

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 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 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



St. Bernard Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses

Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

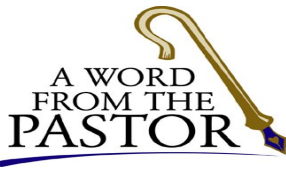
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St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20



As Fr. Bill Donnelly mentioned last weekend, Unbound is a Catholic sponsorship organization that is unlike others. First, you get information on the person you sponsor. Second, you are encouraged to correspond (mail or e-mail) with your new friend. Third, you are encouraged to visit your sponsored friend by joining an enlightening “mission trip” through Unbound.

In over thirty years, I have sponsored several young people, a few of which have “graduated” from the program. Loida (my first sponsored child in Philippines) continued in the program long enough for me to visit her in November 2001. During the trip, we visited many Unbound projects, watched countless children dance and elderly speak and learned about the culture there. We also took a couple of side trips (the Manila dump, the black sand beach, and the shopping mall were three that stood out). We also had a chance to share a meal and some time with the sponsored person along with meeting part of their family. You certainly came away with a greater understanding.

A second mission trip took me to visit Preethi in January 2012, who happened to be not in her home town of Vellore, but rather finishing her studies for nursing in Chennai (third largest city in India). We walked around the zoo there and enjoyed a lunch with others. I met her parents, also. I remember biting into a very hot pepper during that lunch and my tongue was numb for two days.

On both trips, Bob Hentzen (founder) accompanied us – his son-in-law in Philippines, his Guatemalan wife in India. What a blessing. He died just a couple years later. Each mission trip was an occasion for the leaders to visit their various outposts throughout the world and renew and strengthen the relationship bonds. It impressed me greatly.

A few years later, I was able to tour the Unbound center in Kansas City (a converted old warehouse) and am amazed by the number of volunteers and the amazing organization on display. For more, visit www.unbound.org Fr John



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ST. BERNARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SOIREE!

Saturday, August 22nd. Join us in the gym with Happy Hour 5-6pm followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the Bradford Club. Music and dancing 6-8pm.

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$20 each. Cash or Check only! Flyers listing the week long celebration events are available at the Church doors or at the office.



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have **Confessions** on **Thursday, August 6th** 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, August 7th** we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 in the Divine Mercy Chapel. 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. 12:10 Mass will follow in the Chapel.

SECURITY UPGRADES AT 95 E. CORYDON—You will now encounter new procedures for entering the building. The upgrades will be ongoing but currently, if entering through the front door, you will note instructions to follow. We ask for your patience as we, and you, get familiar with the new procedures. You will continue to enter through the Chapel entrance in the usual manner. Other doors will be added to the system as the work progresses. These upgrades are for the safety of office staff, meeting attendees, visitors, and those renting our facilities for events.



FESTA ITALIANA 2026 (August 6th, 7th, 8th)

It's that time of year again and just a heads up, that in preparation for the Festival tent being erected, our parking lot will be unavailable from August 3rd through August 9th. **Please use the front entrance to enter the Chapel during that time.** There will be the regular 4 pm Mass on Saturday as well as the three Masses on Sunday. **Buon Appetito!**

Please note: The Parish Office is closed on Friday, 8/7.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Summer break until September
K of C #403 : Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break until September
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Board Meeting Tuesday, August 4th @ 5:45pm followed by General Meeting @6:30 pm. All are welcome!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
 will be burning this week in
 Memory of
 Robert & Mary
 Cuthbertson*



**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 August 11th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

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COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

July 26..... \$ 7,844

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 58,993

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with weekly payments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**ST. BERNARD
 OF CLAIRVAUX**

**Security
 Committee**

**Parish
 Response Team**
Volunteers needed!

Seeking individuals with
 EMT, paramedic, law
 enforcement or military
 background to help
 ensure the safety of the
 Church.

*Must be willing to
 meet and train on
 emergency response
 procedures.*

For information on signing up,
 contact the Security
 Committee Chair: Trevor Jines
trevor.w.jines@gmail.com

PARENTING POINTERS—(Hiroshima) Aug. 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Have we learned anything since then? "Not everyone is going to be a friend, but no one needs to be an enemy." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) How do you and your children deal with people you don't like? Avoid them? Pray for them? Try to understand them? Gossip about them? Confront them? Fight with them? Other?

