

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph
December 29, 2024*

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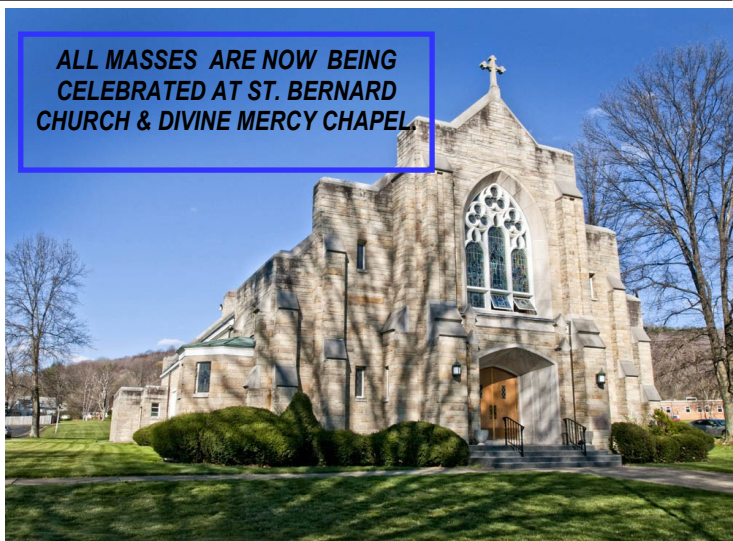
St. Bernard of Clairvaux


RENOVATIONS COMPLETE!
WELCOME BACK
TO ST. BERNARD CHURCH!



St. Francis of Assisi

ALL MASSES ARE NOW BEING
CELEBRATED AT ST. BERNARD
CHURCH & DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL.





**A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR**

So, this is what it is like to worship here again at St Bernard's! The crew of our Renovation Committee did some truly outstanding work over these past couple years – scrutinizing, debating, volunteering, and contributing many hours and days to getting this project done.

There was just too much to get it all done, but we managed to draw some boundaries and accomplish a lot. A couple projects are left for the future: brick pointing on the lower parts of the church exterior, replacement of some of the outside steps, improvement of accessibility, attention to the doors, and a few other smaller things.

I can't thank our leader, Tom Arrowsmith, enough for his efforts and attention to myriads of details, and guiding our meetings and discussions. Carol Vinca organized the memorials and Jack Rae oversaw the details with the pews. Others included Candy Tingley, Bob Geisler, Pat Buccolini, Dave Geitner (for several months), and Bev Hull, almost up to the day she died.

Brett Swiatek and Swiatek Studios oversaw the major renovation work, with MJ Mechanical installing a state-of-the-art HVAC system. Minich Electric and Pure Tech installed the three-phase power and did the wiring, while Shembeda's took care of the flooring. JB Pro Sound (Erie) addressed the sound system.

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With Christmas, the Church also began a glorious Jubilee Year. Every 25 years are set aside for us to celebrate our faith together and grow it. There are offerings of pilgrimages to the Cathedral and St Leo's (Ridgway) offered. A plenary indulgence for grouping together various spiritual activities. And there will be special Masses in prayers. I'll have more about that in the near future.

Fr John



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have **Confessions on Thursday, January 2nd** beginning at 4:30 pm at **St. Bernard**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. **First Friday morning, January 3rd** we will have Eucharistic Adoration after 8:00 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel until closing at noon with Benediction. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door.

New Year's Eve-Dec. 31st
9:00 am in Divine Mercy Chapel
5:30 pm at St. Bernard (Vigil)
New Year's Day-Jan. 1, 2025
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
9:00 am at St. Bernard
12:10 pm at St. Bernard

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
 The Parish Office will be closed on
 Tuesday, 12/31 & Wednesday, 1/1/25



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bradford Council 403 would like to thank the Bradford Catholic Community for their generous support of the Zonta clubs collection of items for the YWCA's domestic violence program. Over 100 items were collected, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks and underwear, pillows and blankets, and Walmart gift cards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA
 Widow's Group: TBA
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, January 14th @ 7 pm
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 29th @ 11:15 am
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:00 pm
 Finance Council: Wednesday, January 8th @ 4:30pm
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, January 8th @ 11:00 am (@ RH
 Liturgy Committee: TBA



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 January 14th

Council members are urged to attend,
 and new members are most welcome.



WELCOME

Marcus Damien McCammon
 December 22, 2024



January 2025

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 Rev Raymond Hahn	3 Rev Thomas Brown	4 The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico
5 Rev Scott Detisch	6 Rev Joseph Dougherty	7 Rev Jeffrey Lucas	8 Rev John Malthaner	9 Rev Robert Horgas	10 Rev Frank Dieristina	11 Rev Thomas Aleksa
12 Rev Richard Allen	13 Rev Nicholas Fratus	14 Rev William Fischer O.S.F.S.	15 Rev Robert Manning	16 Rev Dennis Martin	17 Rev Msgr Daniel Magraw	18 Rev Christopher Wheeler
18 Pray for Consecrated Life	20 	21 Rev William Laska	22 Rev Msgr Bruce Allison	23 Rev David Carter	24 Pray for Vocations	25 Rev Thomas Fialkowski
26 Rev Philip Oriole	27 Very Rev Michael Polinek	28 Rev Zab Amar	29. Very Rev Jozn Detisch, V.F.	31 Rev Alexander Amico	31 Rev Msgr Henry Krebs	



GOAL: \$89,918



Our CSA deadline is quickly approaching-January 31, 2025. Our goal this year is \$89,918 and we are about \$30,000 short as of December 9, 2024. Any deficit we have will come out of the general fund unless we receive generous donations. Any donations are greatly appreciated! Please use the blue envelope or mark your donation CSA.

Prayer for Family

Dear God, Help my family to be holy, too! Amen.
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IMPORTANT: For reporting and tax purposes **please do not** combine your January 2025 donation envelopes with your December envelopes. Thank you!



GRADES 1-5 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, January 5th at **11:00 am**. **GRADES 6-9** will meet on Sunday, January 12th @ **5:45** in Gallina Hall.



Mark Your Calendars! The Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford, along with the Rosary Altar, and the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the annual **Chili Cook-off**. It will take place on Saturday, January 25th in Gallina Hall following the 4 pm Mass at St. Bernard Church.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reveals a truth about parenting: **“but his parents did not know.”** One reason parenting is so challenging is that our children don't tell us everything. If even the Holy Family faced difficulties with their teenager, why should we expect it to be easier for us?



**WRIGHT MONUMENTAL WORKS
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium until further notice. It will most likely not be open until late spring. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Pastoral Council Election 2025 Notice to the Parish Community: four seats on the Pastoral Council are up for election in 2025. The available seats up for election are currently held by parishioners Dave Geitner, Bill Graham, Dawn Kozminski, and Tim VanHorn. Dawn and Tim have decided not to run for re-election. We thank them for their two years of service and dedication on the council. From now thru Sunday, January 12th, 2025, the parish community is asked to nominate an individual or individuals for the four seats. Candidates should be registered parishioners in good standing. The term to serve on the council will be for three years. Please fill out a nomination slip and place it either in the collection basket at Mass or you may turn it in personally to the Parish Office. Candidates will be announced on the weekend of January 25th/26th. The election will take place on the weekend of February 1st/2nd.



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle was burning the week of December 22nd in memory of Msgr. G. Carlton Ritchie

The Sanctuary Candle will be burning the week of December 29th in memory of Andrew Taylor

MARRIAGE MOMENT

As one year ends and another begins, it's natural to review and plan. Share your favorite marital moment of 2024. What's one hope you have to enhance your love in 2025?

Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning for your marriage in 2025? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for **January 17-19** at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our Web site at <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$10,072

December 15.....	\$ 8,732
December 22.....	TBA
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$ 4,217
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 1,556

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$89,918
 2024 CSA Collected \$62,045

**THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

PASTORAL STAFF:
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:
 You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

FACEBOOK: **St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa**

MAILING ADDRESS: **PO Box 2394
 Bradford, PA 16701**

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:
St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 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 362-6825.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)
REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn

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.

Nurse Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format! See you Sunday!

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.

RITE 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

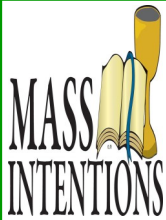
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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

Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women’s Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 30TH—JANUARY 5TH

All Masses now celebrated at St. Bernard Church except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.

Monday, December 30th

SBC 8:00 am Bill Lerch (Max McCann)
SBC 9:00 am Steve Robak (Dianne Hendrix)

Tuesday, December 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

SBC 9:00 am Ron Kloss (Kathy Symington)
SB 5:30 pm All Parishioners (VIGIL)

Wednesday, January 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY (Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God) HOLY DAY

SB 9:00 am Mary Karrasch (Giselle Magnella)
SB 12:10 pm John & Luisa Verolini (Estate)

Thursday, January 2nd

SBC 8:00 am Jack Carns (Catholic Women's Club)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, January 3rd FIRST FRIDAY

SBC 8:00 am Mary Ann Maduri (Dennis Thompson)

Saturday, January 4th

SBC 9:00 am Andrew Taylor (Family)
SB 4:00 pm Tony Reese (Martha & Jack Campbell)

Sunday, January 5th

SB 8:00 am Fred & Eva Costanzo (Robert Costanzo)
SB 10:00 am Joseph Auteri (Family)
SB 11:30 am Cynthia Whyte (Kevin & Jan Behan)

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.



JANUARY 4TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Jim Long

EM: Tammy Black CUP: Chris Pehonsky /Peggy Johnson

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

JANUARY 5TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Anne Frownfelter

EM: Suzie Sperry CUP: Chris Pehonsky/Dave White

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Joyce Geis

EM: Teri Everett CUP: Lynn Hogue/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson

CUP: Sue Lee/Carol Vinca

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Kristen Marie Hayes, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold & Paulette Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Mary Rae, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandra Remington, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Donna Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat. May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

