

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	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.



How often have we heard this Gospel and its famous line: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Do we unknowingly serve mammon? First, we must ask ourselves what we plan to do as a family for the weekend. What does the school district plan for the weekend that possibly keeps us from attending church? Is going to church and the religious education program an important part of the weekend?

Those who go to church on the weekend are well aware of the fact that our church is not as full as it used to be. Church and a relationship with God is no longer the priority that it once was. Those of us who are old enough remember if we faked an illness to get out of going to church on Sunday or to get out of going to a religious class on Sunday, and suddenly got well in the afternoon, were politely told by our parents we could not go out to play but had to stay in the house --- No church, No play was the rule.

Our country was founded on the principle: "One nation under God". But somehow the importance of that principle has been slipping. It is being attacked on so many fronts from Planned Parenthood, to violence in our schools and on our streets and even in our homes. We seem to have lost the sense of compromise, forgiveness, and the importance of working together to bring about good. Even our state and federal governments have difficulty working together. They have taken prayer out of our schools, yet the Federal Government has a chaplain and their sessions begin with prayer. We must again become focused on God.

We, as Catholics and Christians, must bring God out of the closet where people want to place him and put him in the forefront of what we are doing on a daily basis. It is amazing to see the reaction caused by placing the Ten Commandments in a public place. They are a code for all of mankind to follow. The first three pertain to our relationship with God and the other seven remind us on how to live in community.

Last Sunday, we celebrated Patriot Day in a special way with a concert in our church. I want to thank those who put it on, those who came, and those who decorated the church. As we remember those who died on 9/11, let us ever be thankful for the firefighters, the police, the paramedics, and other first responders who put their life on the line for us daily.

On September 22nd the parish planning committee and myself will travel to Saint Marys to hear the final decision for the Diocese restructuring plan and how it will affect the Catholic Community of Bradford. It promises to be an exciting time.

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.

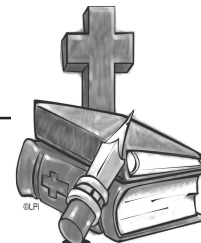
September 11, 2016 Collection.....\$ 5,501
September 18, 2016 Collection.....\$ 6,739

Avg Wkly Operating Exp (FY 15-16).....\$ 11,062
THIS WEEK'S DEFICIT.....\$ 4,323

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 45,746
2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 39,481

Please do not staple or tape your envelopes closed!

Thank you



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: TBA

Catholic Women: Oct 11, 2016 – 6 pm

Fr. Gallina Social Center Tureen Dinner/Meeting

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 at Fr. Ritchie Hall, Sept 18 & 25

Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

This weekend our second collection is in support of Catholic Education. Please be sure to give. Your generosity does make a difference. **Half of the money given by St. Bernard parishioners will remain in our parish to assist with our educational programs.** Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese.

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL

St. Bernard Elementary/Middle School is proud to announce the promotion of **Kelly Strotman M.Ed. to Advancement Director.** While still serving as the Middle School Science Teacher, Miss Strotman will also take on other roles such as the marketing, recruitment, and retention of students of the school. Tours may be given daily by appointment if you are interested in enrolling a student from Pre-K through 8 grade. Miss Strotman may be contacted by email, strotman@stbernardcatholic.org, or by calling the school at 814-368-5302, if you are considering a transition into your local Catholic School.

Check our website, www.stbernardcatholic.org for more scholarship information.

10 am Mass Wed, Sept 21st - grade 4

ESTATE BOOK SALE

October 3rd - 7th

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. Bernard School Gym Foyer

Donations accepted

Benefits St. Bernard School



ATTENTION WIDOWS

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

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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.erieRCD.org/protectyouth.htm>

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Marriage is not 50-50. Divorce is 50-50. Marriage has to be 100-100. It isn't dividing everything in half, but giving everything you've got." (Dave Willis)

WORD OF LIFE

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." -Mother Teresa

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 or call 814-455-7364

Registration forms are available in the parish office. Mailed registrations are due by **SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2016**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



"Not only would I say that the family is important for the evangelization of the new world. **The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity.** Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. **The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.**"

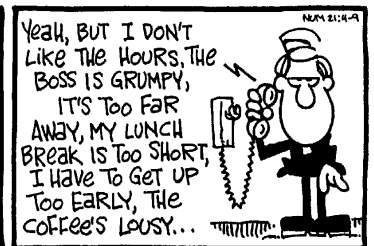
~Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

<http://www.erieRCD.org/fam.htm>

and discover why families always matter!

