

# Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 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	331-8084
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.



September 11<sup>th</sup> will always hold a special place in the heart of America – the attack on the World Trade Center. As we watched it evolve before us, on our TV's that day, we were both shocked and afraid. It is an event that we must never forget. Who would have thought that humans, aboard planes, would be placed in such a position? As we remember and go forward, we must continue to celebrate those fallen heroes, their families and all who ministered to them that day and after.

This Sunday, (9/11) our parish is privileged to host at 6:30 pm **"AMERICA... WE MUST NOT FORGET"**, in our church. This patriotic musical honors the victims of 9/11 along with our area fire fighters, police officers, EMT's, and veterans. For the past several months, unfortunately, we have seen attacks in our country on our police officers, fire fighters, and EMT's. Daily, these men and women put their lives on the line for us. We, too, must never forget our veterans who have served our country so faithfully and allows us to enjoy the freedom that we do have. I hope to see you there.

Today, in the Gospel, we hear examples of what Pope Francis describes as a "field hospital" and the "physician" - Jesus. In the first example, Jesus tells of the shepherd who has lost one sheep and leaves the other 99 to search for the lost one. It does seem impractical doesn't it? But we are often "the lost sheep" and Jesus searches for us to provide His love and protection, through His mercy.

The second example is about a woman who has lost a coin. Remember, this is before Swiffer and wood floors. Her floor was dirt and all that she had was 10 coins. She knew that she needed to find the lost coin in order to survive. We have to ask ourselves - would we have bothered to search for that coin? Most likely our answer would be a resounding – **NO**. At times, we are like that lost coin in Jesus' eyes. He does not give up on us. He searches until he finds us.

The Prodigal Son and the forgiving father are the third example. The father does the unthinkable - he forgives the actions of his son. He is happy that his son is back home and safe. There is no memory of the hurt caused by his son – he celebrates his return. Sometimes we act like the older son and refuse to forgive. We want to keep punishing and punishing. Notice the action of the father; he tries to reason with his older son. The father loves the older son just as much as he loves the younger one.

Just think this collection of stories was brought about by the Pharisee's comment: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." What a wonderful loving God we have and the proof of that love is Jesus, His Son, who was sent to redeem us if we accept His grace.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

**ATTENTION WIDOWS**

Our September meeting will be held in the Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**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.*

September 11, 2016 Collection.....TBA

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 45,726

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 36,216

**Please do not staple or tape your envelopes.**

*Thank you*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Parish Council:** TBA

**Catholic Women:** Breakfast, Sept 11 at Togi's Blue Room after the 10 am mass

**Widows Group:** Tuesday, Sept 20 @ 1pm

**RCIA:** Sundays @ Noon, Sept 18 & 25

**REP 1-8:** Sundays @ 9am, Sept 18 & 25

**REP 9, 10 & Confirmation:** Sundays @ 5:45 pm at Fr. Ritchie Hall, Sept 11, 18 & 25



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016-17**

*St. Bernard, St. Francis and OMPH Religious Education programs will continue to combine students.*

**Grades 1-8 will meet at St. Bernard Social Center on Sunday mornings at 9 am beginning on Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration packets for Grades 1-8 will be available Sept 3/4 and Sept 10/11 after masses at St. Bernard.** Return registration to the parish office or at the first class. For questions concerning grades 1-8 contact St. Bernard Parish office with @ 362-6825.

**Grades 9-10-11 (Confirmation Class) will meet at St. Francis' Fr. Ritchie Hall from 5:45-7:15 pm on Sunday evenings BEGINNING ON SUNDAY SEPT 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Grades 9-11 will be at the time of class on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. For questions concerning grades 9, 10 & 11 contact the St. Francis/OMPH office @ 368-6959.**



Wedding Banns

**Alan Wesley Priest & Amanda Danielle Perkins**

**ST. BERNARD SCHOOL**




**WELCOME BACK!**

No School Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> — Labor Day  
Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> — Magazine Drive Kick-off

Check our website, [www.stbernardcatholic.org](http://www.stbernardcatholic.org) for more scholarship information.


10 am Mass Wed, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - grades 5 & 6



"The family, founded upon marriage freely contracted, one and indissoluble, must be regarded as the natural, primary cell of human society. The interests of the family, therefore, must be taken very specially into consideration in social and economic affairs, as well as in the spheres of faith and morals. For all of these have to do with strengthening the family and assisting it in the fulfilment of its mission."  
 - POPE JOHN XXIII, 1963

**NOVA**

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjustments, blending families, legal issues and others. Contact the Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register. Offered only four times per year, the next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th in Erie. Couples preparing for convalidation are encouraged to apply.



**Like to Sing?**  
 Come add your voice to the St. Bernard Sunday Choir. Rehearsals will be held at 7 pm on Wednesdays in the Church beginning Sep 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith is invited to attend the R.C.I.A. classes beginning Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the parish conference room. Please contact the office at 362-6825 for more information.

