

# Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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## JANUARY 17, 2016

**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.



As we find ourselves in what we call the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we have to ask why such a name as “ordinary”? For, in fact, it is not ordinary. Each day we discover the Jesus who is with us and each Sunday we continue to celebrate Easter Sunday. It is through Jesus’ loving action of the Triduum that we have been saved and continued to be saved.

Let us look at today’s reading, found in Saint John’s Gospel, in a different light. It is the story of the wedding feast of Cana. I want to share with you a hypothetical case scenario written by Sister Mary M. McGlone, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet as printed in *“Preaching Resources”*.

“We know legend has it that after Pentecost, Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived out her days with John the Evangelist. We also know that when a Gospel story has lots of detail, scholars suggest it has its source in personal witnesses. Those two facts invite us to imagine, John, the theologian, telling Mary the practical mother, how he wanted to narrate the story of the wedding at Cana.

**Mary:** I don’t know how you can read all of that into it. I simply saw that the family was going to be embarrassed. After all, they had saved and borrowed and called on the whole clan to help make a wedding celebration that would foretell the wonderful life of the couple – and then, no wine!

**John:** But don’t you see how perfectly it was set up? A wedding is our best symbol of God’s future for us! Don’t you think about God’s love for the Chosen People every time you go to a wedding?

**Mary:** John, dear, sometimes a party is just a party. Most people don’t think through the whole of scripture as they carry on the ordinary activities of the day.

**John:** But you know me. You’ve even conceded that sometimes I have given you insight – that I have shed a different light on things for you. Don’t you think that’s part of why Jesus wanted us together? Now, with your permission, I’m going to tell this story in a way that shows how his first sign was the announcement of his mission. Let me explain. First of all, admit it, there couldn’t have been a better setting than a wedding. Remember how many times he used the story of parties, especially weddings, as signs of the kingdom? You were already there, not just as a guest or his mother, but as if you were representing Israel herself. Then, what happened? The party was about to flop. Don’t you see what that represents?

**Mary:** You and your symbols! I told you, I felt terrible for them! Running out of wine meant that they were running out of everything!

**John:** That’s just it! *Israel* was running out of everything. Then, what did you do?

**Mary:** I took it upon myself to disturb my son. If I was disturbed, the least he could do was to be disturbed with me! He was creative. I thought that if anyone could do something, he could.

**John:** That’s what I call the work of a prophet. Remember Jeremiah who said, “Your word is like a fire within me,” and

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

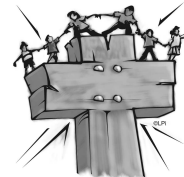
January 10, 2016 .....\$ 8,394  
Solemnity of Mary Collection.....\$ 1,729

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses.....\$ 10,936*

2015 CSA Pledged.....\$ 51,465

2015 CSA Paid.....\$ 50,690

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**Thank you**



Isaiah swearing, “I won’t be silent until Israel shines forth like the dawn.” You saw the need of your people and you believed in God’s love. So you spoke out. You were the one who called one the Messiah to make the wedding a real feast for the people.

**Mary:** John, I simply told him that there was no wine.

**John:** And then what?

**Mary:** And then what? His reply didn’t make sense to me. It sounded as if he didn’t even feel like part of the group. But I told the servants to do whatever he said.

**John:** Ah, and with that, you are still going to tell me that you weren’t a prophet? What does a prophet do but cry out to God and then remind the people to listen and put God’s work into practice!

**Mary:** I thought maybe he would just send the servants out.

**John:** But he knew that going out would do no good. What was needed can’t be purchased or found outside. My dear, dear, Lady, look at it! You represented the best of our tradition, asking for joy when it had all run dry. You may not have had any idea of what could be done. It looked hopeless, but you did the two most important things. You asked him and you told them to do what he said. That’s all that is ever necessary!

You yourself have told me your story from the beginning – you said, “How can this be?” and then believed that with God nothing is impossible.

**Mary:** John, I was not the center of the story! It was he. If you are going to tell this story, focus on him.

**John:** Of course. I won’t even use your name. But nothing would have been the same without you. I know it was just one wedding party. But whether you see it or not, I think it represents everything! Like our people through the ages, you knew that something was lacking. You knew nobody else could supply it. It may not have been his hour to complete it, but it sure was the moment to announce what was coming.

**Mary:** John, go on, write your story, maybe others will understand. I’m going to the well.

**John:** You always do.”

Like Mary, let us continue to go to the well - her son - Jesus  
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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



**PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

### 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.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Spiritual Gifts include: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, accomplishments, prophecy, good judgement, communication skills, understanding... (1 Cor 12:4-11) Which of these gifts is your beloved especially good at?

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### COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, the second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts and print media. Please be generous and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our (arch)diocese to support local communication needs.