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!

St. Bernard School participates in the Box Tops for Education Campaign. The students have the potential to earn thousands of out-of-community dollars by collecting Box Tops. We have a collection box in the back of church for YOUR Box Tops, which can be found on hundreds of items such as Kleenex, Cheerios, Ziploc bags and many other items. Each Box Top that you turn in earns 10 cents for the school. Simply cut out the Box Tops and leave them in the collection box at church. You can also donate any loose change rolling around in your purse! The students at St. Bernard thank you. Please call the school at 368-5302 with any questions.



TOPS in Education Program

St. Bernard School is participating again this year in the TOPS in Education Program which allows the school to benefit from your shopping when you purchase

TOPS brand products and use your Bonus Card to pay.

NOTE: the program starts new every school year. So even if you participated last year, you need to register again this year. Go to the TopsMarkets.com/Education website and follow the directions. Select our school from the dropdown list when it comes up.

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. class-es beginning Sunday, September 18th at Noon in the parish conference room. Please contact the office at 362-6825 for more information.

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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19 - 25, 2016**

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



Monday, September 19

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, September 21

8:00 am Cercone & Lama Families (*Families*)

SBS 10am Fred & Eva Costanzo (*Family*)

Thursday, September 22

12:10 pm Marvin Geis (*Wednesday Bible Study*)

Friday, September 23

8:00 am Lucille & Jessie Batchelder (*Bob & Pat Foote*)

Saturday, September 24

8:00 am William "Bill" Bowler (*a*) (*Rita Daly Hogan*)

5:15 pm Richard Mongillo (*Family*)

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am Patsy "Baker" Piganelli (*Family*)

10:00 am St. Bernard School Deceased Alumni (*Alumni*)

Pitt 7 pm Charles & Pam Roney & Family (*Roney Family*)

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, September 19

9:00 am Alphonse Vogg (Dan Beeman)

Wednesday, September 21

9:00 am Mary Rusnak (Marie Rusnak)

Saturday, September 24

4:30 pm Joseph Butler (Joyce Schaming)

Sunday, September 25

11:00 am Robert Hopkins (Lisa Zurat)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 22

8:00 am Bernard and Esther Lignian

Sunday, September 25

9:00 am Angelina Vecellio (Family)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Sept 18 - Rev. Msgr. Henry L. Krebs

Monday, Sept 19 - Very Rev. Msgr. H. Desmond McGee

Tuesday, Sept 20 - Very Rev. Philip M. Oriole

Wednesday, Sept 21 - Rev. D.G. (Skip) Davis

Thursday, Sept 22 - Rev. Brandon Kleckner

Friday, Sept 23 - Rev. Brian E. Vossler

Saturday, Sept 24 - Rev. Alexander D. Amico



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

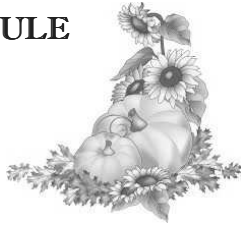
Saturday, September 24

5:15 pm Jean Truman

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am Jody Randolph

10:00 am REP Student



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 24

5:15 pm Kitty Colligan/ Cindy Higley/ Paul Curcio

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am Sue Bradley/ Marcia Riley/ Ruth Dixon

10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Doris Hungville/ Lynne Hogue

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 24

5:15 pm Cara & Laryssa Webster

Sunday, September 25

8:00 am Lauren & William Luther

10:00 am Christian Peterson/ VOLUNTEER



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Sept 19 - Sept 23, Team 4:

B. Spadafore/ M. Block/

A. Frombach/ G. Ulyan/

G. Santora

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 18, 2016

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27,
30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31



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 Spehar,
Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams,
Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi

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