

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026*

*Rev. John Jacquel
Pastor
Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate*

OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
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ST. BERNARD MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES
MONDAY & THURSDAY--9:00 AM & 12:10 PM
TUESDAY-9:00 AM WEDNESDAY-12:10 PM
FRIDAY-12:10PM SATURDAY-9:00 AM

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1990, 1970 CCD, GLPI)



From the Pastor

Read any good books lately? Here are a few I've seen. This book was gifted by a parishioner and when I told him I was surprised how engaging it was, he told me he was only halfway through it himself. Looking like a sentimental devotional book, and with no "names" among the reviewers, it turned out to be rather organized and methodical. *The Power of the Rosary* (2025) by Gabriel Castillo is worth some time, encouraging the reader to begin praying the rosary not only once each day, but all twenty mysteries for theological as well as documented grace reasons! In the interest of full disclosure, I prefer the five daily "hours" of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours instead. Although a veritable raft of saints are quoted, I think the book could be strengthened by references to some more notable contemporary theologians.

Beyond Every Wall (2018) by Dr. Velma Scantlebury is a memoir of the first Black female transplant surgeon. She grew up in Barbados, the Caribbean island nation, and worked her way through Columbia Medical School to the UPMC hospitals in Pittsburgh that were pioneering these surgeries. She had many walls to scale, go around, confront – but she had the tenacity and succeeded. One of our parishioners had her for life-saving surgery and wanted to share the book with me. It's not well-polished, but it certainly opens eyes to the many obstacles that could be in the way of reaching our goals.

An exceptionally beautiful book I would recommend is Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass* (2013). How have I missed this? A biology professor, descended from Native Americans, reads her audiobook (2016) that illuminates so many connections between nature, people, and events as to be totally engaging on many levels. We grasp the bigger picture and revel in the details that enthrall us all. Or should. She truly ties together the indigenous, the science, and the ways that plants provide everything for us – oxygen, nourishment, healing, and joy. Warning: she does mention how European immigrants (our ancestors) have had several negative impacts on these interrelationships, but I do think many of these comments are justified.

I also picked up Ronald Rolheiser: *Essential Spiritual Writings* (2021), edited by Alicia von Stamwitz. Mostly these are excerpts from his 40 years of weekly columns (written for diocesan and other newspapers), but there are some nuggets from a couple of his books as well. By covering a wide range of topics, Fr Rolheiser (my professor last fall) gets into a little hot water on occasion, but he has good reasons for saying everything he says. And in so doing, gets the reader to grow in understanding by leaps and bounds. It's an excellent sampler. And you can get his weekly columns at <https://ronrolheiser.com> My brother Dave joined a webinar presentation by Fr. Ron on prison ministry just a few days ago!

Fr John

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., November 12th @ 6:30
Widow's Group: **TBA**
K of C #403: Tues., November 10th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., November 4th @ 11am
Pastoral Council: **TBA**
Finance Council: Tues., November 3rd @ 4:30pm
SF 50+ Club: Wed., November 18th @ 11:00am
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm
Catholic Women's Club: Sat., October 24th @ 5:00 pm in Gallina Hall: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
 Upcoming: Sun., November 8th @ 11 am in Gallina Hall: Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon (Patriotic Rosary @ 9:30am before 10:00 am Mass)

Mass Book 2027

The 2027 Mass Book is open. We are now accepting completed Mass Request forms and completed Sanctuary Candle request forms at the Parish Office. Please make sure to attach payment to your forms(s). If you have any questions, please call the office.

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Please do NOT combine mass intention payments with sanctuary candle payments. Also, please do NOT combine 2nd collection contributions with regular offertory contributions.



Sanctuary Candle reservations opened with the Mass book (green form). Church & Chapel Sanctuary Candles are both available. No more than two Sanctuary Candle requests per family.

Cost is \$15.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,973
 October 18..... \$ 7,052
 World Mission Sunday..... \$ 2,536
 2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
 2026 CSA Collected \$ 65,626

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

Thank you for your contributions!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
 will be burning this week
 in memory of
 Jack Baker*



The Bradford Council #403
 of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.com
 Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.
Please Note: Next meeting on November 10. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



Reminder: Food donations for the **Salvation Army Food Drive** are due at the Parish Office by Friday, November 6th. The boxes will be distributed for Thanksgiving by them on Friday, November 20th.

