

# Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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**MARCH 13, 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.



Today, like last Sunday, we witness the loving, merciful Jesus at work. This time the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in the act of adultery to Jesus. Their motive was bad - for they wanted to trap Jesus, in order that they might discredit him with the people. Jesus looks at them and the woman. The scribes and the Pharisees came for only one reason. They wanted to see Jesus participate in enforcing the letter of the law by stoning the woman. They truly did not care for the woman.

Jesus in his actions reminds us that our God is a merciful and loving God, and does not want the sinner to die, but to live. The one thing that always gets me in this Gospel passage is this: if she was caught in the act of adultery, where was the man, and why was he not brought also?

Jesus knows that she is a sinner but also sees her potential. To those who brought her, He says: "Let the one among you without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus knew the state of their sins and was waiting to see what they would do. They all walked away. Turning to the woman he simply says: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replies, "No one, Sir." The woman knows that she is a sinner and does not deny it. She is not quite sure what Jesus might say to her, but she must have been surprised when she hears: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

She is at last free from her sin, but even more she realizes how much God loves her. She regains her inner beauty and her dignity. She becomes a much better person because of her encounter with Jesus. The same thing happens to us when we embrace Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. During this year dedicated to the theme of mercy, let us truly embrace the Sacrament of Confession and let us also be merciful to ourselves and others.

I want to thank all of you who have already sent in your pledge envelope for this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. To those of you, who have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so.

Today closes a week dedicated to the religious sisters. Please remember those who came from St. Bernard, and/or taught here, in your prayers.

God Bless *Fr. Ray*



**REP Grades 1-8 Spring Group Activity**  
Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center  
**Friday, Mar 18 @ 6pm**  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SNACK

## 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.*

March 6, 2016 Collection.....\$ 7,214

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

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 33,021

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 17,621

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



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Parish Council:** TBA

**Catholic Women:** April 12<sup>th</sup>-Tureen Dinner- Meeting @ 6 pm

**Widows Group:** Tues March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 pm

**RCIA:** Classes to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**REP: Gr.1-8:** Classes to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**Gr. 9-10:** Classes & Penance Service to be held on 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## ATTENTION WIDOWS

The Widows will meet March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at the Chapel parking lot and carpool to the Derrick City Diner.

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK MARCH 8 - 14, 2016

*"This annual event was inaugurated to honor our consecrated women religious, with the intention of shining a light on the lives of these inspiring women, and to thank them for the gift of their vocation, while inspiring other young women to discern God's call in their own lives.*

*Due to the tremendous influence that Religious have had in Northwest Pennsylvania, I am declaring **Sunday, March 13, 2016, 'Sisters' Day** in the Diocese of Erie." (Bishop Lawrence Persico)*

In last week's bulletin there was an insert with the names of these women who grew up within St. Bernard Parish and/or faithfully served here. *"Let us take a day to remember them and give thanks for the gift they have been to all of us."* Please remember with gratitude these women who have given their lives in service to the Gospel of Jesus. We ask that you remember them in your prayers on their special day.



## St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

March 24-30 EASTER BREAK No School or Care

March 25—GOOD FRIDAY FISH DINNER, 4-7 pm

Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center

Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

Check our NEW website, [www.stbernardcatholic.org](http://www.stbernardcatholic.org)

Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup> NO MASS—Confessions Gr. 1-8

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Adultery is a tragic offense against one's marriage vow. Yet, Jesus says, "Has no one condemned you?...Neither do I condemn you." (Jn.8:11) It doesn't make an awful act right, but Jesus' response is mercy. Is there anything big or small that needs mercy in your marriage?

**VICTORIOUS**

**A Praise & Worship EASTER**

By David Moffitt & Cliff Duren

Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm - Hill Memorial UMC

Sat, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm - Foursquare Gospel Church

Sun, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm - Emanuel Lutheran Church

Presented by the Praise Team & Friends (an ecumenical group)

A Reception follows each performance.

Free-Will Offering Benefits Evergreen Elm

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**2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 PM (Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>)

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

7:00 MASS at UPB



**HOLY THURSDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM MASS with  
ADORATION until 10:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

1:30 PM THE PASSION



**SATURDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS

NO UPB MASS



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard Church

7 pm with confessions following.

