

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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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:

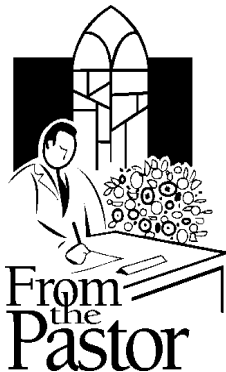
450 West Washington Street: serving students,
preschool through eighth grade. Open to
parishioners, Catholics from other parishes and
those of other faiths. Offering Extended Care
before, during, and after school. For complete
information, please call 368-5302.

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.



What is the beauty of our Catholic Faith? What is the beauty of being a Catholic Christian? It starts with us accepting Jesus as our personal savior. From that flows a personal intimate relationship with Jesus. God, in His loving wisdom, knew that we could not bring about our own redemption; so He gave us His Son, Jesus, to accomplish that for us. Jesus had to be born, Jesus had to die on the cross, and Jesus had to rise again to complete the work of redemption. God

turned the values of the world upside down by the actions that He had His Son take. At that moment of death the world shouted out foul and failure. But Easter Sunday proved the world wrong.

We approach our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) not from our strength, but from our weaknesses. It is not so much about us, as it is about our relationship with Jesus. Take, for example, Saint Peter's denial of Jesus. In today's world, Peter would have been fired and let go. However, Jesus took him back when He asked Peter three times: "Do you love Me more than these?" Peter replied: "You know that I love You." In a loving action, Jesus turned what was perceived as a failure, into a conversion, a healing and Peter was better because of it.

Many times we are reminded that we are a reflection of Jesus. Believe it or not, Jesus does shine through our imperfections and Peter reminds us of that. I know many of us keep asking God to get rid of our failings and imperfections thinking that "to be perfect is to be free of faults". This is a result of what we were told while growing up. It will never happen. Look at any saint or read about their life. They too struggled with imperfections. They turned these over to Jesus who helped them in their struggles. They carried this imperfection with them until the day God called them home. What we have to remember is that perfection is not the absence of faults, but it is having those faults and knowing that God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is in charge.

For a final reflection let us listen to the words of Jesus from today's Gospel: "No one can take them (**US**) out of my hand. My Father, who has given to them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." We are in the hands of God and never let us forget it. If we do maybe we should sing the song; "He's got the whole world in His hands."

God Bless *Fr. Ray*

Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient

Check it out: www.osvonlinegiving/1845



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.

April 10, 2016 Collection.....\$ 6,236

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

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 38,838

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 23,340

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: No April Meeting

Catholic Women: May 10th Rosary @ 6:30/ Altar Server Recognition

Widows Group: Tuesday, April 19th @ 1pm at parish center

REP: Gr.1-8: Classes 17th & 24th.

Gr. 9-10: No classes until Fall

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

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection on Good Shepherd Sunday will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations. Our diocesan website – www.eriecd.org contains lists with the residence of our retired priests, their birthday and anniversary date of ordination to priesthood. May we suggest sending a priest who has touched your life a note or card sometime this year letting him know you still remember him. Consider adopting one of our priests as a prayer partner and pray for them and send an occasional note.



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Support St. Bernard School with your monthly envelope

Sun Apr 17th — 10 am @ St. Bernard Church

First Communion Parent Meeting

Fri Apr 29th — NO SCHOOL OR CARE

Sun May 1st — First Communion at Church

Check our NEW website, www.stbernardcatholic.org

Wed April 19th 10 am Mass — Grades 3 & 4

Bradford Salvation Army's
Elegance in Chocolate Extravaganza
Monday, May 16, 2016
6pm-8pm, Tickets: \$10
 Come enjoy, All you can eat!
The Masonic Temple, 625 South Avenue
Call 368-7012 for more information

Live Love Laughter
 a presentation of life, love and laughter...
 by Destinations-Bradford

A Night of Faith - Fun - Music
FRIDAY, APRIL 29th
7 PM at BAHS
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Featuring Christian Comedian Dan Voila, and music by Uncut Stones
 Free will offering accepted to benefit DESTINATIONS-BRADFORD
 Sponsored in part by Zippo Manufacturing Company; The Blaisdell Foundation; Chandler Valley Associates and More

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments — Child Abuse Prevention Month:

