


**DIVINE**

**MERCY**

*Sunday*



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**Mercy** is the title of a 2013 book by German Cardinal Walter Kasper. I happened to be reading this book on my visit to Paris, France, and in particular the morning we visited the Basilica of Sacré Coeur (Sacred Heart). In the book, Cardinal Kasper mentions how many artistic renderings of Jesus' Sacred Heart do nothing for him and even confuse him, but the notion of the divine love that it represents is one of the most important features of Christianity. "People can have different opinions about the tastefulness of the representations of Jesus' heart during the last few centuries, ... however, such questions of taste should not divert our attention from the

much more important fact that ... we may experience in the heart of Jesus God's suffering because of the world and his never-ending love for us." (pp.114-115)

Later that day, we were able to enter this exquisite place of worship and you can't help but be deeply moved. As you enter are two stained glass windows on the left – depicting Charles de Foucauld and Margaret Mary Alacoque – these two French saints were among the many champions of the devotion. (Our own St Bernard Church showcases St Margaret Mary in the transept window on the left above the music area.)

Inside **Sacré Coeur**, there are magnificent tributes to Christ's saving love for us – including portraits of many saints (on the left, those who sang love –including Agnes, Francis, Catherine of Siena, Rose of Lima; on the right, those of France – Bernard, Vincent de Paul, Mary Magdelene, Francis de Sales, Denis, etc.) Outside are inspiring statues and the whole basilica sits on the highest point in the city – Montmartre ("the mount of the martyr" - Denis). It had been known in Roman times as Mars Hill – similar to Athens – a place of exchange of knowledge and ideas.

This monument is intentionally visible from many places in Paris – and is a fitting tribute to the divine love we celebrate today. The movie *Amélie* (2001) was filmed in this neighborhood and properly so, as this young woman, who suffers from a dysfunctional upbringing, experiences whimsical and humorous episodes as she comes of age in the midst of a crazy world. She is intent on doing hidden good deeds for the people she meets. Jesus does likewise, which is why I think the film is set here.

Today, especially, we ponder the divine mercy with which we are showered and come again to realize that our own resurrection is at hand – at the Hands of God!

*Fr John*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION  
CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE THE

### *Sacrament of Confirmation*

Adison Butters  
Isabella Davidson  
Max Gow  
Amelia Lama  
Caleb McAndrew  
Owen Strotman

Sunday, April 19, 2026  
2pm  
St. Callistus, Kane, PA



1:00 - Exposition  
2:00 - Confessions Available (until 2:45)  
2:30 - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:00 - Benediction and Conclusion

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar Society:** TBA  
**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, April 15th Mass @ 12:10. Meeting to follow in Gallina Hall. Bring your lunch.  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, May 20th @ 11:00 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Thursday, April 16th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** TBA  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm  
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



**Catholic Women's Club** is hosting a Women's Retreat, "Covenant Love" on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Join us in discovering the beauty of covenant relationships as reflected in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Featured Speaker will be Lin Gabriel, former St. Bernard Youth Minister & former Director of Faith Formation at Edinboro University. Lunch provided. \$10 donation.



**The Bradford Council #403 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on April 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

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**NOTICE:** Decorations are allowed at the Cemetery any time after Good Friday.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** – Question: In Luke's Gospel, how many lepers did Jesus heal, and how many returned to thank him?

Answer: Ten were healed. One returned.

