

# *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

*A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Erie*



*Sunday, January 15, 2017*

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**On-line giving: [www.osvonlinegiving/1845](http://www.osvonlinegiving/1845)**



As we celebrate the Second Sunday of the New Year, the response between the readings reminds us: "Here I am Lord; I come to do your will." What does Jesus want us to do? It is something quite simple - to live out our faith on a daily basis. We are asked not to hide within the walls of our Churches or our homes. We are called to bring our faith into the market place. So often we still hear: "Separation of church and state." Or you may hear that this is only a "Catholic Thing" and that the church should not be telling us how to live out our lives. But it is God, Himself, Who calls us to live out our faith in everything we do.

Every January we dedicate the month to the importance of the unborn and those that were aborted because of the Roe vs Wade decision. We have our marches and our speeches, but afterward we seem to become lukewarm and forget about it for the rest of the year – out of sight, out of mind. The Catholic Church, and all churches, must continue to be the moral voice reminding the people of the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. This challenge, to be the moral voice, does not come from any particular church, but from our God, Himself. He gave us the *Ten Commandments* on how to live in society with one another. We must not listen to any organization that supports and proposes to treat the child in the womb as something less than human. Too many people have been hurt by the fact of abortions.

Many of us remember the Aesop's Fable of "Pandora's Box" and how the lid was removed, allowing all of the evils to come into the world. Roe vs Wade may be that new "Pandora's box" that has allowed new evils to come into the world. For example, assisted suicide, euthanasia, selling aborted baby parts for profit, and the list goes on. We, as people of faith, must never let down our guard or succumb to the propaganda that this is all okay. Our life was given to us by God and we have no right to take it.

Also this month, we have Catholic Schools Week. Please check the parish bulletins for what will be happening at the school or check their website ([www.stbernardcatholic.org](http://www.stbernardcatholic.org)). Passing on our Catholic faith is important. As parents, you have the obligation to do this both in a home setting and in a school building. At school, all we can do is build upon the faith that is found in the home and how it is lived out. May Saint Elizabeth Seton, the patroness of Catholic Schools watch over us; along with Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, who stressed the importance of education.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Catholic Women:** TBA

**Widows Group:** TBA

**RCIA:** Sundays @ Noon, January 15, 22, 29

**REP 1-8:** Sundays @ 9am, January 22 & 29

**REP 9, 10 & Confirmation:** Sundays @ 5:45 at Fr. Ritchie Hall, January 22

## COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Next week, January 21/22, our parish will take up the *Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign*. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message... so please be generous in this collection.

To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

## OUR PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

January 8<sup>th</sup> Collection .....\$ 6,698  
 Avg Wkly Operating Exp .....\$ 10,272  
**THIS WEEK'S DEFICIT .....\$ 3,574**

2016 CSA Pledged .....\$ 48,626  
 2016 CSA Paid .....\$ 46,381

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



## St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Please Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

**NO SCHOOL or CARE Monday, January 16**

- ◆ Niagara Chocolate Sale begins Jan 20
- ◆ Report Cards - January 27



Catholic Schools Week Kick-off Jan 29  
 Check our website, [www.stbernardschool.net](http://www.stbernardschool.net)

**Wed, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Mass—Grade 5/6**



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 21<sup>st</sup> and then COME AND ENJOY THE FOOD & THE COMPANY!!



4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRI-PARISH CHILI CONTEST

Saturday, January 21, 2017 5:30-8:00 pm

G. Carlton Ritchie Hall, St. Francis Drive

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

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.

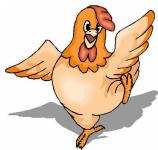
Come, sample the entries. Dinner includes choice of chilis, tossed salad, bread, desert & beverage

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

REGISTRATION FOR CONTESTANTS due in to St. Bernard office by Jan 18<sup>th</sup> — Call 362-6825 with name, phone number & category of chili Free admission to all contestants.

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 32 ENTRIES

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



CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

An organizational meeting for the upcoming February 25<sup>th</sup> Chicken and Biscuit Dinner will

be held at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Gallina Social Center on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in helping with the dinner in ANY capacity please come!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

- Sunday, Jan 15 - Rev. Thomas M. Fialkowski
Monday, Jan 16 - Rev. Michael Polinek
Tuesday, Jan 17 - Rev. F. Thomas Suppa
Wednesday, Jan 18 - Rev. James Power
Thursday, Jan 19 - Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman
Friday, Jan 20 - Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Urbaniak
Saturday, Jan 21 - Rev. Jerome S. Simmons



PRE-CANA 2017

The next local Pre-Cana session will be at St. Bernard on February 19, 2017 beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. A lunch will be provided. All persons planning a 2017 wedding should make plans to attend. To register contact Kathy Durner at 362-7733 or the parish office at 362-6825.

