jamie Ann Pascarella & Louis Pascarella
(*Mariann Pascarella*)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Jan 10 - Rev. Robert L. Humenay

Monday, Jan 11 - Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Urbaniak

Tuesday, Jan 12 - Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos

Wednesday, Jan 13 - Pray for Vocations

Thursday, Jan 14 - Rev. Ronald E. Gmerek

Friday, Jan 15 - Rev. William J. Maloney

Saturday, Jan 16 - Rev. Daniel C. Wolfel, O.S.B.



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JANUARY 16 - 17, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16

5:15 pm Jean Truman

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Rhett Kennedy

10:00 am Cindy Higley



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 16

5:15 pm Kitty Colligan/ Cindy Higley/ Teri Everett

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Kathy & Randy Durner/ Candy Tingley

10:00 am Chuck Beattie/ Kim Lance/ Paul Curcio

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 16

5:15 pm Domenic Pecora/ Andrew Truman/ Ryan Hughes

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am Brent/ Hugh & Rhys Kennedy

10:00 am Tim & Clare Mulcahy/ Cadence Panol



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

January 11 - 15, Team 4:

B. Spadafore/ M. Block/ A. Frombach/

G. Ulyan/ G. Santora

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10, 2016

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25,
27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel,
Shirley Black, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Fr. Steve
Collins, Betsy Costello, Paul Curcio, Helen Ewell,
Jim Fenstermaker, Tom Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family,
Carolyn Gatesman, Kevin Gatesman, Pat Girard, Nova &
Nadia Gleason-Cummings, Pearl Harris, Brandon M.
Henry, Sandy Holsinger, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Dr.
Edward Konwinski, Lori Kozlowski, Colleen McNamara, Joe
Monago, Lou Monti, Christy Moyer, Cheri O'Mara, Courtney
Prentiss, Lois Romanelli, Tim Romanelli, Cindy Sayers, Kim
Schuler, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie
Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.