

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024*

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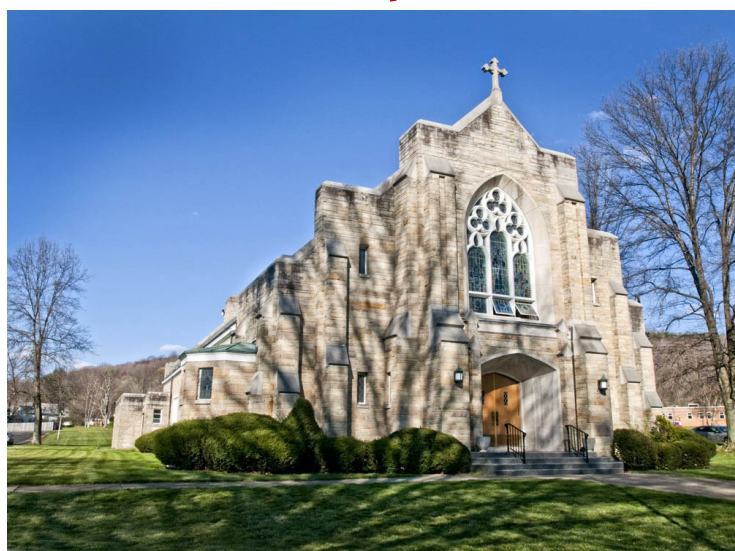
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St Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



St. Bernard of Clairvaux



St. Francis of Assisi



**23rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Story Behind the Chalice. The Diocesan Communications Office is requesting priests to tell them a little about how their chalice was chosen. Here's mine.

While a seminarian at St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, I was pretty convinced that an expensive, ornate chalice was not for me. I sure didn't see the point of having a chalice that wouldn't hold much volume, either. What caught my fancy was a pewter design that wasn't just a drinking cup, which I seem to recall from a billboard advertisement just off the Jones Falls

Expressway. I couldn't find a plate (paten) that would match, but the chalice was purchased because it just felt right.

While ministering as a deacon here in Bradford, I looked in many stores to see what might turn up. The big stores didn't seem to have much, but a couple of smaller jewelry stores had plates that would hold about 100 hosts. The store where the Chocolate Factory is now had the perfect, shiny, pewter plate. Since there were staff members at St Bernard's who wanted to give me something, I agreed to accept their gift and had their names engraved on the bottom – "Pat, Mary Rose, and Lena." Those were Pat Pecora (secretary), Mary Rose Cuiffini (housekeeper) and Lena Zanelli (cook). All have since gone on to the Kingdom.

The chalice and paten were used in my first Mass, May 22, 1983 (Pentecost Sunday) at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek. They have been used off and on all these years, but regularly in the Holy Rosary daily Mass chapel (Erie) and Divine Mercy Chapel (here).

In 2003, for my 20th Anniversary, Mom insisted on upgrading that. She and I perused the catalogs and visited Hofmann's Church Goods in Erie. We selected a simple gold ciborium (without lid) with gold-plated bowl that matches – and I've used that chalice off and on since then, particularly at St John the Baptist (Erie). It's engraved with Mom's name (my father died in 1998). I packed it up to move to Bradford and haven't been able to locate it since. (*Saint Anthony, have you seen it?*)

Fr John



FOSTERING THE SEEDS

September 14-15

Catholic
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Collection

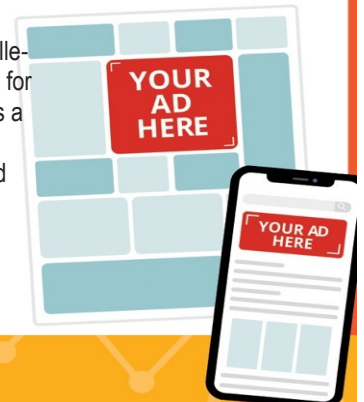
The 2024 Catholic Education Collection

Next weekend is the 2024 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Christine Reeves from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on [ParishesOnline.com](https://parishesonline.com).



Christine Reeves
716-863-8414

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, September 12th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 18th @ noon
K of C #403 : **Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ 7:00 pm @ YWCA**
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 11th @ 11:15am
Pastoral Council: TBA
Finance Council: Thursday, September 12th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, September 11th @ 11 am

ATTENTION WIDOWS! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 18th**. We will meet in St. Bernard's Divine Mercy Chapel at Noon to recite the rosary. A meeting will follow in the Social Hall. Bring your lunch. All widows are welcome.



