

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2025

Rev. John Jacquel  
Pastor

Rev. Edward Walk  
Senior Associate

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*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	11:30 am

Daily Masses are held in the Divine Mercy Chapel including Saturday at 9:00 am

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St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford, PA

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

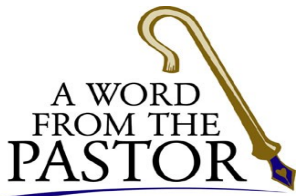
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St Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



*7th Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36



So, Lent is delayed this year – with Easter coming April 20<sup>th</sup>. But that doesn't mean we haven't been doing some planning. Here's some of what the Bradford Catholic Community will offer beginning Ash Wednesday (March 5).

You might recall that in past years we had moved the 8 am weekday Masses from the Divine Mercy Chapel into St Bernard Church. We'll continue to do this. The weekday Masses will be as follows – Monday and Thursday, we'll have 9 am Mass in the chapel and 12:10 pm in the church. On Tuesday, we'll have one Mass – 9 am in the chapel, while on Wednesday and Friday, we'll have one Mass – 12:10 pm in the church. Saturday's 9 am Mass will stay in the chapel, followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ash Wednesday's schedule will be a little "tweaked." We'll have 8 am Mass in the church, along with 12:10 pm Mass in the church. Ashes will be distributed at each – immediately after the homily. At 5:30 pm, we'll also have a "Word and Ashes" service – which will be a little shorter in length. Students should be able to attend this.

On the other Wednesdays in Lent, we'll have Way of the Cross (Stations) at 5:30 pm in St Bernard's – which will show off our newly painted stations. The Fish Frys will return on these Fridays in Lent – March 7, March 21, April 4, and Good Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>. These begin at 4 pm and are a good way for us to enjoy some time and service together – and welcome our neighbors to enjoy a good meal.

Another feature will be Sr Kathleen Dietz, whose program on sacred time was postponed in December due to iffy weather. She will be coming on March 15, to Fr Gallina Social Center – beginning at 10 am Saturday morning.

Then, Holy Week will commence the week of April 13-19 and REP students will be creating Easter baskets for homebound people on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Looks like there will be some good opportunities to spiritually grow during these days!

Fr John

# TRULY PRESENT



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**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025** The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.



## COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall)  
Monday, **February 24th**  
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

**With your support, we were able to collect 292 units of lifesaving blood in 2024! Thank you!**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar:** Tuesday, March 4th @ 6 pm @ Ritchie Hall  
(See box below)

**Widow's Group:** TBA

**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, March 11th @ 7 pm

**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, February 26th @ 11:00 am

**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm

**Finance Council:** Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:30 pm

**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, March 12th @ 11:00 am

**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:00 pm

**The Rosary Altar Society** is holding their monthly meeting on March 4th at 6:00 pm at Ritchie Hall for members and a guest. Catholic Women's Club members and a guest are also invited. Please bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Dawn Kozminski at 814-779-4486 by February 25th.

**COUNT YOUR Blessings** Catholic Women's Club Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 pm in Gallina Hall followed by regular meeting at 6:30 pm. Theme is Irish Blessings with guest speaker Christine Geary. Evening will include interactive messages. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining Catholic Women's Club please contact Joan Yohe at 814-362-3929 or Alicia Hill at 814-598-5076.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

Question: In Italy, where can you find the painting of the crucifixion that, according to tradition, spoke to Saint Thomas Aquinas?

Answer: The Church of San Domenico in Naples. ©LPi

**DAILY MASS ATTENDEES — COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Coffee & Lite Breakfast after the 9:00 am Mass  
on Tuesday & Thursday Only  
Enjoy refreshments with your fellow parishioners.



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**The Bradford Council #403  
of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

**Please Note: Next meeting on March 11th**

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



**GRADES 1-5** will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:00 am. **GRADES 6-9** will also meet on Sunday, February 23rd @ 5:45 pm in Gallina Hall and again on March 2nd.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Research on the effects of religion on family relationships reveals that hostility and prayer cannot coexist. You cannot harbor hostility toward someone you are praying for. Today's gospel encourages us: 'Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you.'

