

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 11, 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
95 E. Corydon Street, PO Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



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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Youtube.com
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1986, 1970 CCC, OLP)



From the Pastor

Where are we with regard to St Francis Church? Well, on September 16th, the Presbyteral (Priest) Council resolved, after serious discussion, to recommend that Bishop Persico proceed with changing the status of this sacred space to “secular but not sordid use.”

The gist of the argument was that significant capital repairs and maintenance, which we have not been able to afford in the past, would be necessary (asbestos removal, parking lot, security upgrades, heating system replacement, etc.). We didn’t know that we had such extensive repairs needed for the water for the bathrooms. Also, the decline in population and proximity to St Bernard Church argues for this, as well as dramatic decline in clergy numbers. Besides, there are realistic hopes that the property and buildings could be repurposed to serve the needs of the Bradford community at large.

The bishop will draw up a decree to that effect with the canon lawyers who assist him. Then, there will be a 30-day period for possible appeal. At that point, we would need to proceed with removing the sacred images and appointments (altar, ambo, crucifix, windows, vessels, etc.) and relocating these to other appropriate spaces. Prior to that, the diocesan archivist, Fr Justin Pino (St Leo, Ridgway) would document all these to preserve the history. He’s coming October 22nd.

All these steps are necessary before we could market the property. The assets realized will benefit the parish and the cemetery (St Francis and Our Mother of Perpetual Help have always supported, sometimes financially, the St Bernard Cemetery). The parish could always use more funds in investments to help us fund our growing ministry needs.

Fr John



Marriage Moment

The Golden Rule, “Treat others as you would like people to treat you.” (Luke 6:31) is good; but also consider the Marriage Rule, “Do unto your beloved whatever *your spouse* would have you do.” Be alert to what your spouse would really appreciate today.

A Family Perspective

Today’s gospel speaks about “unworthy wedding guests.” What makes a “worthy” guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can offer is our support to the couple as they journey through life together, navigating the inevitable fields of disappointment. Reflect on the weddings you have attended. Have you been a “worthy guest?”

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: Wed., October 21st, Mass in the Chapel @ 12:10 followed by lunch out after-wards. All widows are welcome!

K of C #403: Tues., October 13th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wed., November 4th @ 11am

Pastoral Council: Thurs., October 22nd @ 6:00pm

Finance Council: Thurs., November 19th @ 4:30

SF 50+ Club: Wed., October 14th @ 11:00am

Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tues., October 20th @

5:45pm Board Meeting, Regular Meeting @6:30

"Rim to Him" presentation by Lynne Kuntz



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
will be burning this week
in memory of
Tom & Sophie Burke*



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
October 13.** Council members are
urged to attend, and new members
are most welcome.

Mass Book 2027

COMPLETED Mass Request forms and/or
COMPLETED Sanctuary Candle Request forms
can be dropped at the Office starting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Payment must be attached.

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 will
open 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 4..... \$ 8,000

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
2026 CSA Collected \$ 64,929

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

Thank you for your contributions!

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



CONFIRMATION RETREAT



www.eriecd.org/faithformation/

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



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

SCAN HERE!

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

HOLLENBECK-CAHILL FUNERAL HOMES

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.eriercd.org/childprotection/.



Question: What is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?

Answer: An alb

Ronald B. Buchheit Memorial

FAMILY CHESS ★ TOURNAMENT ★

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 403 & the Bradford Chess Club

at St. Bernard Social Hall Gymnasium, Bradford, PA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Pre-register by emailing Dr. Robert Ferguson at dr_ferguson@hotmail.com
or by Google form: <https://forms.gle/CwmArTk1eqoprGvp7>

CHECK-IN: 9:30 AM

FREE unrated chess tournament and lunch!

TROPHIES FOR 1ST - 3RD PLACE IN EACH CATEGORY:
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Round 1 - 10 AM		Playoffs as needed after final round
Round 2 - 11 AM		
Lunch - Noon		
Round 3 - 1 PM		
Round 4 - 2 PM	Awards presented at 3 PM or following final round & any playoffs	

Scan to Register

Please use the Gymnasium entrance on Festival Way

Participants should bring sets and clocks if they have them; a limited number will be provided.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 403

Join Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie for the **Helping Hands Gala on Thursday, October 15**, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Yehl Ballroom at Gannon University. This special fundraiser supports programs and services that bring hope, healing, advocacy, and compassionate care to individuals and families throughout our communities. This year's honorees are Helping Hands of Justice: Father John Jacquel and Helping Hands of Service: Joe and Rhonda Schember. Tickets are \$100 or \$750 for a table of 8. For more information, visit our website: <https://ccincerie.org/hhgala26>.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION

OCTOBER 18, 2026

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORK

We also celebrate the beatification of Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and the 55th anniversary of the Mission of Friendship, a diocesan partnership with our friends in Christ in Yucatán Mexico.



