

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

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Pastor

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



WEEKEND MASSES

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR DAILY MASSES

Divine Mercy Chapel: Saturday at 9:00 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am
St. Bernard Church: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm

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A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Lent is beginning to wrap up. I hope you found some inspiring formation opportunities. Besides the Day of Recollection, I did find some good reading and prayer time as well. Here are a couple I'd recommend.

I Can Fix This (2024), by Kristina Kuzmic, was quite eye-opening for this priest. Here is a mother of an adolescent battling major depression – and dealing with her own feelings of inadequacy and ignorance and lies. A couple chapters are titled: "I am in Control" and "Progress is a Straight Line." Her son, Luka, is dealing with addiction as well as mental health collapse, and consumes so much of her energy and life, but she learns how to balance in order to survive these mammoth issues. She is tenacious, as we are all called to be in order to survive the hurricanes that invade our lives. Some stories are quite startling. The Afterword is composed by Luka, who has definitely turned a corner and is full of hope.

Can one still mine the horrors of World War II for more inspiration? I was surprised that I could with *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* (2018) by Heather Morris. This engrossing story is based on the real-life story of Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov, a Jew from Slovakia, who tattooed the arms of prisoners brought into these camps from 1942-1945. The story is made more compelling by his falling in love with Gita Fuhrman and that somehow, they survived, although both struggled with the ongoing torture and killing of their compatriots while imprisoned. She worked in the administrative building, so neither was as vulnerable to extermination as their fellow prisoners. Apparently, this book was made into a mini-series and a movie.

If I were to pick a best book I've read last year, it would be *Incarnating Grace* (2024) by Julia Feder. This professor has rekindled some hope in me which all the badness around us seems to erode away. She addresses a better theological approach to the evils of sexual abuse. God continues to accompany us through the very worst of times. Jesus on the cross abandoned himself totally to the Father, despite the apparent waste and annihilation he surely felt he was to experience and he was not let down. Nor will we be. In story after story of horrific experiences, the author sees her own hope strengthened. But it is not an easy book to read – delving into the details of St Teresa of Avila's and Rev. Edward Schillebeeckx's thoughts.

Lastly, I'm currently finishing up *Following the Call* (2021), a wonderful collection of short essays from a wide variety of voices on how to really appreciate and live the words Jesus spoke in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7 – the Sermon on the Mount. Charles Moore is the editor of this Plough publication. The authors range from St Clement of Alexandria and St John Chrysostom to present-day folks like Barbara Brown Taylor and N.T. Wright. What a breadth of experience and such faithfulness to Jesus! This book makes us look much deeper into words that have become too familiar to us – and re-ignites their power.

—Fr John



APRIL 7th-APRIL 13th—This week, we walk with Christ. As we approach Good Friday, we remember the sacrifice he made for us. His suffering was not in vain—it was love poured out for our salvation. During this Lenten journey together, I invite you to walk closely with Christ. Reflect on his passion and consider: What part of his journey speaks to your heart the most?



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX
EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 13
8am, 10am 11:30am

Holy Thursday, April 17
5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Divine Mercy Chapel until 10pm

Good Friday, April 18
Crosswalk 12pm-3pm
2pm Veneration of Cross and Communion
Fish Dinner in Father Gallina Hall, 4:00pm-7:00pm

Solemn Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19
8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20
8am, 10am 11:30am

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, April 10th @ 6:30 pm at RH
Widow's Group: Wednesday, April 23rd @ Noon (See below)
K of C #403 : Tuesday, April 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Wednesday, May 7th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, April 9th @ 11:00 am at RH
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, April 13th, Meeting @ 11 am followed by Easter Bag Project with REP @12:10 pm

ATTENTION WIDOWS! We will meet in the Chapel for Rosary at Noon on Wednesday, April 23rd. Afterwards we will go out for lunch. All are welcome!



The **Catholic Women's Club** is again collecting items for Easter bags for our shut-ins. Items like crackers, candy and cookies in individual packages, small tissue packets, nail files, and other small items are needed. Please include only **new or unopened items**. The REP students (Grades 1-5) will help to pack the treats into gift bags on Sunday, April 13th at 12:15pm in Gallina Hall, for delivery just before Easter. **Please drop items off at the parish office by April 10th. Please no nuts or caramels.** Thank you!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: **"Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone."** Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

CRS Rice Bowl - United in Generosity as OneGlobalFamily

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to learn more.