**CLEANING CREW**—The Church Cleaning Crew will be meeting on Saturday, March 1st at 10 am to assess what needs to be deep cleaned on a monthly basis. This would only be once a month as the church is cleaned on a weekly basis as well. If you would like to join the monthly cleaning crew please attend this session or contact Craig Cuthbertson.

**2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico**—Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, 3:00 pm. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!

# 22:32 MEN *Strengthen Your Brothers!*

## 2025 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at

local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

*All Faiths are Welcome!*

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER LARRY RICHARDS



DAN DEMATTE



JEFF JOAQUIN



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL. AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS." LUKE 22:32

*Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.*

[www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com)  
[info@2232Men.com](mailto:info@2232Men.com)

for more details and to register.

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)

\$25 Adult Registration (after January 31st)

\$20 Group of 8 or more

\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY

High School and College Students - FREE

Please register beforehand.

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

Even if you don't consider yourself a spiritual or prayerful person, try praying for your spouse today. It won't take but a moment after you read this and it can't hurt. You might even get an answer to an unasked question.

January 27th

**"IN THE FACE OF MY DARKNESS, YOU ARE LIGHT. IN THE FACE OF MY MORTALITY, YOU ARE LIFE."**

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

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### Final call: register today for the 2025 Catholic Men's Conference!

The 12th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference for Catholic Men in the Diocese of Erie is scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 1st, from 8:30 am to 1:00 PM. Cost is \$25. You may attend as follows:

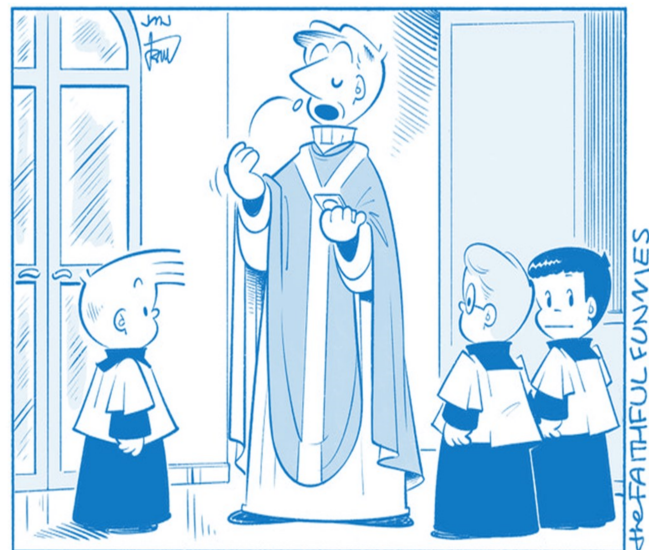
1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie;
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on our website, [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com);
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Hear inspiring national speakers Dan DeMatte and Jeff Joaquin!

For more information and to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call (814) 455-7364.

Walk-ins the day of the conference are welcome.

"How is a priest required to freshen his breath before Mass?"




"With a vestMINT."



When celebrating the Sacrifice of the Mass, priests wear special garments known as vestments. They wear the Amice, the Alb, the Cincture, the Stole, and finally the Chasuble, the colorful outer garment.

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**Will this class **CHANGE YOUR LIFE?****  
*Register today and find out!*





**"Understanding the Mystery of the Human Person"**  
 A Weekend Retreat Course for Adults  
 Friday afternoon, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2025  
 St. Mary's Catholic Church Social Hall, St. Marys, PA

- Find out the truth behind current 'hot button' moral issues
- Discover the beauty of Catholic teaching on marriage, family, and God's gift of sexuality
- Learn how to respond to challenging questions from friends and family on these topics


The course is presented by Family Honor, Inc. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.  
 Questions? Contact Jean in Pennsylvania at 1.814.594.7405 or the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. Email: info@familyhonor.org