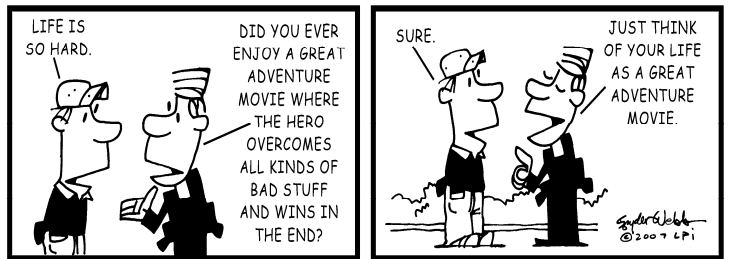
Child abuse remains a national problem. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 742,000 instances of confirmed child abuse. Through scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

After the last child leaves home, Mom and Dad may wake up and wonder who they are looking at. Somewhere over the years, they've gotten so involved in their children's lives that they forgot about each other. Prepare for an empty nest by paying attention to your honey today. Plan a date for this week.

Special Weekend Conference
 Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. for a special conference entitled *Being the Body of God in a Polarized World*. The conference will be held April 22-23 from 7 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday. The presenter will be Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS Executive Director of NETWORK. For more information go to vmesc.org or call 724-964-8886.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ATTENTION WIDOWS

The next Widows meeting will be held Tuesday, April 19th at 1:00 pm in the Leo J. Gallina Parish Center.

COMMUNITY NURSES HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have some free time and are searching for a way to give back, to serve others? Consider Hospice. Hospice is about making sure those with a life-threatening illness are surrounded by love and support. Some volunteers give many hours, some give a few. Training and ongoing support are provided. Interested? Call the Community Nurses Volunteer Coordinator at 800-841-9397 or email them at KLHoy@phhealthcare.org.

Shopping for a gift or outfit for Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation?
McCarthy's Emporium
 124 North Union Street
 Olean, New York
 1-716-373-7047

They have a large variety of gift items for all the sacraments, as well as Baptismal outfits and First Communion dresses & veils, and cards for clergy ordinations and anniversaries, etc.

Mention St. Bernard Church at the time of your purchase and they will donate 5% of your sacrament purchase to our church.

Enrichment for Eucharistic Ministers

Matt Clark, administrator of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Erie, will lead an evening of reflection for Eucharistic ministers. The event will be held in the social hall at St. Callistus Church, 342 Chase St., Kane, on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will better appreciate how to care for and reflect the real presence of Christ to their parishes. All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

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

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



Monday, April 18

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 am Louis & Loretta DeSantis (a)

(Family)

SBS 10:00 am Johnston & Daly Families (Rita Hogan)

Thursday, April 21

12:10 pm Dorleen Schmieg (Bible Study Group)

Friday, April 22

8:00 am Louis Pascarella (LaStella Lodge Brothers)

Saturday, April 23

8:00 am Mary & Dominick Cavallero (Family)

5:15 pm McCarthy-Rae Families (Family)

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Robert Coy (Wesley & Ann Miller)

10:00 am Deceased Members of the Tascone Family (Family)

5:00 pm Confirmation Mass

Pitt 7:00 pm NO MASS UNTIL FALL

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, April 18

9:00 am Fanny Vogg (Dan Beeman)

Wednesday, April 20

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of 50+

Saturday, April 23

4:30 pm Eulalia Dempsey

Sunday, April 24

11:00 am Richard Shaw (Family)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 24

9:00 am Rose Schaippa (a) (Family)



**World Day of Prayer
for Vocations** ©LPI

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Apr 17 - Rev. Msgr. James E. Sanner

Monday, Apr 18 - Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Malene, E.V.

Tuesday, Apr 19 - Very Rev. David L. Poulson, V.F.

Wednesday, Apr 20 - Rev. Robert P. Susa

Thursday, Apr 21 - Rev. John A. Walsh

Friday, Apr 22 - Rev. Msgr. Daniel K. Arnold

Saturday, Apr 23 - Rev. Samuel G. Bungo



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES APRIL 23 - 24, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23

5:15 pm Jean Truman

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Jody Randolph

10:00 am Jim Fenstemaker



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 23

5:15 pm Pat Pascarella/ Harold Wiley/ Mary Mongillo

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Marcia Riley/ Candy Tingley/ Joan Yohe

10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Teri Everett/ Doris Hungville

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 23

5:15 pm Cara & Laryssa Webster

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther/ Brandi Mealy

10:00 am Dominique & Christian Peterson



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

April 18 - 22, Team 2:

D. Jadlowiec/ C. Bennett/ P. Foote/

V. Comilla/ D. Williams/

K. Smeal/ K. Colligan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APR 17, 2016

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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, Kaylee Marsfelder, 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.