### NEW VENUE!! Rotary Club ANNUAL PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BRUNCH Sunday, February 7 8 am to 1 pm

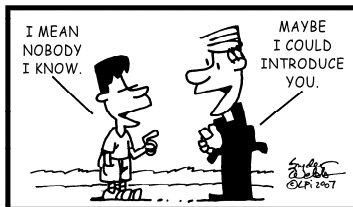
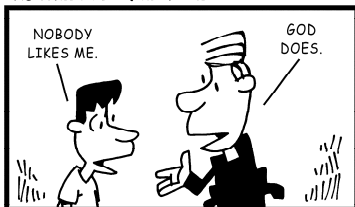
**\*\*\* Fr. Leo Gallina Social Center \*\*\*  
95 East Corydon Street  
Adults - \$8, Children under 12 - \$4  
Family max - \$20  
Tickets at the door  
Proceeds benefit the Bradford Rotary Club  
Community Projects  
"All the pancakes you can eat!"**

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance programs. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Arthur Ardire FICF, General Agent, at **814-375-1205**, email at [Arthur.ardire@kofc.org](mailto:Arthur.ardire@kofc.org) or visit website [www.kofcardireagency.com](http://www.kofcardireagency.com).

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.



### St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

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with your monthly School envelope*

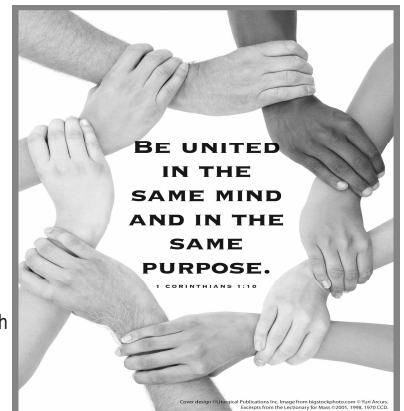
- ◆ Niagara Chocolate Sale Jan 25-Feb 3, 2016
- ◆ Report Cards - January 29, 2016

**Catholic Schools Week: Jan 31—Feb 5**

Check our website, [www.stbernardschool.net](http://www.stbernardschool.net)  
**Wed Jan 20, 10:00 am mass: Grades 7 & 8**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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



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**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF JAN 18 - 24, 2016**



**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**

**Monday, January 18**

8:00 am NO MASS

**Wednesday, January 20**

8:00 am NO MASS

SBS 10:00 am All Students, Staff & Teachers of St. Bernard School

**Thursday, January 21**

12:10 pm NO MASS

**Friday, January 22**

8:00 am NO MASS

**Saturday, January 23**

8:00 am John Frontino (*Bob & Jan Geisler*)

5:15 pm Terry Palumbo (*Carl & Bunny Zandi*)

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00 am Leona Fisher (*Patti Fisher*)

10:00 am John Iaderosa (*Vince & Mary Lou Iaderosa*)

Pitt 7:00 pm Mom, Dad & Brother Burns (*Margie Girard*)

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, January 18**

9:00 am William O'Donnell (*a*) Family

**Wednesday, January 20**

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

**Saturday, January 23**

4:30 pm Margaret & Thomas Reid (*Pat & Christine  
Geary*)

**Sunday, January 24**

11:00 am Jack Fisher (*Rosemary & Thomas Burke*)

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, January 19**

8:00 am Margaret Schweinberg (*Barb, Gordon, Brian,  
Jill, Stacie & Rory Tierney*)

**Thursday, January 21**

8:00 pm Eulalia Dempsey

**Sunday, January 24**

9:00 am Mary Deming (*Mary & Tom O'Connell*)



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*



**Sunday, Jan 17 - Rev. Thomas L. Tyler**

**Monday, Jan 18 - Rev. David J. Wilson**

**Tuesday, Jan 19 - Very Rev. Richard J. Toohey, V.F.**

**Wednesday, Jan 20 - Rev. Joseph P. Staszewski**

**Thursday, Jan 21 - Rev. Stephen J. Schreiber**

**Friday, Jan 22 - Rev. Lawrence R. Richards**

**Saturday, Jan 23 - Rev. David A. Perry**

# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JANUARY 23 - 24, 2016

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 23**

5:15 pm Mary Ann Stauffer

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00 am Candy Tingley

10:00 am Cindy Higley



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 23**

5:15 pm Cliff Ackley/ Mary Mongillo/ Chuck Beattie

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00 am Marcia Riley/ Ruth Dixon/ Chris Pehonsky

10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Doris Hungiville/ Lynn Hogue

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

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 23**

5:15 pm Cara & Laryssa Webster

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther/ Brandi Mealy

10:00 am Dominique & Christian Peterson



## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

**January 18-22, Team 1:**

L. Hogue/ S. Madison/

R & J Geis/ P. Pyle

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 17, 2016

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/  
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



## 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 Fenstemaker, Tom Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family, Carolyn Gatesman, Kevin Gatesman, Pat Girard, 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.*