For details and to register:

Co-Sponsored by:

DIocese of ERIE  
 Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania



**St. Bernard Church Fish Fry**



**CATCH OF THE DAY**  
 Deep Fried Fish  
 or  
 Shrimp Dinner  
 \$15  
 includes fries, bread, slow & dessert

March 7  
 March 21  
 April 4  
 April 18  
 from 4pm-7pm in Gallina Hall

Eat in, take out or delivery!!!  
 Call (814)362-6825 after 3:30pm  
 to place your order. Please do not  
 leave a message.  
 Proceeds benefit The Bradford Catholic Community

**COMING SOON!**



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
 Candle will be burning this  
 week in Memory of  
 Mr. & Mrs. James Pedine  
 & Kathy Taylor*

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

*Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072*

February 16.....\$ 5,813

**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$94,414**

**THANK YOU  
 FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Southern Tier Catholic School**  
**Saint PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**



Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 7:00 to 11:00pm  
 At Southern Tier Catholic School | 921 N. Union, Olean

**\$25,000+**  
 IN CASH PRIZES - PRIZES ANNOUNCED AT 10:00PM

**GRAND PRIZE \$20,000**

**OTHER CASH PRIZES**  
 \$2,500 - \$1,000  
 \$250 (4) - \$100 (5)

**PLUS**  
 50/50 GAMES RAFFLES

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT SOUTHERN TIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
 -NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN-

**TICKET PRICE \$100**  
 EACH TICKET ADMITS TWO PEOPLE (21+) TO THE PARTY  
 FREE FOOD, DRINK, BEER & WINE FOR ALL TICKET HOLDERS  
 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE LIMITED SUPPLY

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE SCHOOL OR FROM ANY STCS STUDENT/FACULTY.





**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, *Business Manager*  
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

**CONFESSIONS:**

**St. Bernard** — 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 Saturdays.

Private 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). Please call the parish office for more information.

**Nurse Program** The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!



**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**

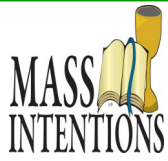
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	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 FEBRUARY 24TH—MARCH 2ND**

Daily Masses celebrated in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) including Saturday at 9 am. Weekend Masses in the Church.

**Monday, February 24th**

- SBC 8:00 am Kenneth Luke (Family)
- SBC 9:00 am Louis Curcio (Estate of Nicholas Pingie)

**Tuesday, February 25th**

- SBC 9:00 am Julia Vecellio (Estate of Nicholas Pingie)

**Wednesday, February 26th**

- SBC 8:00 am Melvin Dixon (Vay & Anne Reed)

**Thursday, February 27th**

- SBC 8:00 am Zachary Vigliotta/Robert Herzog (Family)
- SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, February 28th**

- SBC 8:00 am Richard "Dick" Luther Sr. (Marty & Kris Sapko)

**Saturday, March 1st**

- SBC 9:00 am Richard Cavallero (Brent & Nancy Jones)
- SB 4:00 pm Diane Zeher (Ron & Kathy Symington)

**Sunday, March 2nd**

- SB 8:00 am Owen Hannon (Family)
- SB 10:00 am John Nadji (Tim & Kim VanHorn)
- SB 11:30 am Donald Raabe (Family)

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



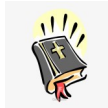
**Readings for the week of February 23, 2025**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40



**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/ Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/ Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



**MARCH 1ST, 2025**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**Lector:** Jim Long

**EM:** Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Peggy Johnson

**Servers:** Aiden & Sean Kramer

**MARCH 2ND, 2025**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**Lector:** Martha Torrey

**EM:** Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** M. Kozminski/C. Pehonsky

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Greg Ulyan

**EM:** Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Teri Everett

**Servers:** Luke Erickson

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**Lector:** Sue Lee

**EM:** Carol Vinca

**CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Craig Cuthbertson

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



**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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Mary Lou laderosa, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Ralph Rose, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

*May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.*