

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

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| 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

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| 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 the Second Sunday of Lent, we should ask ourselves what we have done to make Lent special. Have I kept the resolutions and promises that I said that I would? Lent is much more than giving up something that we know we will go back to on Easter Sunday. It is about getting closer to our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). We know how to do it - through prayer. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to be witnesses to the prayerful actions of the participants to learn from them. They show us how prayer keeps us closer to our God, who loves us, and how it should be an important part of our life.

In the first reading Abram is brought into a mystical experience by God through a Covenant relationship. All of Abram's actions and those of God are to bring Abram closer to God and to let him know that God has answered his prayer. Abram asks: "O Lord God how am I to know that I shall possess it (land)?" The rest of the actions confirm God's response to Abram.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes up to the mountain to pray with Peter, James, and John. In Saint Luke's Gospel, prayer is an important action for Jesus. It kept Him in close contact with His Father and was the strengthening factor in Jesus' ministry. It was during the special prayer time with His Father that the three apostles were privileged to witness a Theophany. That is, they were privileged to see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and to hear the voice of Jesus' Father say: "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."


The only way that you and I can listen to Jesus, is if we have a good prayer foundation in our life. Communicating with God on a daily basis is just as important as communicating with your spouse. If there is no communication with a spouse, that relationship will eventually fall apart. The same is with our God. If we do not have daily communication with our God, our relationship will fall apart.

So let us continue to remind ourselves to "Listen to Him". That can only be achieved if we have a good prayer foundation.

God Bless *Fr. Ray*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.



**St. Bernard Elementary/
Middle School**

*Please Support St. Bernard School
with your monthly School envelope*

Check our NEW website, www.stbernardcatholic.org
Wed. Feb 24th mass - 10 am - Grades 7 & 8

**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 14, 2016 Collection.....\$ 5,363

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

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: March 9, @ 6:30 pm

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

Widows Group: TBA

RCIA: Classes to be held on 21st, 28th

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

Gr.6-8 Social: Sat, Feb 27th, 6-7:30 pm, games/snacks

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT @ St. Francis, Feb 29th, 9am-2pm
(Mandatory participation for confirmation class.)

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

Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient

Check it out: www.osvonlinegiving/1845



YOUR 2016 CSA SUPPORTS

**Your CSA gifts support the many programs
and services offered through the
Office of Education of the Diocese.**

The Catholic Schools Office supports and advises elementary and secondary schools in the areas of curriculum, federal and state funding programs, teacher personnel, school finance and general operation of the Catholic School System.

The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) provides over \$430,000 in scholarships for elementary & secondary school students in need, through the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program

PRAYER LENTEN PRAYER

O God, send me Your Spirit that I might go through this day with grace and joy, recognizing that Your mysterious touch is in all my words and actions—even the painful ones. Holy Spirit, thank you for all Your gifts and graces, and I now come to You with my own prayers. (Spend ten minutes sitting quietly with God.)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Thursdays during Lent at St. Bernard Church
7 P.M. with confessions following.



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

24 Hours for the Lord

Pope Francis has asked parishes to participate (as they are able) in a world-wide observance of *24 Hours for the Lord* on March 4-5. He has suggested that churches stay open for 24 hours to welcome all who wish to adore the Lord and be reconciled with Him in the Sacrament to Reconciliation.

We have set a modified schedule for that time period:
Thursday, March 3rd — confessions from 4-5 pm in the church

Friday, March 4th (First Friday) — Mass in the church at 8 am, followed by Exposition until 5 pm. Confessions will be held in the church from 4-5 pm.

Saturday, March 5th — Mass in the Church at 8 am followed by confessions. Confessions will also be heard in the church from 4-5 pm and then again after 5:15 pm mass until 7:15 pm. **We urge you to participate in this special time of adoration and confession.**



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

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Gymnasium Monday, February 21st from 12:00 Noon until 5:30 pm.



ANNOUNCEMENT



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

It's Lent - a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything it's time to forgive?



2016 EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

There is a special envelope in your monthly envelope packet for Easter

Remembrances. Please enclose your donation and clearly print the names of the Living or Deceased people you want remembered on the lines provided on one side of the envelope. If you do not receive envelopes, you can use a small plain one. **Please put your envelopes in the offertory or drop them off to the parish office by Wed, March 16th.**

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.

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



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.

 ☆ **SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK** ☆
 ☆ **BEACON LIGHT** ☆
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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF FEB 22 - 28, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, February 22

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am Joseph & Nettie Palazetti (*Col. Robert E. Freaney*)

SBS 10:00 am Nick & Minnie Camas (*Family*)

Thursday, February 25

12:10 pm Hugh, Margaret & Bill Rich (*Ann Mongillo*)

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 26

8:00 am Genevieve Patterson (*Hall Family*)

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Zachary P. Vigliotta & Robert S. Herzog (*Pat Vigliotta*)

5:15 pm Deceased Members of the Cattoni & Feraci Families
(*Mary Lou Sapko*)

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Thomas Hungville (*Family*)

10:00 am Don Raabe (*Joan Raabe*)

Pitt 7:00 pm Vicky Leo (*Dixie & Ed Sullivan*)

ALLMASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, February 22

9:00 am Alphonse Vogg (*Dan Beeman*)

Wednesday, February 24

9:00 am Marion Booth (*Rita Verolini*)

Saturday, February 27

4:30 pm Joseph Butler (*Kathy & Ron Symington*)

Sunday, February 28

11:00 am Laurence J. Freaney (*Ann & Richard Cavallero*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, February 23

5:15 pm Deceased Members of A. Chohrach, W. Hamer
& J. Manning Families (*Dorathy Chohrach*)

Thursday, February 25

8:00 pm Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and Saint Francis of Assisi

Sunday, February 28

9:00 am Viola Falconi (*Family*)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Feb 21 - Rev. Ronald E. Gmerek

Monday, Feb 22 - Robert L. Humenay

Tuesday, Feb 23 - Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos

Wednesday, Feb 24 - Rev. William J. Maloney

Thursday, Feb 25 - Rev. Regis J. Meenihan

Friday, Feb 26 - Rev. Mark A. O'Hern

Saturday, Feb 27 - Rev. Michael Polinek



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES FEBRUARY 27 - 28, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27

5:15 pm Mary Ann Stauffer

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Richard Frederick

10:00 am REP Students



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 27

5:15 pm Kitty Colligan/ Pat Pascarella/ Cliff Ackley

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Marcia Riley/ Ruth Dixon/ Joan Yohe

10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Kathy Howe/ Lynn Hogue

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

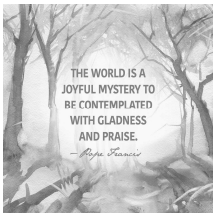
Saturday, February 27

5:15 pm Cara & Laryssa Webster

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther/ Brandi Mealy

10:00 am Dominique & Christian Peterson



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

February 22 - 26, Team 2:

D. Jadlowiec/ C. Bennett/

P. Foote/ V. Comilla/ D. Williams/

K. Smeal/ K. Colligan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 21, 2016

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

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21,
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel,
Shirley Black, John Bove, 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.