REP GRADES 6-9 MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL. **GRADES 1-5 MEET** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

REP has started! Registration packets, with a calendar, are available at St. Francis Church or the parish office now. Please note that beginning this year current 6th grade students will be attending the evening class as they begin their Confirmation journey. Students are required to have been in REP 6th-8th grade in order to receive the sacrament. The Confirmation class retreat this year will be Saturday, November 9th at the Pitt-Bradford Campus, from 9am—5 pm. **Attendance is mandatory.** Parents and students, please mark your calendars! And, remind your classmates. (Confirmation will normally be in 9th grade).

REP REGISTRATION PACKETS are in the back of the church and available in the church office. They are also available online on our website. Please click on Religious Education for the links to the paperwork. **Please note: Grades 1-5, 1 packet PER FAMILY. Grades 6-9, 1 packet PER STUDENT.** **REMIND** is the app we use to keep in touch about REP classes. You must rejoin NEW groups this year. Information to join **REMIND** can be found in the registration packets, on the bottom of the 2024-25 schedule. We always need volunteers for Grades 1-5! If you're interested, please contact Kim VanHorn via the church office.



**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 September 10th will be at the YWCA.

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



Catholic Women's Club

Sunday, September 8th, following 10 am Mass, Communion Breakfast at Togi's Blue Room. Officer Installation & New Member Introductions. \$15 per person. Please RSVP (if you didn't sign up at the Picnic) by calling the Parish Office. Member dues (\$20) are due at that time. Anyone interested in joining is invited to RSVP as well.

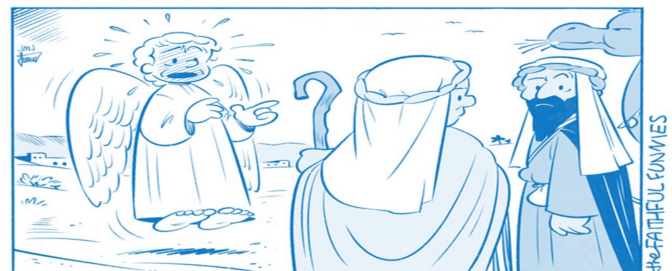
MINISTERS AT MASS

Our new Liturgy Committee is looking to develop some new positions. We'd like to see some Greeters at each Mass, to welcome our faithful parishioners as well as visitors and help to facilitate the gifts procession. We could also use a little help with sacristy (setting up vessels and books prior to Mass). We are also encouraging women who would like to help with the money collecting to give it a try. Please sign up at the clipboards near the doors and we'll get together for a little training. Thanks for helping us to have even better celebrations of the graces God bestows!

And, we'll need some clipboards. All this can launch on September 8 with an announcement next (not this) weekend, and some clipboards like we used for Feast Day.

~ Fr. John

"What did the angel do when he forgot the message he was supposed to deliver?"



"He winged it."

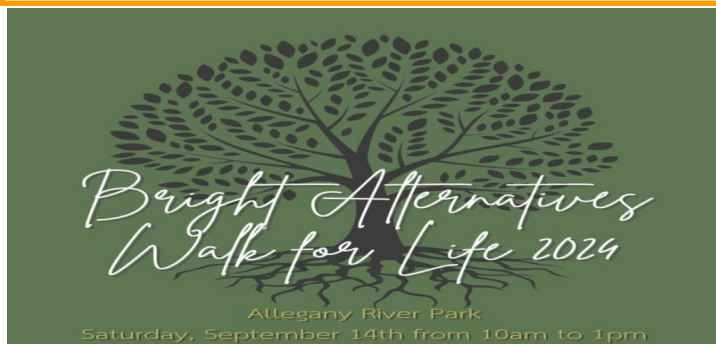


FUN FACT! The word "angel" means "messenger," and angels can communicate God's love to us on earth. Each of us also has a Guardian Angel to guard and protect us.