**Catholic Women's Club Annual Communion Breakfast**  
**September 11, 2016 after 10:00 Mass - Togi's Blue Room - \$10**  
 Call Mary Anne Stauffer – 368-4110 for reservations.  
*All parish women welcome - Join us to kick off another year of service and spiritual enrichment*

**WORD OF LIFE**

...As a result, the living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death."  
 - from homily at Mass for 'Evangelium Vitae Day' June 16, 2013

**Third Annual 1:38 Women's Conference**  
 Date: **October 1, 2016** at the Warner Theatre in Erie, PA  
 Price: \$40.00 (includes lunch)  
 Want to Register? Visit [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or call 814-455-7364  
 Registration forms are available in the parish office.  
 Mailed registrations are due by **SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**"AMERICA...WE MUST NOT FORGET"**  
**Patriot Sunday, September 11, 2016**  
**@ 6:30 pm at St. Bernard Church**  
 This patriotic musical features **All 4 ONE** (over 30 local Christian singers from 15 area churches), and will honor area fire fighters, police officers, EMT's, and veterans. Come with family and friends to enjoy inspiring music and show support for those who serve us in times of need and keep us safe.  
*Free-Will Offering will benefit a local charity.*

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION**

A message from Fr. Nicholas Rouch, Vicar for Education: "‘Supporting lifelong learning’ is a phrase we have associated with the Catholic Education Collection since its beginning nearly 26 years ago. As we embark on a new school year, I hope you will remember in your thoughts and prayers all the work that is done in our Church teaching the faith to others. This includes, of course, our children but also each of us on our own faith journey. We honor those who dedicate their time and talent as teachers and catechists. They help the Word of God come alive in the minds and hearts of children and adults. Next Sunday is our opportunity to support this work by contributing to the annual Catholic Education Collection. This collection funds many important educational efforts in our parishes and Diocese. In fact, half of the collection stays in each parish to support local educational ministries. The other half supports the diocesan Education and Formation Endowments which have assisted almost every parish and school of the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity in the past and for prayerfully considering a generous contribution next weekend."

**FOLLOW ME: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**  
**An 8 part Bible Study featuring Dr. Edward Sri**  
**Starting September 15, 2016 @ 6:30 pm**  
 Ritchie Hall at St. Francis of Assisi Campus  
 Register by September 4, 2016. Cost \$25. Make checks payable to St. Francis Church. For more information call 814-368-6959 or email [standomph@atlanticbb.net](mailto:standomph@atlanticbb.net)

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.

**REMINDER ST. BERNARD CEMETERY**  
 All flowers, pots and ornamentation, real or plastic, must be removed from all grave sites by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 ☆ **TAYLOR ROOFING** ☆  
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**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 - 18, 2016**

**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**



**Monday, September 12**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, September 14**

8:00 am Clara Marie Lambert (*St. Bernard Class of 1951*)

SBS 10 am Minnie Camas (*Family*)

**Thursday, September 15**

12:10 pm Joe Pettinato (*Rose Piganelli*)

**Friday, September 16**

8:00 am Kirby Powell Dunn (*Marcia Abbott*)

**Saturday, September 17**

8:00 am M/M Henry Guelfi (*Guelfi Family*)

5:15 pm Hannon & Sapko Families (*Mary Lou Sapko*)

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00 am Andy Sapko (*Marty & Kris Sapko*)

10:00 am Fred & Leona Ross & Family (*Christine Fire*)

Pitt 7 pm Hugh Ayers (*Gisella Magnella*)

**ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, September 12**

9:00 am Blanche Jay (*Pat & Loretta Iaderosa*)

**Wednesday, September 14**

9:00 am Rosario Fabian Family

**Saturday, September 17**

4:30 pm Eugene "Gene" Cornelius (*DJ & Barb White*)

**Sunday, September 18**

11:00 am Kevin Gatesman (*Mr. & Mrs. John Recny*)

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, September 13**

8:00 am Jean Mongillo (*Kathy Hannon Symington*)

**Thursday, September 15**

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

**Sunday, September 18**

9:00 am Gloria Falconi (*Family*)



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*



**Sunday, Sept 11 - Rev. Justin P. Pino**

**Monday, Sept 12 - Very Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek, V.F.**

**Tuesday, Sept 13 - Very Rev. Michael P. Ferrick, V.F.**

**Wednesday, Sept 14 - Rev. Msgr. David A. Rubino**

**Thursday, Sept 15 - Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Magraw**

**Friday, Sept 16 - Rev. Matias Quimno**

**Saturday, Sept 17 - Rev. John P. Malthaner, V.F.**

# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 2016

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 17**

5:15 pm Stephanie Frederick

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00 am Rhett Kennedy

10:00 am Tom Dalton



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, September 17**

5:15 pm Mary Mongillo/ Kitty Colligan/ Teri Everett

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00 am Randy & Kathy Durner/ Candy Tingley

10:00 am Chuck Beattie/ Teri Everett/ Lynne Hogue

**HOSPITAL/PAVILION:** J.E. O'Mara

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, September 17**

5:15 pm Andrew Truman/ Ryan Hughes

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00 am Brent/ Hugh & Rhys Kennedy

10:00 am Tim & Clare Mulcahy

**GRANDPARENTS  
DAY**



## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

**Sept 12 - Sept 16, Team 3:**  
M. & P. Curcio/ A. Camogiani/  
T. Orris/ P. Curcio

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 11, 2016

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1

Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,

28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



## 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, 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, Shannon  
McNamara, Joe Monago, Shirley Mongillo, Lou Monti, Cheri  
O'Mara, Courtney Prentiss, Tim Romanelli, Tim Ryan, Cindy  
Sayers, Caro Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spøhar,  
Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams,  
Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi