

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 find ourselves approaching the midway point of the 2016 Lenten Season, I want to share with you some reflections by Father Edward F. Steiner who reflects on this Sunday's readings in *The Priest* magazine.

He writes (paraphrased): "Various people approached their priest at the end of an evening adult education class with questions. One approached the priest and blurted out, 'It's too hard to be Catholic anymore!' The man remembered the Church prior to the Vatican Council and said that he longed for the days when you could learn everything you needed to know about the Church by memorizing the questions in the *Baltimore Catechism*.

This man is not alone. It does seem that there was a time when being a Catholic was easier, when rules seemed better spelled out and the roles more clearly delineated, but being a member of the Church is not solely about rules and fulfilling requirements. Being a member of the Church is about taking a spiritual journey – growing in our relationship with God. When it comes to learning about God, the journey is without end.

While there were many good things about the 'old days'... too often the practice of faith was reduced to just fulfilling the rules. Simply keeping rules is not going to gain us salvation. Only a real sense of repentance can do that.

Lent challenges us to examine our approach to God. To come to know God better implies that we are asking questions and learning. Luke gives us today's story because his readers were content with what they knew of God." Jesus warns that if we believe that we need to do no more or learn no more, then our deaths will be meaningless. "God is willing to help us grow and mature, but He expects us to bear fruit."

"The reformation of which Jesus speaks demands we ask and re-ask who God is. It means that we must also be making a critical assessment of our lives and our journey to God." How do we do this? "A powerful way during Lent is to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession helps us confront our spiritual laziness and to see how we are spending the time that we have been given. Confession gives us the opportunity to reform, but the questions remains: when? Jesus warns us not to compare ourselves to others because salvation is based on repentance – reformation – and not on self-satisfaction that we know everything we should know."

Continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, following His advice, during this Lenten Season.

God Bless *Fr. Ray*

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 21, 2016 Collection.....\$ 5,824

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

2016 CSA Pledge....\$ 18,565

2016 CSA Paid.....\$11,445

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



Third
Sunday
of
Lent

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: March 9th @ 6:30 pm

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

Widows Group: TBA

RCIA: Classes to be held on Feb 28th, Mar 6th, 13th, & 20th

REP: Gr.1-8: Classes to be held on Feb 28th, Mar 6th, 13th & 20th

Gr. 9-11: Classes to be held on Mar 6th & 20th

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



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 of 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.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Thursdays during Lent at St. Bernard Church
7 P.M. with confessions following (except 3/10).



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Please Support St. Bernard School
with your monthly School envelope

Check our NEW website, www.stbernardcatholic.org

Wed. March 2nd mass - 10 am - Grades 5 & 6



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
 Call 362-6825



Tickets available in the Parish Office and at the door
 *50/50 * Bazaar— for games kids & adults *
 Benefits St. Bernard Church

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.



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.**



Mother-Daughter Tea
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.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENT



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Feb. 29 is Leap Day. In matters of courtship, historically men took the lead and pursued women. Of course our society is now more egalitarian. Women are more assertive, ask men out for dates, and even propose. Is it a leap for you to accept this change or does it seem natural?



CRAFT SHOW
March 5, 2016
9 am—3 pm



St. Joseph's Parish Center

Division Street
 Mt. Jewett, PA
 (Just off Rt. 6)



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

YOUR 2016 CSA HELPS SUPPORT

Natural Family Planning/Chastity Education

With "Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality" and Humanae Vitae as foundational documents, this office offers seminars on Sympto-thermal Method of Natural Family Planning, speakers for school-age as well as adult groups and a pre-Lenten couples' retreat. Chastity education guidelines, resources and speakers for parent groups and 5th grade puberty presentations are available.



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

PRAYER LENTEN PRAYER



Beloved God, you have asked me to listen to Jesus in the gospels, and Jesus tells me to listen to You. I come before you now, maybe hurting or suffering in some way, to be with You and to listen. (Spend ten minutes sitting quietly with God.)

 ☆ **SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK** ☆
 ☆ **BEACON LIGHT** ☆

**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF FEB 29 - MAR 6, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, February 29

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 am Betty Langianese (*Anthony & Betty Caserio*)

SBS 10:00 am George Duke, Jr. (*Chris Pehonsky & Family*)

Thursday, March 3

12:10 pm Harry Schreiber (*Connie Schreiber & Family*)

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 4 — "24 Hours for Christ"

8:00 am Bruce & Christina Charnisky (*Camille & Rudy Veselicky*)

ADORATION after Mass until 5 pm

Confession from 4 - 5 pm

Saturday, March 5 — "24 Hours for Christ"

8:00 am John R. Hannon Family (*Harrigane Hannon Moore*)

Confessions after mass — **ADORATION until 3 pm**

Confessions 4 - 5 pm

5:15 pm Patsy & Geraldine Grego (*Family*)

Confessions after mass until 7:15 pm

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am James Luciano (*Michael & Stacie Salerno & Family*)

10:00 am Carmen & Alvira Pascarella (*Family*)

Pitt 7:00 pm NO MASS

ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, February 29

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

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 am Peggy Kelly (*Angie Moshier*)

5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5

4:30 pm Harry Stoltz (*A*) Family

Sunday, March 6

11:00 am Albert DelMonego (*Richard & Ann Cavallaro*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 6

9:00 am Deceased Members of the John Pantuso Family
(*Alyce Grady*)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Feb 28 - Rev. Matthew J. Ruyechan

Monday, Feb 29 - Rev. Jerome S. Simmons

Tuesday, Mar 1 - Very Rev. Zab Amar, V.F.

Wednesday, Mar 2 - Rev. Philip Bilotte

Thursday, Mar 3 - Rev. D.G. (Skip) Davis

Friday, Mar 4 - Very Rev. Michael P. Ferrick, V.F.

Saturday, Mar 5 - Rev. Raymond W. Hahn



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

MARCH 5 - 6, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

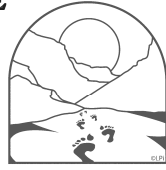
Saturday, March 5

5:15 pm Stephanie Frederick

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Candy Tingley

10:00 am Jim Colligan



Lent

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 5

5:15 pm Mary Mongillo/ Kitty Colligan/ Cliff Ackley

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Sue Bradley/ Ruth Dixon/ Chris Pehonsky

10:00 am Paul Curcio/ Kathy Howe/ Teri Everett

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 5

5:15 pm James Fenstermaker/ Liam & Grace Frasier

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Noah Meyer/ Gabby Campogiani/ Jessie Kerr

10:00 am Cadence Panol/ Clare Mulcahy



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

February 29 - March 4, Team 3:

M. & P. Curcio/ A. Campogiani/
T. Orris/ K. Sapko

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 28, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/

Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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, 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.