

# Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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## OCTOBER 2, 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.



I want to share with you excerpts from a CNA/EWTN news item reported on September 5, 2016: "Young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age – sometimes before the age of 10 – and their reasons are deeper than being 'bored at Mass,' the author of a new report claims."

"Those that are leaving for no religion – and a pretty big component of them saying they are atheist or agnostic – it turns out that when you probe a bit more deeply and you allow them to talk in their own words, that they are bringing up things that are related to science and a need for evidence and a need for proof," said Dr. Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University."

"In exploring why young Catholics were choosing to leave the faith, he noted 'an emerging profile' of youth who say they find the faith 'incompatible with what they are leaning in high school or at the university level.' In a perceived battle between the Catholic Church and science, the Church is losing."

"And it is losing Catholics at a young age. 'The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision was made at 13,' Gray wrote. 'Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10.'"

"Of those who had left the faith, 'only 13 percent said they were ever likely to return to the Catholic Church,' Gray wrote. And 'absent any big changes in their life,' he said to CAN, they 'are probably not coming back.'"

"The most common reason given for leaving the Catholic faith, by one in five respondents, was they stopped believing in God or religion. This was evidence of a 'desire among some of them for proof, for evidence of what they're learning about their religion and about God,' Gray said."

"Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, who worked in youth ministry for four years, emphasized that faith and science must be presented to young people in harmony with each other."

"A challenge, he explained, is teaching how 'faith and science relate' through philosophy and theology. While science deal only with 'what is observable and measurable,' he said, 'the world needs something non-physical as its origin, and that's how to understand God along with science.'"

"It was the Christian faith that was the birthplace of science,' he continued. 'There's not a contradiction' between faith and science, 'but it's understanding each one in their own realms.'"

As church, as parents, as teachers, we have a hard task to make faith relevant in the life of our youth and even ourselves. Those of us who are older remember that

## 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 25, 2016 Collection.....\$ 5887

Catholic Education Collection.....\$ 1,462

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

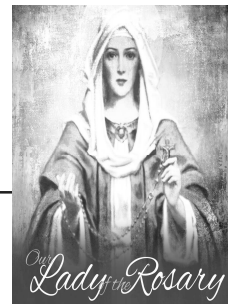
**THIS WEEK'S DEFICIT .....\$ 5,175**

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 47,102

2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 40,522

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your envelopes closed!**

**Thank you**



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Parish Council:** Wed Oct 12, 6:30 pm

**Catholic Women:** Oct 11, 6 pm - Tureen Dinner/Meeting @  
Leo J. Gallina Social Center

**Widows Group:** Tues Oct 16, Rosary in Chapel then lunch

**RCIA:** Sundays @ Noon, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

**REP 1-8:** Sundays @ 9am, Oct 2, 16, 23, & 30

**REP 9, 10 & Confirmation:** Sundays @ 5:45 at Fr. Ritchie  
Hall, Oct 2, 16, 23, & 30



## ST. BERNARD SCHOOL



**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** — Estate Book Sale 7:30 am-3:30 pm

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** — Book Fair

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** — COLUMBUS DAY, NO SCHOOL or CARE

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** — PICTURE DAY, wear school uniforms

**Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** — Halloween Dress down, 12:15 dismissal

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

**10 am Mass Wed, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - grade 2**

everything revolved around our activities with the church, whether it was youth groups, religious societies geared for boys and girls, adult education, or religious activities done on a daily basis in the home. Back then faith was not seen merely as a Sunday event, but was an important part of the fabric of daily life. Today, I am assuming that faith is not even talked about at home. Yes, we face a challenge, but we can turn it around if we but put our faith first in our life and in the lives of our children.

As we heard from today's Gospel, the apostles asked Jesus to, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." We have the seed of faith, let us truly now begin to live it out and give witness to our children.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*



“Dear friends, it is certainly necessary to give bread to the hungry – this is an act of justice. But **there is also a deeper hunger**, the hunger for a happiness that only God can satisfy, the hunger for dignity. **There is neither real promotion of the common good nor real human development when there is ignorance of the fundamental pillars that govern a nation, its non-material goods:** *life*, which is a gift of God, a value always to be protected and promoted; **the family, the foundation of coexistence and a remedy against social fragmentation;** *integral education*, which cannot be reduced to the mere transmission of information for the purposes of generating profit; *health*, which must seek the integral well-being of the person, including the spiritual dimension, essential for human balance and healthy coexistence; *security*, in the conviction that violence can be overcome only by changing human hearts.”

