The Catholic Community of Bradford

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 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.

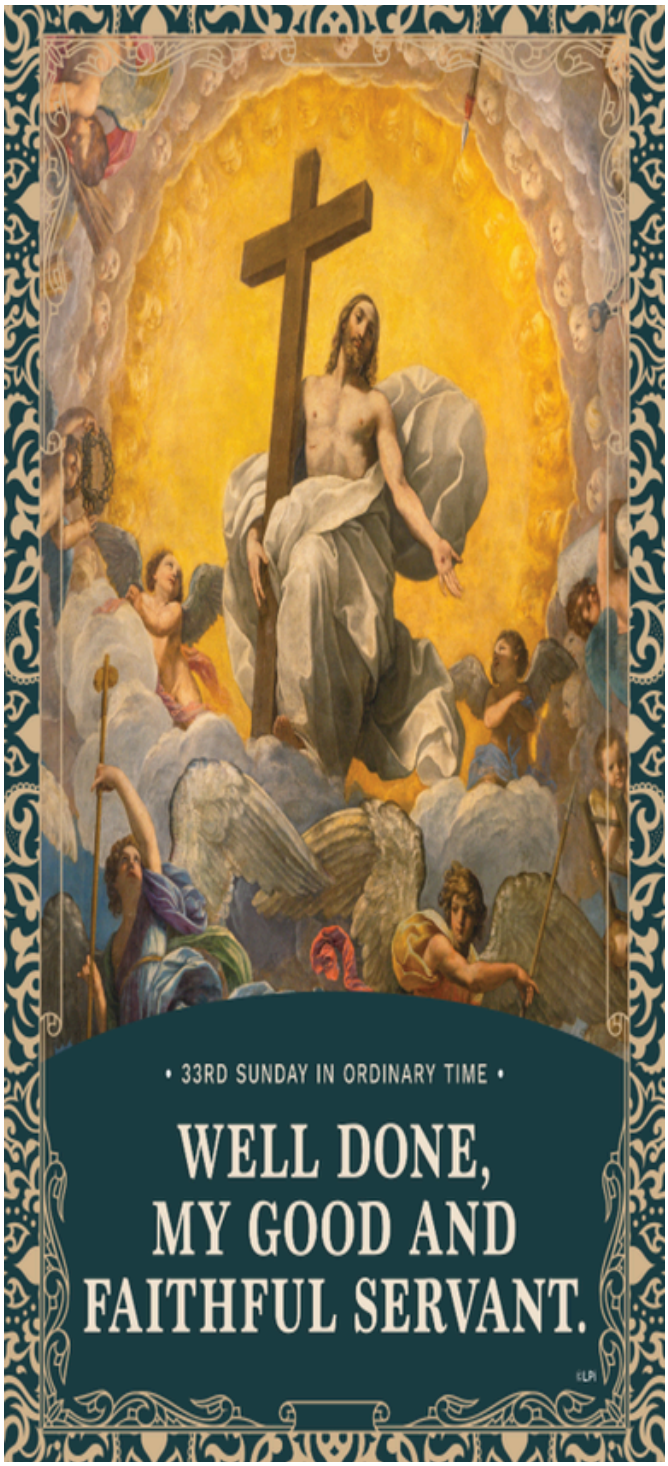
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
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Bradford, PA 16701-5394



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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From the Pastor

John and Polly Snider are friends with Bob. Bob is also known as Robert Prevost, or in the past year and a half, Pope Leo XIV. John and Bob took a Clinical Pastoral Education course together in Minneapolis in the summer of 1980, an intense preparation for chaplaincy and pastoral ministry. John, married to Polly, was studying to be a Lutheran pastor, while "Bob" was finishing seminary with the Augustinians. Polly and John invited him over for dinner and "hanging out" while they were in Minneapolis.

Bob told them that friendship entailed commitment, and they've been in touch and committed to each other ever since.

John told Bob he had a problem understanding Catholicism and especially the "celibacy thing," but thinks about it differently now. Polly says that Bob really listens, better than anyone she's ever met. Pope Leo has said, "Do not lead with your differences; let's not lead with what divides us." These three have found so much common ground and really enjoy and cherish each other's company and remain in close touch.

When John said, "You're the first Augustinian pope!" Leo replied, "Yeah, took a long time to regain trust after Luther!" [who had been an Augustinian]. They both laughed. He signed his first letter to them after election "Leo XIV" but ever since, "Love, Bob."

John said to a radio host, "I've tried really hard to convert Bob, and he's not becoming Lutheran." Whatever develops in the years to come, they've got the friendship. And the core is friendship in Christ. Bob and Polly see what a peaceful presence Leo is – and that will go a long, long way!

