

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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JULY 24, 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.



Each of today's readings can speak to us on several levels to help us grow in our faith. As you read them you might find something that you can take with you. From the Book of Genesis it is more than Abraham "arguing" with God. In the culture of the time this would be seen as normal behavior much like one "argues" over the price of an object at a flea market. The basis of the argument is that God wants to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because they are so corrupt and have forgotten God. We see in the dialogue that God cares for the inhabitants and would prefer not to see them destroyed, but their injustices cry out as witness against them. As we know, only Lot and his family were saved - because of their faith in God. In the next chapter we truly see how wicked the people were. Based even on the evidence alone, a judge and jury would find the townspeople guilty. How then does it pertain to us? How do we live our lives? Do we truly put our relationship with God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) first? We see signs of His presence every day of our lives, if we look for them. To put it plainly: "Actions speak louder than words."

From Saint Paul's letter, he too has the image of a court case. "He (Jesus) brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross." Simply put - we were pardoned of our crimes. We were set free from the enslavement to sin by the mystery of the cross of Christ. Since we have been pardoned, we are now asked to live according to the way of Jesus: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Today's Gospel explains how we should pray, the value of the Lord's Prayer and how it should change us internally. The rest of the gospel reminds us of the fact that our God would never give us anything that would be harmful to us; even if we pray for it (not being aware that it is bad for us). As Jesus says; "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"
God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

NFP Awareness Week July 24 - 30, 2016

"Natural Family Planning. Love, Mercy, and Life. Opening the Heart of Marriage." is this year's theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week as designated by Bishop Persico in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. NFP is a way of life that incorporates fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love. To learn more about this Church teaching: pick up literature from your parish, attend a class, contact your local teaching couple, or the Diocesan NFP Office at 824-1259 or at 1-800-374-3723 ext. 259, or <http://www.eriecnd.org/nfp.htm>.

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.

July 17, 2016 Collection.....\$ 6,181

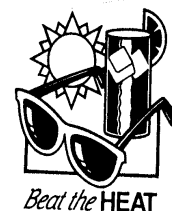
National Needs Collection.....\$ 977

Avg Wkly Operating Exp (FY 15-16)..\$ 11,062

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 45,696

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 35,991

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: Wed Aug 10th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women: TBA

Widows Group: TBA

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Going on Vacation? Please use Online Giving to stay caught up on offertory. Go to www.osvonlinegiving/1845 and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please notify the office if you have had a change of address or are going away for an extended period of time, and will not be receiving mail at your usual address. Offertory Envelopes are not forwarded and we are charged for any returned as "undeliverable as addressed". Please call the Parish Office, 362-6825, to let us know before your move or extended vacation. You can also visit our On-Line Giving website, www.osvonlinegiving.com/1845



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL

REGISTRATION for the 2016-2017 school year is open for all grades. Call 368-5302 or stop by the school office during summer hours:

11am -1pm Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday

Friday, August 12— Italian Festival

We are manning the Italian Festival beer tent starting at 11 am, split into 4 3-hour shifts. Parents email me at mooney@stbernardcatholic.org if you are able to help.

OPEN HOUSE Thursday, August 18th 6-8 pm

The office will be closed Wednesday, Aug 24th.

Classes will start Thursday, August 25th.

For scholarship information visit our website,
www.stbernardcatholic.org

While school is out, order your gift cards through St. Bernard Church!



Saturday, July 30

Lions Club Field,
Bradford, PA

Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Featuring national recording artist FLAME
& 6 additional regional bands plus several speakers

FREE ADMISSION

Facebook.com/SolidRockFest



WELCOME

July 17, 2016

Colton Patrick Jackson

BUS TRIP TO PITTSBURGH

Join St. Callistus (Kane) parishioners for a fun-filled bus trip on Weds, July 27th. See St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church in Erie, PA. At noon enjoy a 3-course meal followed by a 1950s musical-comedy show at The Station Dinner Theatre. Cost is \$83, (all inclusive). See the bulletin board for more information or call Shirley Dodge (814) 837-6141 or Bradford Travel 362-6884.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bradford Christian Youth Corps has announced Saturday, August 20, 2016 as a work session day at St. Bernard Cemetery. All area youth (12 and over) and adults, especially area Catholics, are encouraged to volunteer. Come for the whole day or just a few hours. All hands are needed. Call the Parish office for more information or to register.



SINGERS NEEDED

Our resurrection choir, which sings when requested at St. Bernard funerals, is in desperate need of additional voices. If you are available mornings or afternoons and would be willing to add your voice to theirs, please call Mariann at 368-5356.



always
FAMILIES MATTER

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

- POPE JOHN PAUL II, Dec. 7, 1986

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:
<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>
and discover why families always matter!