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*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Mary & James Pedine Kathy Taylor*



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (11:00 am—12:15) April 26th (Last Class-Year End Party)  
**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm) April 12th & April 18th (Confirmation Practice @ 10 am in Church)  
 Confirmation @ St. Callistus Church, Kane Sunday, April 19th @ 2:00 pm



ENDS MAY 24TH- PENTECOST SUNDAY

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732**

March 29 (Regular).....	\$ 1,775
(Palm Sunday).....	\$ 6,293
April 5 (Regular).....	\$ 1,248
(Easter Sunday).....	\$ 8,063
Holy Land Collection.....	\$ 1,271
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 2,570

**2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059**  
**CSA 2026 Collected \$ 36,367**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Say Yes!**  
to the Eleventh Annual  
**1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie  
TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Registration and Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 AM  
Cost: \$25  
College and High School students & Religious - FREE!  
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,  
Mass, Basket Raffle & Book/Media Sales

SPEAKERS: Jeff Joaquin with his message of Mercy  
and Paula Umana with her message of Hope  
ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home





JEFF JOAQUIN                      PAULA UMANA

**MORE INFO**  
[www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or 814-455-7364  
**ALL FAITHS WELCOME!**





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**2026 BCCHS CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

The BCCHS Charitable Trust is now accepting applications for its 2026 Scholarship Program. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 based on financial need, academic commitment and service. Eligibility: Registered Members of the Catholic Community of Bradford; Graduating high school seniors or current college/trade school students; Enrolled for the Fall 2026 semester. **Deadline: June 1, 2026**

How to Apply: Complete the online application: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/umL5rEzEK6>



Questions? Contact the Scholarship Committee: 814-598-8151

**Final call: register today for the 11th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference!** The 11th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event is just \$25. You may attend as follows:

- Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie.
- Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com).
- Live-streamed to your home.

Hear two inspiring national speakers – Jeff Joaquin and Paula Umana. For more information and to register, visit [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or call (814) 455-7364.

**PARENTING POINTERS** April is child abuse prevention month. If you haven't already, alert your children that they should tell you when ANYONE touches them inappropriately. Sexual abuse by those in positions of authority is tragic, even more so when perpetrated by clergy who hold positions of trust. Victims deserve the Church's ongoing support, apology, and reparation. Clergy of integrity, however, are also suffering because of the sins of their colleagues. Write, call, or e-mail a minister, priest, or religious who has served you well.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** "Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" signifies that the Kingdom of God begins in your home, where children learn the paths to peace through the example set by their parents. Holding onto grudges only leads to greater misery over time.

**MARRIAGE MOMENT** The US income tax deadline approaches. As onerous as taxes feel to most of us they are one way to provide for the common good. Today, think of how you can contribute to the common good of your marriage. Doing a service for your spouse, letting go of an argument or insisting that you are right – these all count.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Month: Who is a Mandated Reporter?** A mandated reporter is required by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected or disclosed cases of child abuse to ChildLine or law enforcement. Mandated reporters in our diocese are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local law enforcement, or other appropriate agency. Visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SCHEDULE BELOW.** If you had a Mass scheduled for 8 am during the week, it has been moved to the 12:10 pm Mass. We apologize for any inconvenience, the change is due to the 8 am Mass being discontinued.



*Daily Mass Schedule  
as of April 6, 2026*

**Sunday:** 8am, 10am 11:30am

St. Bernard Church

**Monday:** 9am, 12:10pm

Divine Mercy Chapel

**Tuesday:** 9am

Divine Mercy Chapel

**Wednesday:** 12:10pm

Divine Mercy Chapel

**Thursday:** 9am, 12:10pm

Divine Mercy Chapel

**Friday:** 12:10pm

Divine Mercy Chapel

**Saturday:** 9am

Divine Mercy Chapel

4pm

St. Bernard Church



**ON SATURDAY APRIL 4TH @ EASTER VIGIL**

**We Welcomed to the Catholic Faith and to  
St. Bernard Parish**

**Andrew Brooks**

(Baptism & Confirmation)

**Jessica Bailey-Mostek, Joseph Gonzales &  
Michael Pessia**

(Reception into Catholic Church & Confirmation)

**Kyle Auteri & Jacob Maley**

(Confirmation)