~ Fr John



Special Announcement

The Final Mass at St Francis Church will be Sunday, December 6, 11:30 am. We will transfer the 11:30 Mass to St Francis as we did for the Feast Day, October 4th. This Mass will include rituals associated with closure, as we did at Our Mother of Perpetual Help (June 25, 2023). A keepsake is being produced – more on that when we get that finalized.

~ Fr John

Readings of the Week

Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: **TBA**
Widow's Group: Wed., November 18th meet for 12:10 Mass. Meeting after in the Hall. Bring your own lunch. All Widows Welcome.
K of C #403: Tues., December 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., January 6th @ 11am
Pastoral Council: Thurs., December 10th @ 6pm
Finance Council: Tues., December 1st @ 4:30pm
SF 50+ Club: Wed., November 18th @ 11am
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm
Catholic Women's Club: Tues.,November 17th "Paint & Praise" w/Kathleen Shay. Board Meeting 5:45pm Regular Meeting @6:30pm.

Catholic Women's Group Holiday Dinner w/ Rosary Altar Tuesday, December 15th-Bradford Club Social Gathering 5:30pm; Dinner 6:00 pm Price per dinner $25: Reservations to Alicia Hill (814) 598-5076. Donations requested for YWCA Victims' Resource Center.

The Bradford Council #403 of the Knights of Columbus www.koc403.com Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Gallina Hall. Please Note: Next meeting on December 8th. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: $ 9,270
November 1 (All Saints)..... $ 1,459
November 8..... $ 8,525

2026 Combined CSA Assessment $ 99,059
2026 CSA Collected $ 68,823

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

Andrew Taylor

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE

We anticipate falling $31,000 short of our goal for the 2026 CSA. Last year some folks used required retirement account disbursements and we more than made up the difference. We are hoping that will happen again this year. The Appeal wraps up at the end of January – when we prepare to launch the next year's efforts the following month as Lent begins. We are hopeful that year-end giving can help us meet and ever supersede this effort.

MARRIAGE MOMENT It's nice to get a gift on your birthday, Christmas, or perhaps Valentine's Day. An un-asked-for gift, however, is often even more appreciated since it isn't an obligation. Surprise your honey with a gift sometime soon.

COLLECTION FOR LOCAL NEEDS

This weekend, we invite you to support the Diocese of Erie's Collection for Local Needs. Through this collection, we have an opportunity to live our faith by helping our neighbors and strengthening the communities we share. Your gift supports local organizations that empower people experiencing poverty to address challenges and create lasting solutions. Most importantly, 100% of your contribution stays withing our diocese. Every gift, regardless of size, helps build communities rooted in dignity, compassion and hope. Thank you for your generosity and for answering Christ's call to care for one another.

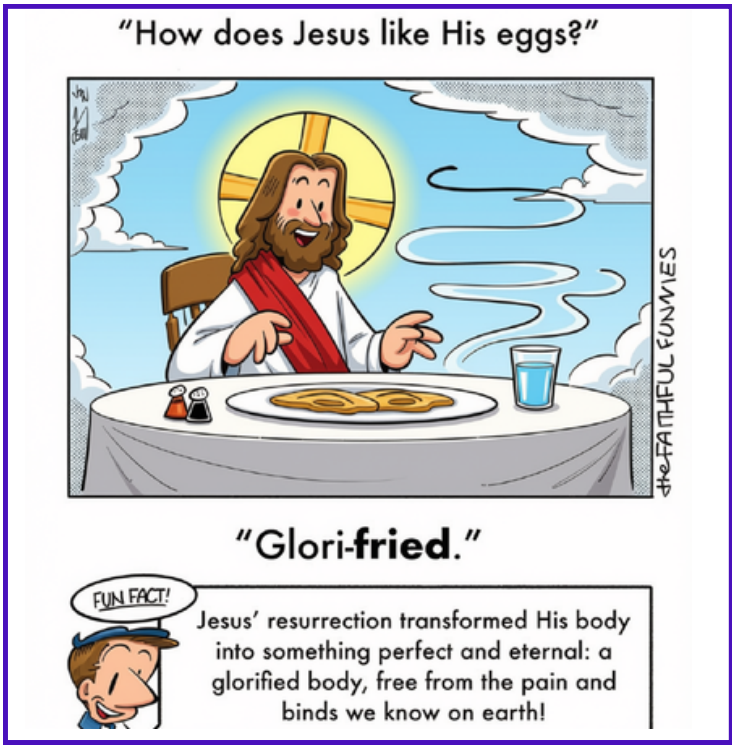


Question:
What is the name of the candles set in front of statues inside a church?

Answer: Vigil/Votive Candles.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 15th Grades 1-5
Advent Wreath Sponsored by
Catholic Women's Club @ 11:45 am
in Gallina Hall.



Grades 6-9 meet
Sunday, November 22nd
6:45-7:15pm in Gallina Hall



Annual Hollyday Faire

Saturday November 21, 2026
9-3pm
Hill Memorial Church
44 Kennedy St, Bradford
Luncheon 11-2pm
Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale, Chinese Auction,Handcrafted Items, Tupperware, Novelty Items, Handmade Jewelry, Crocheted Items, Baked Goods, Candy

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By way of accountability, our Finance Council reviewed the report that followed our celebration, including the Saturday evening soiree. We had budgeted $3500 for the week. The total expenses were $7,033, while we received $3,537 from disbursements from two endowments, $2,710 in ticket sales, and $746 in donations. Thus, the week-long celebration cost the parish $40. Thanks are due again to the wonderful planning and effort by so many parishioners to make this a most memorable week.

Blessing for a Friendsgiving
Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these beautiful souls gathered! You have blessed us in our friendship with each other! May each of us deeply know Your generosity this evening, through rich food and drink, through company and conversation, through Your goodness and grace.
AMEN

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need more Eucharistic Ministers for all the Masses. You would be scheduled 1-2 times per month. If you are interested, please call the office and speak with a priest to learn more about how you can help. We are also looking for volunteers or substitutes to help with money counting. The schedule for this is every other week. Please call the office and speak to Gina or Elaine for more information.
Thank you!

Parenting Pointers

"Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." (Luke 2.48) Have you ever been frustrated or disappointed with your child? If your child is older than 2, of course you have. Don't waste time blaming but teach your children the civil way to behave, give them a way to redeem themselves, and continue your journey together.

A Family Perspective

Just as the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, God has entrusted our family to us. Like the good servants, we are expected not to play it safe, but to selflessly and fully invest ourselves in each other.

Attention Engaged couples:
Planning your wedding in 2027? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 5-7 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."



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 25. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



THE SALVATION ARMY

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY
Canned fruits and vegetables (cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, pumpkin, etc.), gravy, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, french fried onions, vegetable oil, egg noodles, walnuts, applesauce, flour, apple juice, cereal bars, brownie mix.
Please drop donations off in the parish office.

DEADLINE TO DROP OFF FOOD
DECEMBER 4

COMMUNITY Thanksgiving WORSHIP SERVICE

Bradford Area Ministerium
Community Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday,November 24th - 7:00p.m.

Open Arms Church
71 Congress Street

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN Mary

Feast celebrated on November 21, commemorating the event when Mary was presented in the Temple by her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. This tradition highlights her early dedication to God and her unique role in Christian faith



If you are writing names on your Christmas envelopes please print and be sure to indicate if it's in memory or in honor. Those envelopes must be received no later than November 29th in order to be included in the lists that will be in the Christmas bulletin. Thank You!





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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 814-362-6825.**

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 at 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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MASS INTENTIONS

November 16th-November 22nd
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, November 16th
SBC 9:00am Ann Miller (Stuart & Ruby Morris)
SBC 12:10pm Virginia O'Brien (Jack & Linda Kerr)

Tuesday, November 17th
SBC 9:00am Richard Cavallero (John Freaney)

Wednesday, November 18th
SBC 12:10pm Pat Pecora (Wesley & Ann Miller)

Thursday, November 19th
SBC 9:00am Edward & Carol Kuntz (Doug & Lynne Kuntz)
SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, November 20th
SBC 12:10pm Louis DeSantis (Family)

Saturday, November 21st
SBC 9:00am Andrew Taylor (Family)
SB 4:00pm Mary & John Curcio (Vince & Mary Lou Iaderosa)

Sunday, November 22nd
SB 8:00am Ann Benedict Ring (Bill Benedict & Family)
SB 10:00am Buccolini Family (Lisa Zurat)
SB 11:30am Josephine McNamara (Family)

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





WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm
LECTOR: Jean Truman
EM: P. Johnson **CUP:** T. Black/D. Williams
Servers: Giana & Bella Davidson

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am
LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter
EM: J. Yohe **CUP:** D. White/D. Woodley
Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am
LECTOR: Andy Kearns
EM: L. Hogue **CUP:** G. Scarano/B. Mongillo
Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am
LECTOR: Sue Lee
EM: K. Ditz **CUP:** C. Vinca/Charlotte Cuthbertson
Server: Dan Cuthbertson

Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick or suffering.

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Bonnie Birkis, Jonas Birkis, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, 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, Fr. Jim Gutting, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Chris Hannon, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Pat Kulba, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Judy Reese, 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.