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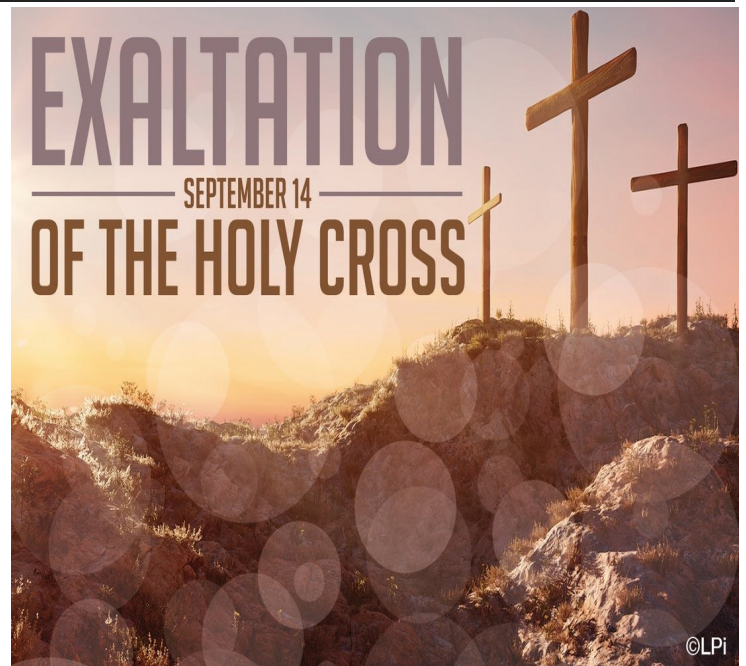


MARRIAGE MOMENT All those 'and they lived happily ever after' fairy tale endings need to be changed to 'and they began the very hard work of making their marriage happy'. (Linda Miles, *The New Marriage*) Are there any fairy tale dreams I'm still holding that block my ability to love my spouse for better or for worse?



September 14, 2024—Allegany River Park, W. Union St., Allegany, NY Registration starts at 10 am & event starts at 10:30 am **We are looking forward to seeing you at our 32nd annual Walk For Life!**

The Walk For Life is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and one we always look forward to. This is a family event; everyone is invited to participate even if they cannot do the physical walk. The day includes free food and games, as well as T-shirts and merchandise, and raffle baskets that can be purchased with cash or check.



Prayer for Grandparents—Dear God, What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the patron saint of grandfathers?
Answer: Saint Joachim, father of Mary.

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CHRISTMAS FLOAT MEETING

follow-up: Tuesday, September 24th @ 6 PM in Ritchie Hall. This year's theme will be St. Nicholas (the saint not "Santa Claus"). The parade this year falls on the Feast of St. Nicholas which is Friday, December 6th. All are welcome to attend if you would like to participate.

PARENTING POINTERS

If your kids are of school age, September can be a hectic time. Some folk are naturally organized. Others need the help of a daily/weekly calendar, a check list, a bedtime review, etc. Ask your child what might help them even if it's you getting out of the way.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
Stan & Bettie Gleason*



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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 1\$ TBA

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected \$ 51,227

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate***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, *Office Manager*Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant***CONFESSIONS:****St. Francis** — Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm
before 4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First
Friday from 4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on
SaturdaysPrivate appointments may be made by calling the
Parish Office 362-6825.**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)****REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn**

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). Classes will begin in September and continue through May. Please look for registration packets in August in the back of the church or for more info call the parish office. **Nursery:** If interested in helping out next year, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at rubbytmor@gmail.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.

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.

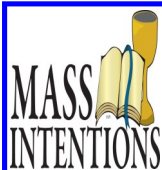
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
Organist St. Francis	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 SEPTEMBER 9TH—15TH

MASS INTENTIONS All Masses will now be celebrated at **St. Francis** during renovations except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.

Monday, September 9th

SBC 8:00 am Patrick Haas (Family)

SF 9:00 am Lawrence Smith, Jr. (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Tuesday, September 10th

SF 9:00 am Shirley DelMonego (Kevin & Joanne Kelley)

Wednesday, September 11th

SBC 8:00 am Max & Rachel Conklin (Debbie & John Place)

Thursday, September 12th

SBC 8:00 am Grace Dolan (Margaret Pistner)

SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, September 13th

SBC 8:00 am Tony Pascarella (Pat Pascarella)

Saturday, September 14th

SF 9:00 am Julie Sullivan Redman (Kathy Symington)

SF 4:00 pm Rosemarie Remington (Joyce Shaming)

Sunday, September 15th

SF 8:00 am Fran Nickel (Lou & Angela Monti)

SF 10:00 am Richard DeFrank (Gene & Helen DeFrank)

SF 11:30 am Pat Feraci (Dave Vinca)

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.



SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Peggy Johnson

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion

EM: Patty Colosimo **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Betty Spindler

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Jaxon Eckstrom/**VOLUNTEER**

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: David Ditz

EM: Kim Ditz

CUP: Charlotte Cuthbertson/Carol Vinca

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Pray For...

Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, 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, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Kristen Marie Hayes, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold & Paulette Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Anthony Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Mary Rae, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandra Remington, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Alex Tingley, Glenn Thompson, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Donna Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Corrine Wilson, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