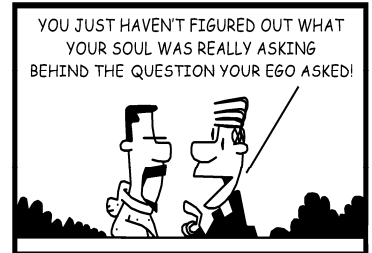
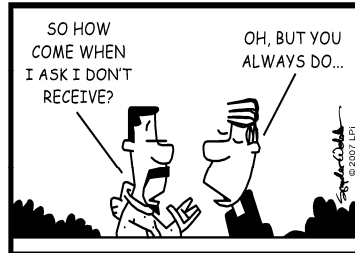


*Alison Renee Armstrong &
Frederick Malcolm Graham*

WORD OF LIFE

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
~ John 15:13 (NABRE ©2010 CCD.)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Do you ever bargain with your beloved? "If you watch the kids, I'll be able to do this repair project." OR "If only you could give me 5 more minutes, 1 hour, 1 day to finish this, we could spend some quality time together. It's not bad to negotiate, but keep your end of the bargain. (Gn. 18: 20-32)

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Gymnasium Monday, July 25th from 12:00 Noon until 5:30 p.m.



WELCOME

July 17, 2016

Julianna Elaine Carlson



From Father Ray:

For your information, I want to give you an update on what is happening with Andy Boyd. Andy is the seminarian we were privileged to have last summer, working with me and all of you. This year, his summer assignment is at Saints Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney, Pa. Andy has informed me that on August 6th of this year, at Saint Agatha church in Meadville, he will receive candidacy. Many of you may not understand what this means, so let me explain. In the process of becoming a priest, this is the first public step that a seminarian makes. What happens during the Mass, celebrated by the Bishop, Andy will be asked by the Bishop if it is his desire to become a priest and then Andy answers appropriately that it is. It is a simple ceremony, but a beautiful one. So let us keep Andy in our prayers.

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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF JULY 25 – 31 , 2016**

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, July 25

8:00 am Parishioners



Wednesday, July 27

8:00 am Peter McCoy (*Chris Pehonsky & Family*)

Thursday, July 28

12:10 pm Anthony Luzzi (*Family*)

Friday, July 29

8:00 am Claire Marie Lambert (*Martha Hoskins*)

Saturday, July 30

8:00 am Rick Wareham (*Family*)

5:15 pm Stanley Black (*Shirley Black*)

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am James Luciano (*Jim Maduri*)

10:00 am William Abbott (*Marcia Abbott*)

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, July 25

9:00 am Cesare Lombardi (*Irma Lombardi*)

Wednesday, July 27

9:00 am Robert Green (A) (*Dianne, Charlie and Noah*)

Saturday, July 30

4:30 pm Anna Piscitelli (A) (*Louise Stoltz*)

Sunday, July 31

11:00 am Buccolini Family (*Lisa Zurat*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, July 26

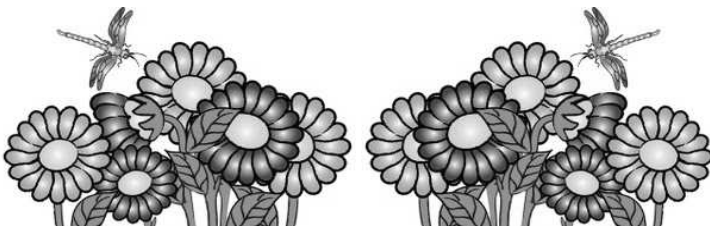
8:00 am Mary Rusnak (*Marie Rusnak*)

Thursday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 31

9:00 am George Hodak (*Barb Zandi & Family*)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests



Sunday, July 24 - Rev. Howard J. King

Monday, July 25 - Rev. John J. Murphy

Tuesday, July 26 - Rev. John E. Santor

Wednesday, July 27 - Rev. Thomas N. Trocchio

Thursday, July 28 - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Friday, July 29 - Rev. Marc A. Stockton

Saturday, July 30 - Rev. Rocco A. Tito

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JULY 30 - 31, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

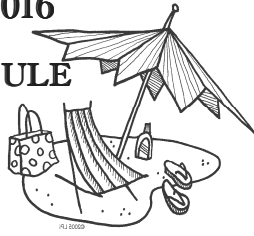
Saturday, July 30

5:15 pm Peggy Johnson

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Jody Randolph

10:00 am Greg Ulyan



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

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

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

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

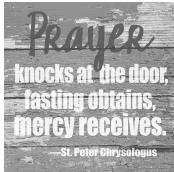
Saturday, July 30

5:15 pm VOLUNTEER/ Andrew Truman

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Danny Manion/ Tara Moonan

10:00 am Brent, Hugh & Rhys Kennedy



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

July 25 - 29, Team 4:

B. Spadafore/ M. Block/

A. Frombach/ G. Ulyan/ G. Santora

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/

Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/

Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/

Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-2



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, Rose Feldhaus Family, 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, Caro Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams, Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.