

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025*

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Pastor*

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*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



## **ST. BERNARD MASSES**

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

## **DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES**

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

Youtube.com

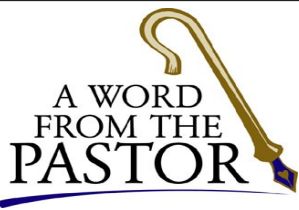
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## **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I know them, and they follow me."

- Jn 10:27



We are always in need of some inspiration and have our spirits lifted. Here are a couple of books that have recently done that for me.

Anna Lembke gifted us all with ***Dopamine Nation: Finding Balance in the Age of Indulgence*** (2021). This psychiatrist explores the pleasure experience we all get from various sources, especially now that so many of these are ready at hand. She relates stories from her various patients that have become addicted to so many things – and not the usual suspects – and readily offers ways she herself has succumbed to various addictions (including sexy romance novels). Her clear presentation and admission that she herself is vulnerable by her self-disclosure makes this a remarkably good eye-opening and moving book well worth our time. Having read several on this topic, I believe this is the most accessible.

A little fiction, too, is good. ***Conclave*** (2016) by Robert Harris is a page-turner recently made into a movie (which garnered some Academy Award nominations). This would be about the death of a pope and the election of the next – with a few interesting political plot twists. One thing with which I would take issue is a disclosure or confrontation of a candidate following the Sacrament of Penance. This would be a violation of the seal of Confession. Another would be the scheming done by a couple of the cardinals in order to have their candidacy for the papacy raised. I'm fairly sure most would feel as the Dean (Cardinal Lomeli) does – a feeling of unworthiness and desire to not be seriously considered. Harris does largely understand the process, although he seems to neglect the Liturgy of the Hours. Still, it will effectively hold your attention.

And some non-fiction as well. Erik Larsen did it again with ***In the Garden of Beasts*** (2011). It is the story of William Dodd, a professor who was tapped to be the U.S. Ambassador to Germany and served in 1933-34. Those were the first years Adolf Hitler came to power in that country and proved to be a most dangerous time and anything but normal kinds of work for a diplomat. Dodd was harshly criticized in his day for not “doing more,” but is credited with sounding the alarm of the rise of threats to European and world security. This fascinating book explores the life of his family and their acquaintances during those very challenging days.

Fr. John



**Bright Alternatives** is kicking off its annual “Baby Bottle” fundraiser on Mother’s Day weekend, May 10-11. After all Masses, **Knights of Columbus volunteers** will be handing out bottles to any parishioner who wishes to contribute to this most worthy cause. Baby bottles will then be collected on Father’s Day weekend, June 14-15. Please take a bottle and give as generously as you can!

**MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE VISIT & COLLECTION (May 17th & 18th)** From the very beginning, the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists) have been engaged in a wide variety of apostolic works. All that advances the coming of the Reign of God has always been deemed worth of our apostolic energy.

It’s a preference for poor, in response to the Gospel and to the Church calling us today to be on their side. For us too, it’s a consequence of our own vow to live as poor men. Some will dedicate themselves full-time to this work: with marginalized people of every kind, in hospitals and in prisons, “worker priests” or volunteers in different organizations...But all of us try to live in union with the poor, because “the poor will always be with us”, because the poor are too often neglected even within the Church. This is a bias that the Assumption encourages.

Our Province of North America is specifically responsible for the missions in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania), