

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am
Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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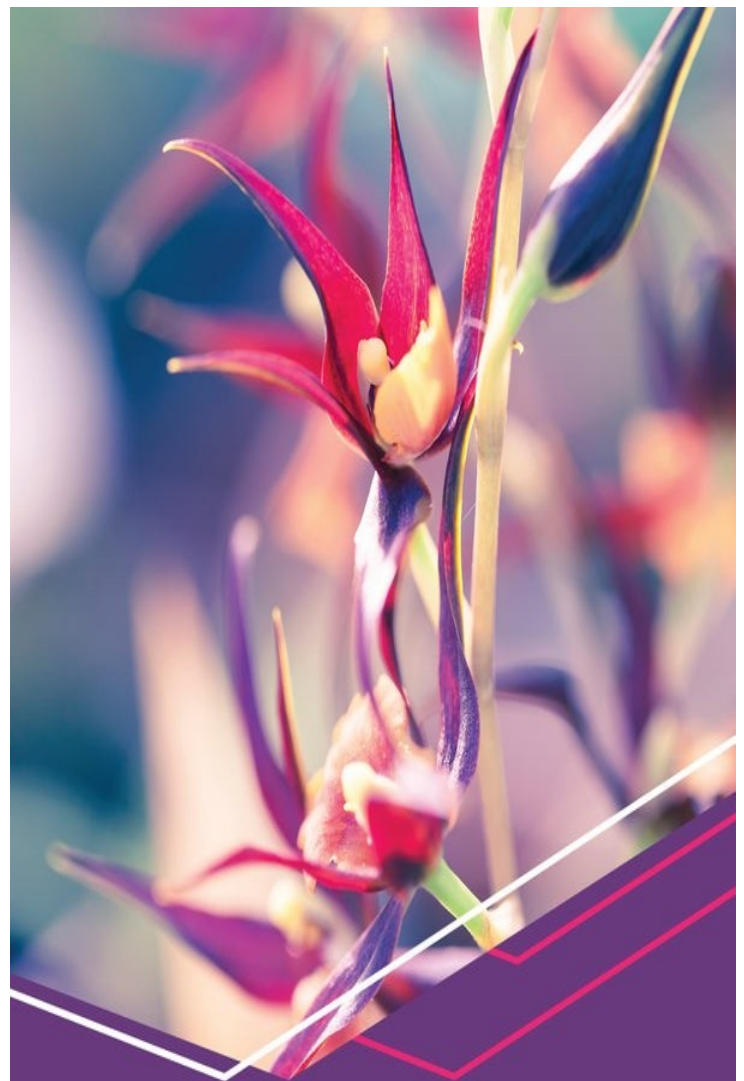
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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

- Lk 21:13-15

GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

—Father John Muir

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: According to tradition, upon which mountain did the Transfiguration of Jesus take place?

Answer: Mount Tabor

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MARRIAGE MOMENT "Married couples: the grace of the sacrament of matrimony and the spiritual power of your vows are available to you daily." (*Follow the Way of Love*) Remember, you're not in this marriage alone. Call upon these realities and God's power.



Christmas Flower Envelopes—

The envelopes are in your November envelope packets. If you include more than 5 names, please write the names on a piece of paper and put in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"—you do not need to use the envelopes provided. **The last day for names to be included on the lists for the bulletin is December 10, 2025.**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development— Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Local Needs Collection). In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.



FEED THE HUNGRY

ST. BERNARD FOOD DRIVE— Help us feed local families. Programs providing food for the needy families have been shut off. We have set up boxes in the Parish Office to collect non-perishable foods and hygiene items. You may also make monetary contributions. If by check, make it out to St. Bernard Church and indicate on the memo line "Food Drive". Cash donations should be in an envelope marked "Food Drive". Money, food, and hygiene items will be given to the Salvation Army and Destinations for distribution and to the Friendship Table for prepared meals. **Please have everything to the Office by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.**

Food Items: Canned vegetables & fruits, tuna, beans, soups, pasta, cereal, rice, peanut butter, oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, mac & cheese (microwave ready), baby food.

Hygiene Items: Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, baby wipes.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. **Orders are due by Monday, November 17th.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



**Bradford Area Ministerium
Community Thanksgiving Service**
Tuesday, November 25th - 7:00 p.m.
Hill Memorial Church
44 Kennedy Street

CANTORS AND SONG LEADERS—We are in need of Cantors and Song Leaders for the Sunday Liturgies. The Cantor leads the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. The Song Leader leads the singing of the hymns. If you could help at the 4 pm, 8 am or 11:30 am Masses please see Brother Michael. If you would like to help with music at the 10 am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi. Thank you.



October 25, 2025
WELCOME
Willow Mae
Cunningham



SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR NEEDY LOCALLY

All pastors in the Diocese received a letter from Bishop Persico recently giving us the option of taking up a special collection for those locally who are suffering from the ongoing Federal and State budget impasses. While we have already solicited both financial and food support, we think it would be wise to ask again for financial support from those who have not had the chance to give previously. As stated, all this money will be used locally, as future needs continue to arise. This collection will be taken up at all the Masses on Thanksgiving weekend.

**When You Give
To Our Community,
Amazing Things Happen**



"Look up, so that you can be impelled by the Holy Spirit. Our vocation and your mission come from the Lord, let us not forget." **Pope Leo XIV**



Searching for Director, Community Life Center (CLC) of Grace Lutheran Church—Part-time hourly position to start in late Fall 2025 or early Winter 2026. Must be a responsible and self-motivated Christian, with social, leadership, and organizational skills. Must have a passion to work with children and a desire to make a positive difference in their lives. Successful candidate will be working with children from 1st to 12th grades in a social Christ-centered setting, providing a safe environment while encouraging growth of social and developmental skills, and providing spiritual guidance. Hours of operation are 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Remainder of the hours are flexible. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: Search Committee for CLC Director, c/o Grace Lutheran Church, 79 Mechanic Street, Bradford, PA 16701. Or drop off at the church office, M, T, H, F, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, November 19th @ Noon in Chapel for Rosary. Meeting to follow in Social Hall. Bring your lunch.

K of C #403 : Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 7th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, December 16th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: TBA

SF 50+ Club: TBA

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: (With SF Rosary Altar) Christmas Party @ Bradford Club—Thursday, December 11th, 5:30 pm Social Gathering, 6:00 pm dinner. Reservations to Alicia Hill at 814-598-5076.



Catholic Women's Club will be making wreaths with the REP Class, Grades 1-5, on Sunday, November 23rd from 11-11:45 am in Gallina Hall. Following, the Christmas Choir will be having their first practice session. This Choir will perform on Christmas Eve, directed by Ryan Cannon and assisted by Nancy Vinelli and Lynn Kuntz.



**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 December 9th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES—Planning your wedding in **2026**? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, **"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."**



The parade this year is on Friday, December 6th at 6 pm. Following the parade there will be a Christmas tree lighting in the square.

St. Bernard will again have a float in the parade and we're looking for **donations of "small pre-packaged candy canes" (no large ones please)** which will be passed out during the parade. You may bring to the Parish Office. If you would like to help assemble the float the first session will be Monday, December 1st at 6 pm in St. Bernard rectory garage, and each successive night until the float is finished (anticipated for Wednesday).

Pew-Mentos (Ornaments made from the oak pews installed in St. Bernard Church in 1938). There are some additional ones available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. They will also be available at the Fabric Shop on Main.

NOVEMBER 21ST
**PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED
Virgin Mary**



The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls – according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: *"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it"* (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the "temple of the Son of God".

PARENTING POINTERS Recently a child opened the door for me at the bank. Nice but not remarkable. Then I noticed her brother racing ahead to press the "Walk" button at the traffic light. Huh? It occurred to me that maybe they were having a "good deed contest." Perhaps you'd like to propose this to your child. For one day, challenge your kids to a "good deed race." It could become a marathon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION—Four seats are up for election this year on the Pastoral Council. The term is for 3 years. The seats are currently held by Craig Cuthbertson, Kimberly Ditz, and Kim VanHorn. A fourth seat is currently vacant. Craig and Kim VanHorn have opted not to run again for re-election. Kimberly Ditz will run for re-election. Bill Leven, Mike Kozminski, and Cindy Greek are ex-officio members of the Council and are therefore not eligible to be nominated.

Nominations for Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of November 15/16th. Nomination slips will be available at the doors of the Church. The slips can be filled out and placed in the collection baskets at Mass or turned into the Parish Office. Nomination slips must be turned in by the end of day on Monday, the 17th. Nominees must be members of the Parish who are in good standing. The election for Pastoral Council will then take place on the weekend of December 13th/14th. The top four vote winners will either be installed or reinstalled during the February 2026 meeting. Please pray and discern for who you plan to nominate for this important role. And please pray for those who are already serving on the Pastoral Council. Thank you for your participation!

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TOGI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT & CATERING
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Parenting is challenging with so many conflicting voices and influences. In today's gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely give testimony and trust that He will provide the "wisdom" needed to be good parents. Remember, you are not alone in this journey; a loving Father is standing with you.

PLEASE USE CAUTION when exiting Masses. Crossing the street to the office/parking lot side means navigating East Corydon St, a main road. Traffic just passing through may not pay attention to parishioners leaving the church. As Mass lets out, especially after the 11:30 Mass, when REP may be letting out at the same time, this area can get very congested with pedestrians and cars! Your alertness can help avoid any mishaps. Thank you!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Stan Gleason*



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am-12:15)
Nov. 23rd(Advent Wreath Making) & Dec. 14th
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
Nov. 16th & Dec. 7th

REP EXPANSION We are excited to offer, beginning in 2026, a spiritual mentorship program for our post-confirmation students! If you would be interested in being a spiritual mentor to our young adults, age 15-18, please email us at StBernardREP@outlook.com. The Diocese is hosting online training sessions this January. The registration is due by December 19, 2025. If you are a young adult age 15-18 who would like to continue to enhance your faith walk and would like to have a spiritual mentor, please contact us at StBernardREP@outlook.com. To both potential mentors and mentees - note that the time commitment will be flexible and not too demanding, but the spiritual rewards promise to be great! For our young adults, your participation can help equip you to become a spiritual mentor in the near future to other young adults! Let us pray that the Lord will call many of our parishioners to take part in this exciting new journey of faith formation!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

November 9\$ 7,795

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 67,726

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**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*

Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org

Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

Email: 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.



**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.

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

Michael Hicks

Resurrection Choir Joan Raabe

God's Housekeepers Parish Office

Liturgy Fr. John B Jacquel

Parish Community

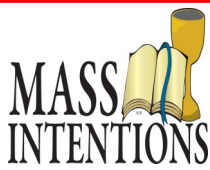
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH—23RD

All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy
Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) Weekend
Masses in the Church

Monday, November 17th

SBC 8:00 am Joan Kemick (Mike Kemick)
SBC 9:00 am Special Intention (Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, November 18th

SBC 9:00 am Arthur Frownfelter (Anne Frownfelter)

Wednesday, November 19th

SBC 8:00 am Josephine McNamara & Family (Estate)

Thursday, November 20th

SBC 8:00 am Anthony Magnetti (Toni Magnetti & Family)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, November 21st

SBC 12:10 pm Louis DeSantis (Family)

Saturday, November 22nd

SBC 9:00 am Shirley Lerch (Hamer Family)
SB 4:00 pm Eugene Vinca (David Vinca)

Sunday, November 23rd

SB 8:00 am Gregory Himes (Family)
SB 10:00 am James Bushey (Karen & Hal Wiley)
SB 11:30 am John Driscoll (Cousin)

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



Readings for the week of November 16th



Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



NOVEMBER 22ND, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**



NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

EM: Joan Yohe **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Teri Everett/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Carol Vinca **CUP:** Karen McClain/Charlotte Cuthbertson

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, 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, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, 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.