**And all received Holy Eucharist for the first time!**

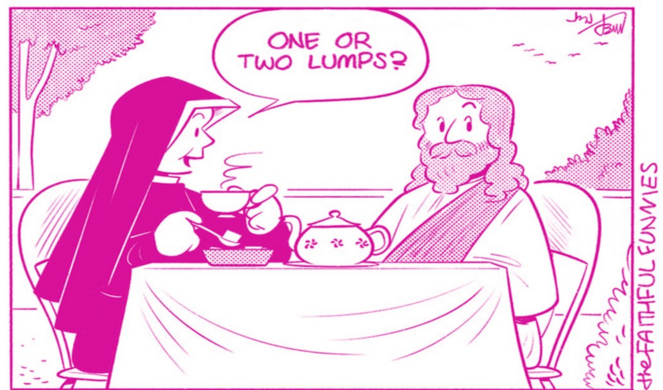
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** As feast days go, Divine Mercy Sunday is relatively new. Established in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday was first revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. During a series of apparitions, the Lord told Faustina, in part: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners....The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment....My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity." Pope John Paul II held a fondness for Divine Mercy Sunday throughout his life. When he officially established the feast day on the second Sunday of Easter, Pope John Paul II reiterated the power of God's mercy towards all of His children: "To all of humanity, who often appear lost and overwhelmed by the prevalence of evil, self-centeredness, and fear, the Risen Lord extends His loving gift — a love that forgives, brings reconciliation, and renews hope within the soul."

**Divine Mercy Blessing**

Dear Jesus, May your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing our wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy. Amen.

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**"Which saint would most likely join  
Jesus for afternoon tea?"**



**"St. Faus-TEA-na."**



St. Faustina was a Polish religious sister who experienced extraordinary visions of Jesus, revealing His deep love through the "Divine Mercy" devotion.

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*Weekly*  
**BULLETIN**  
**DEADLINE**

**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 **OCIA** 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.

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. John Jacquell, *Pastor*  
Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

**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*

*Email: [business@stbernardcatholic.org](mailto:business@stbernardcatholic.org)*

Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

*Email: [office@stbernardcatholic.org](mailto:office@stbernardcatholic.org)*

**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 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 Greek @ [StBernardREP@outlook.com](mailto:StBernardREP@outlook.com)

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Liturgical**

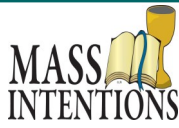
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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

**Parish Community**

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

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**APRIL 13TH-APRIL 19TH** Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend Masses in the Church (See *New Schedule*)

**Monday, April 13th**

SBC 9:00 am Patricia Boehmer (Ron Lerch)  
SBC 12:10 pm Louis Curcio (Nicholas Pingie Estate)

**Tuesday, April 14th**

SBC 9:00 am Dr. Pete Whelan (Tom Whelan)

**Wednesday, April 15th**

SBC 12.10 pm Jack Baker (Ron Lerch)

**Thursday, April 16th**

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners  
SBC 12:10 pm John & Luisa Verolini (Rita Verolini Estate)

**Friday, April 17th**

SBC 12:10 pm Louis & Loretta DeSantis (Family)

**Saturday, April 18th**

SBC 9:00 am The Travis Lang Family (Jean Hvizdzak)  
SB 4:00 pm W. Ed & Frances Arrowsmith (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)

**Sunday, April 19th**

SB 8:00 am Karen Dougherty (Mary Ann Satterwhite)  
SB 10:00 am Tina Whitford (Family)  
SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Angela Monti)

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

**REMINDER: All Mass Intentions originally scheduled for an 8:00 am daily Mass were moved to the 12:10 Mass the same day.**



**Readings for the week of April 12th**



**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 18TH, 2026**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jean Truman

**EM:** Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Tammy Black/Dick Williams

**Servers:** **VOLUNTEERS**

**APRIL 19TH, 2026**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Lynn Kuntz

**EM:** Joan Yohe **CUP:** Dave White/Deb Woodley

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Jim Colligan

**EM:** Teri Everett **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Gloria Scarano

**Servers:** Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Carol Vinca

**EM:** Karen McClain **CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



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

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, 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, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, 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, Virginia O'Brien, 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, Jan Stiles, 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.*