FAMILY LIFE

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

DESTINATIONS BRADFORD

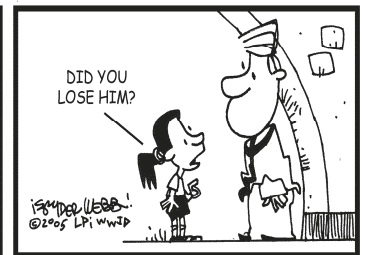
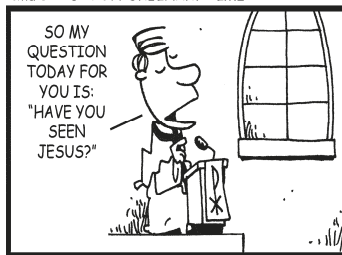
Destinations is preparing to kick off their 2nd Annual Campaign/Event and are looking at March 25th for the "Live, Love, Laugh" event. They are looking for some local musicians to share their talents at the event. If you have performance skills and are interested in sharing your gift with the community, please call Becky Plummer at Destinations, (814) 331-4551.

WORD OF LIFE

"All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others...."

~Pope Francis, June 16, 2013

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In these days of racial tension, Yes, black lives matter. Yes, all lives matter. Presumably you've had to figure out how to resolve differences in your own marriage. Do you have friends of a different race than your own? Relationships matter. Make friends.

Support our Sponsor of the Week TASTA PIZZA



Due to the parish restructuring changes there will no longer be Sunday evening masses at University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Wick Chapel.

**FAMILIES ALWAYS MATTER**

Looking for resources for your family? Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at: <http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!



**2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

REQUEST FORMS for a 2016 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. **Please allow 2 weeks for statements to be ready.**



**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. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. 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.

**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	331-8084
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		
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe	362-3929
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco	363-9110

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**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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

**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.

**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 combined. Grades 1 through 8 meet on Sunday mornings at 9 am at St. Bernard in Fr. Gallina Social Center and grades 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation) meet at St. Francis in G. Carlton Ritchie Hall at 5:15 pm on Sunday. Both programs 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.

**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.



**DEADLINE**

**IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY  
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
January 18-25

## MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF JAN 16 - JAN 22, 2017

### ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



**Monday, January 16**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 18**

8:00 am Mel Bizzaro (*John & Debra Place*)

SBS10:00 am Alex Luke & Edward Olson Families  
(*Pehonsky Family*)

**Thursday, January 19**

12:10 pm James Fenstemaker (*Ann McCoy Ziegler*)

**Friday, January 20**

8:00 am Terry Palumbo (*Judy Cotillion*)

**Saturday, January 21**

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

5:15 pm Dr. Edward Roche (*Debra & John Place*)

**Sunday, January 22**

8:00 am Martha Williams (*Mary & Steve Eidson*)

10:00 am Lawrence & Michele Alviti (*Sharon Alviti*)

**WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL**



**Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:**

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Bill Baynes, Barb Bernheisel & Foster Family, Shirley Black, John Bove, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Ryley Cleveland, Betsy Costello, Ann Cumiskey, Helen DeFrank, Michael Eaton, Helen Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family, Ysbella Feldman, Pat Girard, Pearl Harris, Brandon M. Henry, Jill Henry, Sandy Holsinger, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Lori Kozlowski, Kaylee Marsfelder, Colleen McNamara, Shannon McNamara, Mariana Militelo, Joe Monago, Shirley Mongillo, Lou Monti, Cheri O'Mara, Courtney Prentiss, James Romanelli, Tim Romanelli, Cindy Sayers, Nancy Shaw, Caro Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

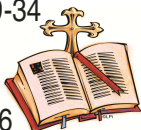
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Monday, January 16**

9:00 am Anthony Ross (*Kathy Hannon Symington*)

**Wednesday, January 18**

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

**Saturday, January 21**

4:30 pm Zena Verolini (*Celia Romanelli*)

**Sunday, January 22**

11:00 am Humbert Piscitelli (*Louise Stoltz*)

### OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

**Tuesday, January 17**

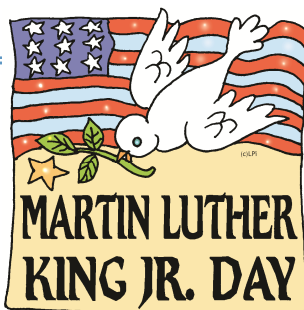
8:00 am NO MASS

**Thursday, January 19**

8:00 am NO MASS

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00 am George Hodak (*Barb Zamberlan*)



**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS**  
Jan 16 – Jan 20: Team 1  
L. Hogue/ S. Madison  
R. & J. Geis/ P. Pyle

## MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JANUARY 21 – 22, 2017

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 21**

5:15 pm Jean Truman

**Sunday, January 22**

8:00 am Richard Frederick

10:00 am Andy Kearns



### EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 21**

5:15 pm Mary Mongillo/ Cindy Higley/ Cliff Ackley

**Sunday, January 22**

8:00 am Suzie Sperry/ Kathy & Randy Durner

10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Doris Hungville/ Teri Everett

**HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara**

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 21**

5:15 pm Andrew Truman/ Ryan Hughes

**Sunday, January 22**

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther

10:00 am Christian Peterson/ VOLUNTEER