GIVE AT YOUR PARISH OR ONLINE
ErieRCD.org/WorldMissionSunday.html



One in Christ, United in Mission

Next Sunday Catholics throughout the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, **One in Christ, United in Mission**, reminds us that through baptism, every Catholic shares in the Church's missionary call. Our prayers and gifts help sustain 1,130 mission dioceses and territories around the world, supporting seminarians, religious sisters, catechists, children, health care and the building up of the Church in places where it is young, poor or persecuted.

NEW SHOW — NEW SONGS — NEW STORIES

FACING UNBEATABLE ODDS? AN ADDICTION? A MOUNTAIN IN YOUR LIFE?

THE STORY TOUR

A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE HURTING AND STRUGGLING



ENCOURAGING MUSIC OF
ALLAN SCOTT BAND



GOD STORIES
FROM ACROSS THE U.S.A.



SPEAKER & EX-DRUG ADDICT
ALLAN SCOTT



MUSIC OF
JOE LANGE



TESTIMONY OF EX-DRUG ADDICT
AARON CROSSON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026
BRADFORD PA - BRADFORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Sponsored by:



GET TICKETS AT: THESTORYTOUR.ORG
HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL (570) 506-8100

Parenting Pointers

There is a lot of noise in our world. Although God may not come into you or your child's life like the bolt of lightning that struck St. Paul, we often need some quiet to hear the voice of God. TV, cell phones, computer games, and headphones, can crowd out that quiet that lets God be heard. Create some quiet times for your child.

Cemetery News

All grave decorations must be removed from graves by **October 12**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after **November 1**.

Grades 6-12!

WORD MADE FLESH

Altar Server Retreat

Come encounter Jesus Christ.
"FREE TO ATTEND"

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Tobias Church, Brockway

ATTEND

Be a part of this day!
Students **grades 6-12** are **FREE** to attend.



SCAN HERE

FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

SUPPORT

Your gift to the Altar Server Retreat helps keep retreats and faith formation opportunities free for young people across the Diocese of Erie. **Scan the QR code to learn more and make your gift online, or contact**



Toni Hess at: 814-824-1259 for more information.

ErieRCD.org

Meet religious brothers & sisters † Adoration with Bishop Persico † Relics for viewing

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

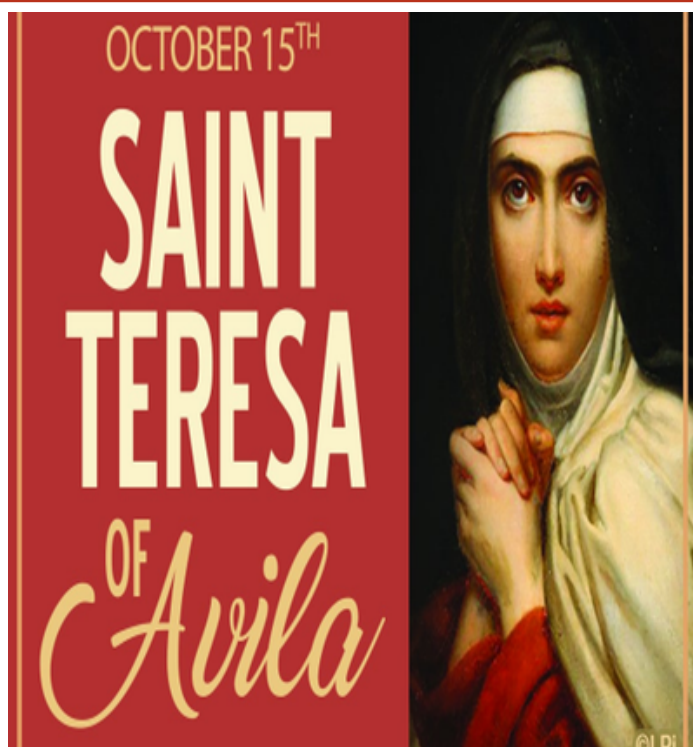
There is still time to register for the diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico alongside 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.eriercd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>.



COLUMBUS DAY
Office will be
Closed



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Wednesday, October 21st. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



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. or email Cindy @ 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 12th-18th
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, October 12th COLUMBUS DAY

SBC 9:00am Andrew & Matilda Padasak &
Darlene MacDonald (Groger Family)

Tuesday, October 13th

SBC 9:00am Bill Wilson (Julie Wilson & Family)

Wednesday, October 14th

SBC 12:10pm Gerald Branconnier (Susan)

Thursday, October 15th

SBC 9:00am Roxanne Boser (Robert Boser)

SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, October 16th

SBC 12:10pm Sandy Manning (Bill Manning)

Saturday, October 17th

SBC 9:00am Tom & Sophie Burke (Rosemary Burke)

SB 4:00pm Esther Auteri (McCelland Family)

Sunday, October 18th

SB 8:00am Gina Shay (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

SB 10:00am Ann Mongillo (Bill & Linda Sayers)

SB 11:30am Patrick Geary (Bunny Lent)

Weekly Confessions:

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



OCTOBER 17, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jean Truman

EM: P. Johnson **CUP:** K. Ditz/D. Williams

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Lynne Kuntz

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

Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

EM: G. Scarano **CUP:** B. Mongillo/T. Everett

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** T. Black/S. Lee

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, 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, 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.



**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.*