YOU ARE CALLED | YOU ARE SENT

CONFIRMATION RETREAT



November 7 | Clarion University | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



SCAN HERE!

YOU + HUNDREDS OF TEENS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE
 HIGH-ENERGY SPEAKERS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
 POWERFUL PRAYER, ADORATION & MASS WITH THE BISHOP
 FOOD, FRIENDS, LAUGHS & MEMORIES
 DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE & GROW IN YOUR FAITH

www.eriecd.org/faithformation/

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month

Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility – it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately. Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.



Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?
Answer: Holy Days of Obligation

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

**STARVE A VAMPIRE,
GIVE BLOOD**

All donors in the month of October will receive a "Drink Responsibly" blood donor T-shirt!

BLOOD DRIVE

DRINK RESPONSIBLY
DONATE BLOOD

ST BERNARDS CHURCH
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
12:00PM-5:00PM

WALK-INS WELCOME



schedule

COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK

- DONORS MUST:**
- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
 - Weigh at least 110 pounds
 - No tattoo or piercings in past 3 months
 - Be in general good health and eat before donating
 - **PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

FILL OUT DAY OF DONATION



quick pass

THANK YOU VETERANS



St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club of Bradford invites all Veterans, their Families & Parishioners to attend a Patriotic Rosary at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30 am (prior to 10am Mass). Followed by a Veterans' Luncheon in Fr. Gallina Hall featuring soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

Please join us as we honor our Veterans!
All Parishioners & Guests are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, October 25 from 11am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall

Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, October 25 from 5:45pm-7:15pm in Gallina Hall--
Safe Training

***Don't Forget!!!

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, November 7



Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, November 1 from 11am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall (Safe Training)

Sponsored by Catholic Women's Club on Sunday, November 15th. Advent Wreath @ Noon in Gallina Hall for Grades 1-5



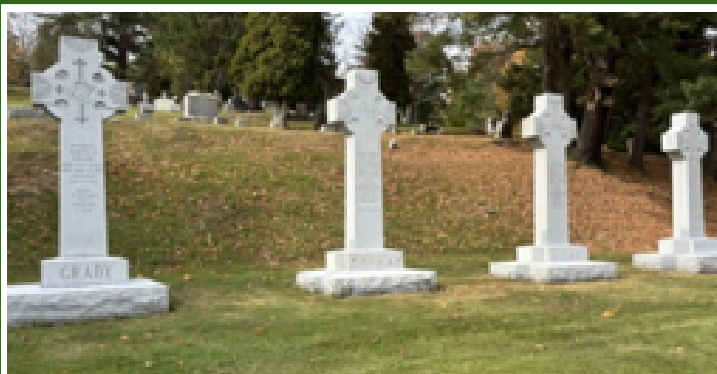
One in Christ, United in Mission

Last weekend Catholics throughout the world celebrated the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your prayers and generosity on World Mission Sunday. The mission does not end with one collection or one Sunday. Every baptized person is called to carry the Gospel forward through prayer, sacrifice, generosity and the witness of daily life. As the Diocese of Erie continues its 55-year Mission of Friendship with the Church in Yucatán, may we continue to live as one Church — one in Christ, united in mission.

Trunk or Treat



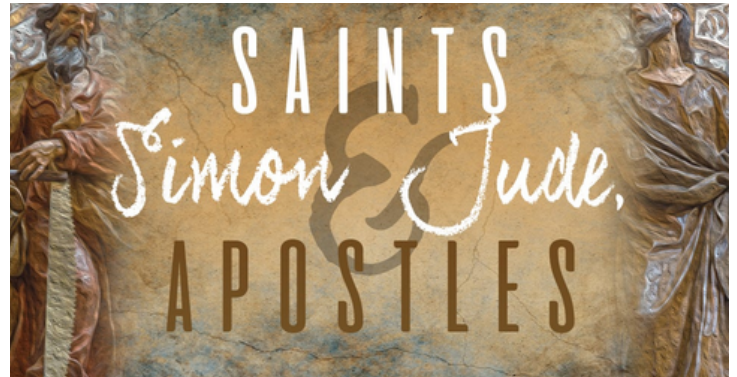
Knights of Columbus
Bradford Council #403
is sponsoring
TRUNK OR TREAT
October 31st @ Open
Arms Church Parking
Lot, at 6 pm.
Candy donations can be
dropped off
at the Parish Office.