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 April 8th**
 Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



GRADES 6-9 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, April 6th at 5:45 pm. (Last Class) **NOTE: Grade 9 ONLY-** Sunday, April 27th at 5:45 pm In Gallina Hall.

GRADES 1-5 last class will be on Sunday, April 13th. Immediately following class at 12:15 Catholic Women Club would love to have students & parents come to help assemble the Easter Gift Bags to be delivered to the area nursing homes and shut-ins.

First Communion students please bring your completed First Communion posters to class on April 13th.

NOTE: All students taking home Rice Bowls, please place them in the offertory basket during Holy Week.



Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting Child Abuse:

It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*



March 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Opportunities this Lent



- Saturdays after 9 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel
- Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass in the church from 3 pm to 3:45 pm.
- Sunday, April 6th Fr Ed and Fr John will both be in the church from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

St. Bernard Church Fish Fry



EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES—Please drop your envelopes in the offering basket or at the Parish Office **BY APRIL 7TH** to ensure inclusion on the In Memory /In Honor Easter Lists. Thank you!

MARRIAGE MOMENT As Spring weather brings blooms into the northern hemisphere, consider what might bring some spring into your marriage – a flower, a treat, a nice surprise?

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS distributes a weekly email newsletter to parishioners who sign up to receive it. This newsletter provides updates about our diocese, the Catholic Church nationwide and worldwide and includes special messages from the bishop or other important information. To sign up for the e-newsletter, visit <https://bit.ly/Dioenews> (link is case sensitive).

THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER CLEANING CREW will be meeting on **Saturday, April 12th and April 19th at 9:30 am** to make sure the Church is ready for the Holy Week and Easter services. If you would like to help please meet at the Church on those days and times. You can also reach out to Craig Cuthbertson at 814-558-1785.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP is fully stocked for Sacrament Season. Come find the perfect gift for your loved one's sacrament. Open Tues-Fri 9:30AM-5PM, Sat 10AM-1PM, Closed Sun, Mon, & Holy Days. 139 Church St., St. Marys (814-834-1353) *If you've never been in to the Gift Shop, NOW is the perfect time to come in

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: How many items does the Vatican Secret Library supposedly hold?

Answer: 150,000

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St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Ann Benedict Ring



MASCHO FUNERAL HOME PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

March 30.....	\$ 7,753
2025 Combined CSA Assessment	\$ 94,414
2025 CSA Collected	\$ 29,918

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED IN THEIR CSA PLEDGES. THERE'S STILL TIME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. John B Jacquell, *Pastor*
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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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.

Nursery 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

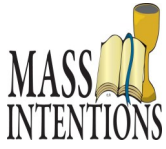
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God’s Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquell

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 APRIL 7TH—APRIL 13TH

See Cover of Bulletin for Daily & Weekend
Mass Schedule During Lent

Monday, April 7th

SBC 9:00 am Lisa (Zurat) Cropper (Richie & Susan Zurat)

SB 12:10 pm Mrs. Katherine Whelan (Carloni Family)

Tuesday, April 8th

SBC 9:00 am James Carroll Sr. (Bob & Jan Geisler)

Wednesday, April 9th

SB 12:10 pm Judy LeRoy (John & Deb Place)

SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 10th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

SB 12:10 pm David Bizzaro (BCCHS Class of 1967)

Friday, April 11th

SB 12:10 pm Betsy DiFonso (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Saturday, April 12th

SBC 9:00 am Angelo & Josephine Piersimoni (Joyce Schaming)

SB 4:00 pm In Honor of Dave Vinca (Julie & Steve)

Sunday, April 13th PALM SUNDAY

SB 8:00 am William Botorf Sr. (b) (Cindy Greek)

SB 10:00 am Kevin Healy (Family)

SB 11:30 am Angela Giordano (Kevin & Jan Behan)

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

READERS: Jim Long/Peggy Johnson

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

Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight



APRIL 13TH, 2025 (PALM SUNDAY)

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

READERS: Joan Yohe/Carla Manion

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Chris Pehonsky

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

READERS: Greg Ulyan/Jean Truman

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Kim Racine/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Daniel Marasco & Caleb McAndrew



St. Bernard 11:30 am

READERS: Sue Lee/Carol Vinca

EM: Carol Vinca **CUP:** Charlotte & Craig Cuthbertson

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, 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, Josh 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, 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, 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, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3/)

Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,

53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/

Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,

19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

or 23:1-49