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—if you are currently taking Communion to the homebound, or to any of the long term care homes, please call the office so we can update our records. Thank you!

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Have you attended a marriage enrichment program in the past year? What's stopping you? Perhaps make it an anniversary custom every year. See www.ForYourMarriage.org for possibilities

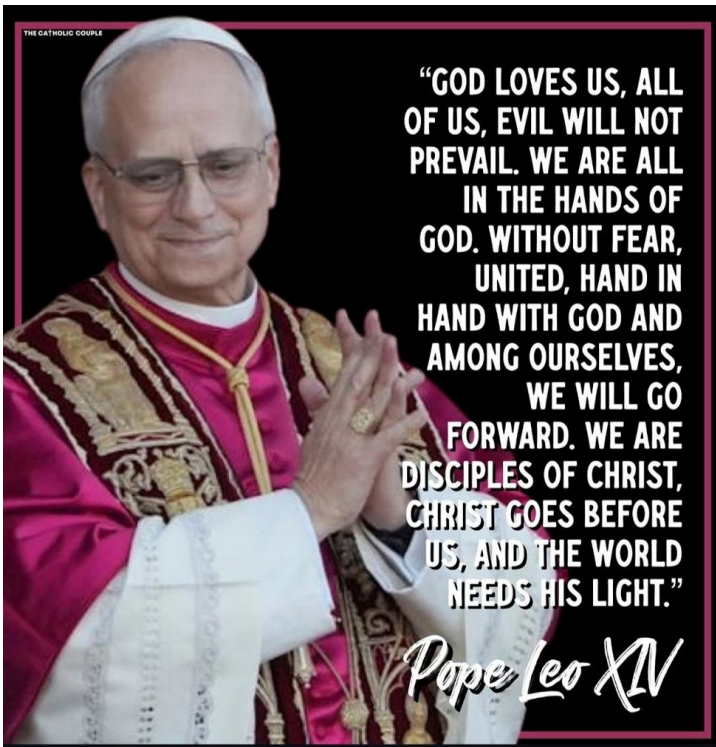
Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.

Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?

Answer: St. Nicholas

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The apostles were likely being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds" so they could buy food. However, Jesus knew that when we place our trust in the Father, there is always enough, even with just five loaves and two fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION—Through the generosity of donors to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish is a designated beneficiary of the *Reverend Leo J. Gallina Endowment* for St. Bernard Church which is held at the Foundation. We recently received a grant from this endowment to support our parish. The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is an independent 501 © (3) corporation and the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values and investment principles. The Foundation inspires and unites Catholics in supporting the long-term needs of their faith community and creating legacy. To learn more about the Catholic Foundation, go to their website at MyCatholicFoundation.org. ***This grant will be used to help support the 150th Anniversary Celebration.***

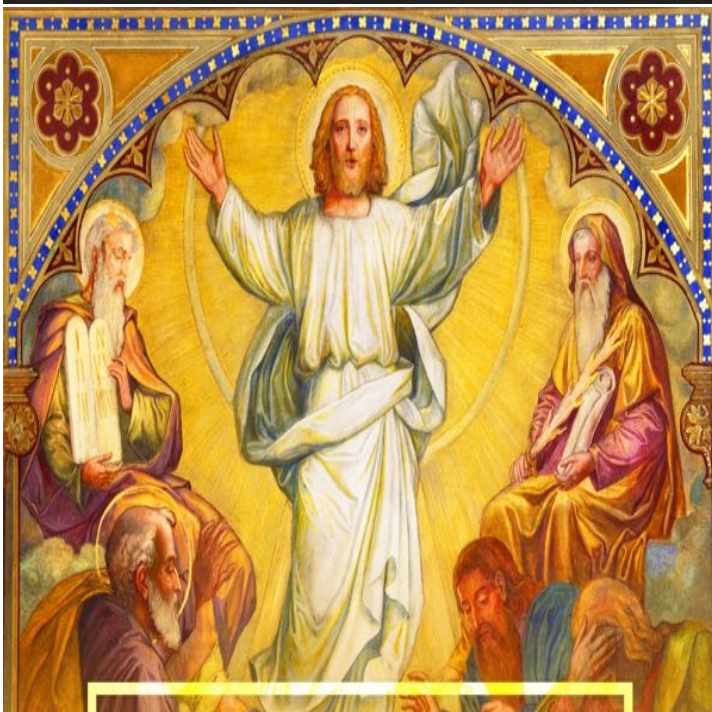
You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation

Retreat at Clarion University—Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend 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 high-energy speakers, music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico. Teens from across the Diocese of Erie will gather for a fun and faith-filled day centered on the theme, "You Are Called | You Are Sent." 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. Registration is now open and due by September 30. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! For details visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>



UNBOUND

Dear Parishioners, On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.



TRANSFIGURATION

OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6TH

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The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting-point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (xvii, 1-6), St. Mark (ix, 1-8), and St. Luke (ix, 28-36), while St. Peter (II Pet., i, 16-18) and St. John (i, 14), two of the privileged witnesses, make allusion to it. About a week after His sojourn in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was trans-figured before their ravished eyes. St. Matthew and St. Mark express this phenomenon by the word *metemorphophe*, which the Vulgate renders *transfiguratus est*. The Synoptics explain the true meaning of the word by adding "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow", according to the Vulgate, or "as light", according to the Greek text. This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (Matt., xvi, 21), and who spoke with Moses and Elias of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

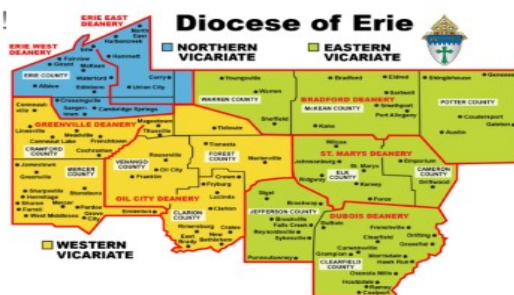
St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway

August 30, 2026 @ 2PM

WHO IS INVITED: ANY PARISHIONERS
THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF ERIE WHO
WANT TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGES NO
MATTER HOW MANY YEARS YOU ARE
CELEBRATING. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CONTACT: RENA URMANN 814-772-3135 OR
SECRETARY@STLEOMAGNUS.ORG

If you would like a certificate from the
Diocese, please reserve your spot by July 27th.



**PASTORAL STAFF**

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You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

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

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

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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 Greek @ 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 **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.

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 (598-5565)

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AUGUST 3RD-AUGUST 9TH

Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, August 3rd

SBC 9:00 am Linda Monti (Susan Pheiffer)

SBC 12:10 pm Dick Luke (Linda Luke Kerr)

Tuesday, August 4th

SBC 9:00 am Joe & Lynette Keane (Rosemary Burke)

Wednesday, August 5th

SBC 12:10 pm George Pascarella (Bob & Sue O'Rourke)

Thursday, August 6th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

SBC 12:10 pm Deacon John F. Manion (Family)

Friday, August 7th **FIRST FRIDAY**

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

SBC 12:10 pm James Bushey (James Bushey Family)

Saturday, August 8th

SBC 9:00 am Joseph Hannon (Ron & Kathy Symington)

SB 4:00 pm Kathleen Brown (St. Bernard 10am Choir)

Sunday, August 9th

SB 8:00 am Deceased Members of BHS Class of 1976 & BCCHS Class of 1973 (Marty & Kris Sapko)

SB 10:00 am Kathleen & Jerry Beeman (Helen & Gene DeFrank)

SB 11:30 am Chicki Galbraith (Mariann Pascarella)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 8TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

AUGUST 9TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski

EM: Cindy Greek **CUP:** Dawn Kozminski/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: **VOLUNTEER** **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Gloria Scarano

Servers: Daniel Marsco/Caleb & Carter McAndrew

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, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christina 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.



Readings for the week of August 2nd



Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33