~Pope Francis - World Youth Day, 2013

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

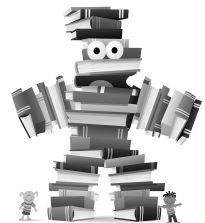
### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children? In God? Faith equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"



*Amber Abers &  
Gage O'Brien*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015**  
**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTER**  
 Division St., Mt. Jewett, PA  
**9 AM to 1 PM**  
 Adults \$6.00 &  
 Children 12 and under \$3.00



### ESTATE BOOK SALE

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 St. Bernard School Gym Foyer  
 Donations accepted  
 Benefits St. Bernard School

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Trading places with your partner can increase your ability to understand and connect with each other. The next time you have a disagreement, physically trade places with your partner to remind yourself that there is more than one way to see and understand an issue. (adapted from www.CoupleTalk.com)

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### WORD OF LIFE

“Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person... even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!” ~ Pope Francis - *Speech to Catholic healthcare professionals and gynecologists Sept. 20, 2013*

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, for First Friday. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays following the 8:00 am Mass and from 4:00-5:00 pm.

### FIRST FRIDAY

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after the 8:00 am mass in the chapel until Noon on First Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.



### OCTOBER NOVA

Openings remain for NOVA, scheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Erie at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park. Nova is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1265 or by email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) to register.

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**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF OCT 3 - OCT 9, 2016**

**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**



**Monday, October 3**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, October 5**

8:00 am Peter Hvizdzak, Sr. (*Family*)

SBS 10 am Sarah Dorn (*Chris Pehonsky & Family*)

**Thursday, October 6**

12:10 pm Toni Lombardi (*Sabatina Lombardi*)

4-5 pm *Confessions*

**Friday, October 7— First Friday**

8:00 am Dominic & Bella Iaderosa (*Maggie DeStevens*)

*ADORATION IN CHAPEL UNTIL NOON*

**Saturday, October 8**

8:00 am Maria Johnson (*Ed & Dee Sayers*)

5:15 pm Adrienne Magnella (*Mary Ann Satterwhite*)

**Sunday, October 9**

8:00 am Bill Wilson (*Julia Wilson & Family*)

10:00 am Ralph Mongillo (*Mary Lou Rich*)

Pitt 7 pm Josephine Nuzzo (*Kathy & Ron Symington*)

**ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, October 3**

9:00 am Josephine Piersimoni & Mary Lou Schaming

(*Joyce Schaming*)

**Tuesday, October 4**

5:15 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**Wednesday, October 5**

9:00 am Lawrence & Theresa Pace & Family

**Saturday, October 8**

4:30 pm Stephen F. Sherrick (*Loretta Champagne*)

**Sunday, October 9**

11:00 am Vivian Bottorf (*b*) (*Cindy Greek*)

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, October 4**

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

**Thursday, October 6**

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

**Sunday, October 9**

9:00 am Daniel Rodgers (*b*) (*Joseph & Delores Frey  
and Family*)

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*

**Sunday, Oct 2 - Rev. Gregory P. Passauer**

**Monday, Oct 3 - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Tuesday, Oct 4 - Rev. Thomas M. Aleksa**

**Wednesday, Oct 5 - Rev. James P. McCormick**

**Thursday, Oct 6 - Rev. Scott W. Jabo**

**Friday, Oct 7 - Rev. Daniel J. Kresinski**

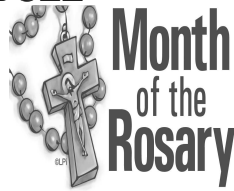
**Saturday, Oct 8- Rev. Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal**



# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES OCTOBER 8 - 9, 2016

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 8**  
5:15 pm Peggy Johnson  
**Sunday, October 9**  
8:00 am Tom Dalton  
10:00 am Andy Kearns



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, October 8**  
5:15 pm Cliff Ackley/ Paul Curcio/ Chuck Beattie  
**Sunday, October 9**  
8:00 am Chris Pehonsy/ Marcia Riley/ Ruth Dixon  
10:00 am Celia Romanelli/ Doris Hungiville/ Lynne Hogue  
**HOSPITAL/PAVILION:** Rosemary Burke



## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, October 8**  
5:15 pm Aliya & Emma Webster  
**Sunday, October 9**  
8:00 am Danny Manion/ Tara & Tori Moonan  
10:00 am Andy Truman/ Abby Coffman/ Erica Marshall



## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

**Oct 3 - Oct 7, Team 2:**  
D. Jadlowiec/ C. Bennett/  
P. Foote/ V. Comilla/  
D. & L. Williams/ K. Smeal

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 2, 2016

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2  
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/  
Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/  
Lk 17:11-19



### **Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:**

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel, Brittany Bernheisel, Shirley Black, John Bove, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Fr. Steve Collins, Betsy Costello, Paul Curcio, Helen DeFrank, Helen Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family, Ysbella Feldman, 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, Cindy Sayers, Caro Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi

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