

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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On-line donations: www.osvonlinegiving/1845

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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.



As we begin to celebrate the season of Lent in its fullness, I want to share a thought with you from Rabbi Zusya: "In the world to come, I shall not be asked, 'Why were you not Moses?' Instead I shall be asked, 'Why were you not Zusya?'" If we paraphrase that it might read something like this for us: "I shall not be asked, 'Why were you not like Jesus?' Instead I shall be asked, 'Why were you not (insert your name)?"

In our faith journey we are asked to be real. For each of us is not only unique, but also made in the image and likeness of God. Lent then is more about cleansing, than it is about giving up things. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for a cleansing. The devil was allowed to tempt Jesus in four ways that were important to mankind: food, power, glory, and faith used the wrong way. Jesus being truly God and truly man had to undergo the normal temptations that anyone of us would experience. But Jesus remained faithful, unlike Adam and Eve who were also tempted by the devil.

In our faith journey being ourselves is more difficult than playing a part. How often we may have said to ourselves I don't have faith like so and so.? The faith that we have received is sufficient for us, because it is the faith that we have received from God. It is not about a question of more or less. It is about living the faith that we have received from God.

Saint Paul says it this way in the second reading taken from Romans: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved."

So, as we make this journey not only through Lent, but also through life, let us continue to ask ourselves the question: "Why were you not (insert name)?"

God Bless *Fr. Ray*



ANNOUNCEMENT



Check out our new St. Bernard Church & St. Bernard Elementary/Middle School website!
www.stbernardcatholic.org

NbTe **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
PRESIDENTS' DAY
FEBRUARY 15th**

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.

February 7, 2016 Collection.....\$ 9,569

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

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: TBA

Catholic Women: March 8th @ 6:30pm (Board @ 6pm)

Widows Group: Feb 16th, 12:30 pm Chapel parking lot

RCIA: Feb 14th (trip) Classes to be held on 21st, 28th

REP: Gr.1-8: Classes to be held on Feb 21st, 28th

Gr. 9-11: Classes to be held on Feb 21st

CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ St. Francis, Feb 29th, 9am-2pm

CONFIRMATION: April 24 @ St. Bernard, Mass at 5 pm

Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient

Check it out: www.osvonlinegiving/1845



2016 CSA

"Be Lights of Hope Through Giving"

Your CSA gift helps the office of Catholic Charities throughout the diocese provide programs and services that give hope to those in need.

- Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services**
- St. Martin Center and Rural Ministry**
- Saint Elizabeth Center**
- Prince of Peace Center**

Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give and remember, the parish will retain the monies collected over the goal.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl envelopes are in the envelope packets for your convenience or you can mark "Rice Bowl Donation" on a plain envelope. Your Operation Rice Bowl contributions help support Catholic Relief Services, which fights poverty and hunger in the US and 10 countries.



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Please Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

Check our website, www.stbernardcatholic.org

Wed. Feb 17th mass - 10 am - Grade 2

**LENTEN REFLECTION
POPE FRANCIS AND THE YEAR OF MERCY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016**

1:00 – 3:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

**St. Callistus Parish Hall
342 Chase Street, Kane, PA**

Presenter: Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB

Reservations due by Thurs, Feb 25

Margaret French 814-945-6245 or

Sister Phyllis Schleicher, OSB

814-544-8017, sisterphy@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

LAST YEAR'S PALMS



Last year's palms can be deposited in the labeled bin at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office.

**CHICKEN &
BISCUIT DINNER
SATURDAY,
MARCH 5TH, 2016**

3 – 7 PM



Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children under 12

Dinner includes: beverage, salad, dessert

TAKEOUTS—DELIVERY AVAILABLE

*50/50 * Bazaar*



Tickets available in the Parish Office

Benefits St. Bernard Church



We are in need of help on the planning committee. If you are interested, please come to the meeting on Wednesday, February 17th at 6 pm in the Fr. Leo G. Gallina Social center. This year we are planning activities in the gym with kids' and adult games and other entertainment. Please come share your ideas.



**Save the Date!
Saturday
March 12, 2016**

3rd Annual Erie Men's Conference

A Key to God's Mercy

At Erie's beautiful Warner Theater 9:00AM to 3:30PM

Adoration • Confession • Mass

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith!

www.2232Men.com



**Mother-Daughter Tea
Brockway**

Sunday, March 13, 2016

1:30-4:00 pm

St. Tobias Parish Center

1135 Hewitt Center, Brockway, PA

A Mother/Daughter Tea for girls age 10 and older & mothers Registration is required. Call Janet VanEerden at (814) 781-1042. Cost is \$15/family. (Early Bird \$12.) Forms are available from St. Bernard School or the parish office. Or call the NFP/Chastity Education Office at 1-800-374-3723 ext. 259. Sponsored by the Erie Diocesan Natural Family Planning/Chastity Education Office.



WELCOME

Baptism - January 31, 2016

Vincent Daniel Sargente

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Valentines Day is Feb. 14 but its spirit can be celebrated any day. Repeat your vows to each other today, "I _____, again take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." Bonus points if you memorize it.

ATTENTION WIDOWS

We will meet at the Divine Mercy Chapel parking lot at 12:30 pm on February 16th and carpool to the Derrick City Diner.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays during Lent at St. Bernard Church
7 P.M. with confessions following.

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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF FEB 15 - 21, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, February 15

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am Maria Bussanich (*Dominick Bussanich*)

SBS 10:00 am M. Joe Keane (*Family*)

Thursday, February 18

12:10 pm Edna Maxine Matto (*Barry Matto*)

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 19

8:00 am Mary & Ray Anderson (*Joe Anderson*)

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am Joe Frisina (*James Connelly*)

5:15 pm Angie & Joe Girard (*Family*)

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Mike & Michael J. Capinjola (*Chris & Ed*)

10:00 am LeRoy, Pauline & Connie Dunson (*Family*)

Pitt 7:00 pm Ana Polucci (*Kathy & Ron Symington*)

ALLMASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, February 15

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

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am Argenia "Arg" Sposato (*Rita Verolini*)

Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm Zenaide "Zena" Verolini (*Irma & Mario Lombardi*)

Sunday, February 21

11:00 am Genevieve Patterson (*J.E. & Kim O'Mara*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, February 16

5:15 pm Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and St. Francis

Thursday, February 18

8:00 pm Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and St. Francis

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am Victoria Taylor (*Lea Miller*)

3:00 pm Tri-Parish Penance Service



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Feb 14 - Rev. Joseph P. Staszewski

Monday, Feb 15 - Pray for Vocations

Tuesday, Feb 16 - Rev. David J. Wilson

Wednesday, Feb 17 - Rev. Thomas L. Tyler

Thursday, Feb 18 - Rev. Daniel C. Wolfel, OSB

Friday, Feb 19 - Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Urbaniak

Saturday, Feb 20 - Rev. Casimir J. Wozniak



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES FEBRUARY 20 - 21, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20

5:15 pm Jean Truman

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Rhett Kennedy

10:00 am Tom Dalton



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 20

5:15 pm Cindy Higley/ Paul Curcio/ Mary Mongillo

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Cindy Tinglely/ Joan Yohe/ Ruth Dixon

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

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Brent/ Hugh & Rhys Kennedy

10:00 am Tim & Clare Mulcahy/ Cadence Panol

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

February 15 - 19, Team 1:

L. Hogue/ S. Madison/
R. & J. Geis/ P. Pyle



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 14, 2016

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/

Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt

25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/

Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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 DeFrank, Helen Ewell, Jim Fenstermaker, 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.