

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 18, 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.

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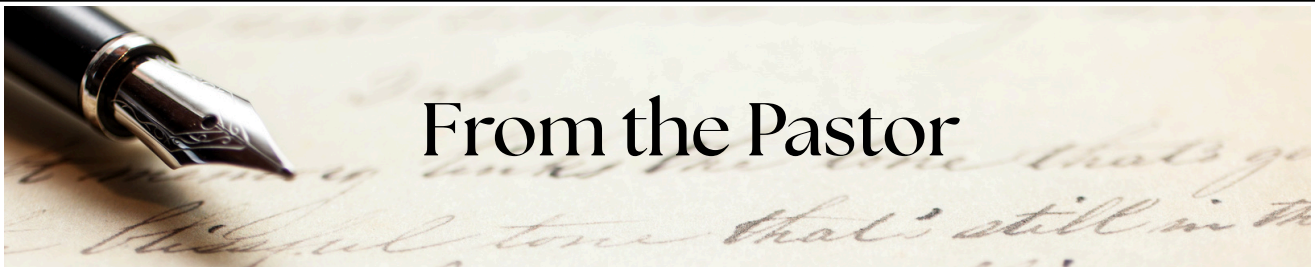


ST. BERNARD MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30AM

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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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10am
Youtube.com
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA





I was quite surprised to receive the news that I would receive the Helping Hands of Justice Award from Catholic Charities this year, and I feel deeply honored. I don't mean to question the Board of Directors, but I feel like they've got the wrong person. To paraphrase Matthew 25:37-39, "When did I show evidence that I stood for social justice?" I see myself ascribing to the principles – and I even teach them – but feel that I fall short on action.

Perhaps something I did or said activated a couple of people (though I was unaware) – but then I learn from these how to go further myself. Some names – Mary Ellen Lieb and Mary Hoffman (from St John's, Erie), Jenny Hagerty (from Mercy Center for Women), Tom Bamat (Maryknoll and now Catholic Relief Services), Fr Jim Gutting, Michael Gaines (Child Advocacy Center, Erie), and so many of the Erie Benedictine Sisters – these seem so much more worthy.

Yes, I strongly support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection, the Bright Alternatives women services, and I have helped high school students with Offerings of Letters (Bread for the World). We had a success story when our local Congressional representative at the time (Hon. Bill Clinger) became co-sponsor of the legislation we were urging.

I'm very gratified if I'm having a positive influence. Yet it is also hard to manage feelings of anger in a time of overt injustice. I vacillate between apathy (throwing my hands up) and irritation – but that's precisely what it takes to make a pearl, I suppose.

Honestly, there are so many who do so much more. So, if I can shine a little light on others who inspire me, let that suffice.

Fr John



Marriage Moment "Marriage is not a ritual or an end. It is a long, intricate, intimate dance together and nothing matters more than your own sense of balance and your choice of partner." (Amy Bloom) You've chosen each other as life partners, dance tonight.

A Family Perspective Jesus was exasperated when he scolded, "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test their parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules, and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel: firm, honest, and direct.

Readings of the Week

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
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., November 12th @ 6:30
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., November 11th @ 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., November 18th @ 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

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 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 11..... \$ 7,567

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
 George Rhodes*



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



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

ITALIAN AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE CLUB

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: True or False: Priests must say preparatory prayers called "access prayers" before beginning to celebrate Mass?

Answer: False: These prayers are discretionary.

**STARVE A VAMPIRE
GIVE BLOOD**

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

BLOOD DRIVE

ST BERNARDS CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

12:00PM-5:00PM

WALK-INS WELCOME



COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK

DONORS MUST:

- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
- Weigh at least 130 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



THANK YOU VETERANS



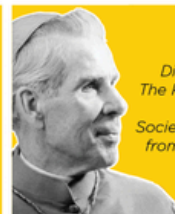
St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club of Bradford invites all Veterans, their Families & Parishioners to attend a Patriotic Rosary at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30 am (prior to 10am Mass). Followed by a Veterans' Luncheon in Fr. Gallina Hall featuring soups, sandwiches, desserts and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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION

OCTOBER 18, 2026

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



National
Director of
The Pontifical
Mission
Societies USA
from 1950 to
1966



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

This weekend 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

Have you ever heard of a “technology fast?” It’s another way of creating a little quieter life and that of your child. It might mean one day of no internet (or at least Facebook perusing) or one day of no TV, or no cell phone use unless it’s a true emergency. Or it may just mean not double tasking by using media while you’re in the presence of another human being. If a day is too long, try an evening. Do it yourself, then challenge your child to join you.



Cemetery News

All grave decorations should have been removed from graves by **October 12**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after **November 1**.

Respect Life - Abortion Healing

“While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don’t know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves.” Learn how you can become an instrument of God’s mercy at uscgb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion,” uscgb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,
You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared. Amen.

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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.

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>.

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is the day that the worldwide
Catholic Church renews its
commitment to the
missionary movement.



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

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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 19th-25th
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, October 19th

SBC 9:00am Julia Hayes (The Hervatin Family)
SBC 12:10pm Diane Williams Felmlee (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, October 20th

SBC 9:00am Jean Everett (Tony & Pat Pascarella)

Wednesday, October 21st

SBC 12:10pm Harold Young (Family)

Thursday, October 22nd

SBC 9:00am In Honor of Frank & Judy Trepanoski
(Patricia Demjan)

SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, October 23rd

SBC 12:10pm Dale Campbell (Kathy Symington)

Saturday, October 24th

SBC 9:00am Dr. Paul J. Whelan (Family)
SB 4:00pm Mary & Andy Sapko (Mary Lou Sapko)

Sunday, October 25th

SB 8:00am George Pascarella (The Piganelli's)
SB 10:00am Guy & Sheila Hillard (Sue & Family)
SB 11:30am Sylvio & Angelina Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)

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 24, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: T. Black **CUP:** C. Pehonsky/D. Williams

Servers: **VOLUNTEER**

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: **VOLUNTEER**

EM: D. Woodley **CUP:** J. Yohe/D. White

Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: L. Hogue **CUP:** G. Scarano/B. Mongillo

Servers: **VOLUNTEER**

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: K. Ditz **CUP:** C. Vinca/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, Jonas Birkis, Bonnie 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, 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.