A very special thank you to Kelly and Mark Platko for donating their time and resources to clean the markers of deceased priests at the cemetery. Before, the markers were very dirty and illegible. Now, they have returned to their original condition and stand out as they should.

Parenting Pointers

With Halloween approaching, sure let your kids dress up and have fun, but also let them in on the secret of how Halloween came to be. In our Christian heritage, it meant "All Hallows Eve" otherwise known as the eve of All Saints Day. Does your child know the saint he or she was named after? Tell the story of courage and witness of your child's saint. Encourage your children to live up to their names.



October 28th--St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon, two of the least known Apostles, are paradoxically among the closest to their Master, two of his cousins. At least, the tradition is quite certain of it as regards Jude Thaddeus, since it is clear from the Scriptures that his father, Alpheus, was the brother of St. Joseph, while his mother, Mary Cleophas, was a cousin of the Virgin. As for Simon, things are shrouded in fog.

You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Clarion University

There is still time to register for the diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico alongside hundreds of teens from across the Diocese of Erie. The day is designed to help students preparing for Confirmation grow in faith while having fun and building community. Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we're able to offer this retreat once again for free. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! Registration closes on September 30. Learn more at <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>.



All Hallows' Eve

In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favorite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins. While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallows' Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them.



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Live streaming Sunday 10 am
You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
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 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*
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CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm
 before 4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday
 from 4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.
 Private appointments may be made by calling the
Parish Office 814-362-6825.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: Cindy Greek

Students not attending Catholic school should be
 enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic
 Community Religious Education program is Grades
 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation).

Please call the parish office for more information. or
 email Cindy at StBernardREP@outlook.com



Bulletin information must
 be received **in writing by**
noon on Friday 2 weeks
prior to bulletin date.

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. 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith.
 This RCIA process begins in the fall of the year.
 Please call the Parish Office for further information.

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. Please call the St. Bernard
 Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class.
 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.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco
	(814)598-5565

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October 26th-November 1st
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, October 26th

SBC 9:00am Patricia Tehle (Linda & William Sayers)
SBC 12:10pm Virginia O'Brien (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, October 27th

SBC 9:00am Judy Freaney (John Freaney)

Wednesday, October 28th

SBC 12:10pm Nellie Vecellio (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Thursday, October 29th

SBC 9:00am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10pm Pat Pecora (Wesley Ann Miller)

Friday, October 30th

SBC 12:10pm Barbara Himes (Francis & Joyce Carloni)

Saturday, October 31st

SBC 9:00am Bill Douglass (Kevin & Jan Behan)
SB 4:00pm Charles Huber (Angela Cipriano)

Sunday, November 1st

SB 8:00am Mary Cavallero (Ann Cavallero)
SB 10:00am Mickey McClelland (Family)
SB 11:30am Bob McCann Jr (Kay Sirvet)

Weekly Confessions:

Saturdays after 9am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 before 4pm Mass.



4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Sponsored by
Catholic Women's Club**

**Saturday, October 24th
5-7pm**

Fr. Gallina Social Hall, St. Bernard

Dine in or Carry Out

Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs, Salad,
Bread, & Assorted Desserts

Adults- \$15
Children (under 12)- \$8
Under 5- FREE

50/50 Raffle

*Proceeds will be used toward the continuation
of the St. Bernard History Project.*



OCTOBER 31, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Tammy Black

EM: C. Pehonsky **CUP:** P. Johnson/D. Williams

Servers: Giana & Bella Davidson

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey

EM: S. Sperry **CUP:** C. Greek/C. Pehonsky

Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan

EM: VOLUNTEER CUP: G. Scarano/L. Hogue

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: K. McClain **CUP:** K. Ditz/Craig Cuthbertson

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering.

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Bonnie Birkis, Jonas Birkis, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Chris Hannon, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Ann Miller, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Patricia Verelli, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

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