**PRAYER LENTEN PRAYER**



*Jesus, I'm not sure I always understand what You're saying in the gospels, but I hope I am among those who "see" God in my life. Open my mind and heart that I might be healed of any blindness of spirit. (Spend ten minutes sitting quietly with God.)*



**ST. BERNARD SCHOOL ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BAKED FISH DINNER**

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Father Leo J. Gallina Social Center at 95 E. Corydon St.

The dinner will include baked fish, baked potato, coleslaw, green beans and applesauce. A pizza dinner (cheese pizza, coleslaw, green beans and applesauce) also available.

**Cost: \$10.00/fish dinner and \$7.00/pizza dinner.**

Drinks are included with both.

**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.



Annual

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Palm Sunday, March 20**

**OMPH, Anthonian Hall, Lewis Run**

**8 AM to 1 PM**

**EMPTY BOWLS**

University of Pittsburgh  
at Bradford

**Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner**

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Mukaiyama University Room

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Admission to the event is \$10.00.

We would like to invite you to be part of Pitt-Bradford's Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner to support The Friendship Table. Guests are served a simple meal of soup, bread, beverage and dessert and are invited to keep a ceramic bowl, basket or set of napkins as a reminder of the ongoing fight against hunger.

**SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**STANLEY E. PECORA, JR.,  
ERIC M. FIRKEL & ASSOCIATES**

**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF MARCH 14 - 20, 2016**



**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**

**Monday, March 14**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:00 am Gertrude & Charles McDonald (*Joe Anderson*)

SBS 10:00 am NO MASS

**Thursday, March 17**

12:10 pm Wilhelm Potkovick (*Family*)

7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 18**

8:00 am Frank & Mary Lama (*Family*)

**Saturday, March 19**

8:00 am Jacob, Genevieve & Roger Farrell (*Farrell Family*)

5:15 pm Rose Cicerello & Aum Bishop (*Shirley Black*)

**Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Mary Lou Woods (*Family*)

10:00 am Everett & Kingdom Families (*Family*)

Pitt 7:00 pm Ernest "Chuck" Cuiffini (*Mary Rose Cuiffini*)

**ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, March 14**

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

**Wednesday, March 16**

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

5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 19**

4:30 pm Stephen Piscitelli (*Manion Family*)

**Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday**

11:00 am St. Francis & St. Bernard Members of Class of 1957

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, March 15**

5:15 pm Ina Wood (*Christine, Pat, Sinead, Deirdre &  
Eamon Geary*)

**Thursday, March 17**

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Eugene Vinca (*David Vinca*)



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*

**Sunday, Mar 13 - Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Sullivan**

**Monday, Mar 14 - Rev. Dennis J. Veltri**

**Tuesday, Mar 15 - Rev. Gerald Wright, OMV**

**Wednesday, Mar 16 - Rev. Alexander D. Amico**

**Thursday, Mar 17 - Rev. Thomas E. Brown**

**Friday, Mar 18 - Rev. Mark A. Hoffman**

**Saturday, Mar 19 - Rev. Robert A. Manning**



# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

## MARCH 19 - 20, 2016

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 19

5:15 pm Jean Truman/Mary Ann Stauffer

#### Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday

8:00 am Rhett Kennedy/ Tom Dalton

10:00 am Andy Kearns/ Cindy Higley



### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

#### Saturday, March 19

5:15 pm Cliff Ackely/ Cindy Higley/ Teri Everett

#### Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday

8:00 am Randy & Kathy Durner/ Candy Tingley

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

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

### ALTAR SERVERS

#### Saturday, March 19

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

#### Sunday, March 20—Palm Sunday

8:00 am Brent/ Hugh & Rhys Kennedy

10:00 am Timothy & Clare Mulcahy/ Cadence Panol



### GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

#### March 14 - 18, Team 1:

L. Hogue/ S. Madison/

R. & J. Geis/ P. Pyle

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 13, 2016

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49



### 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 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, Shirley Mongillo, 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.*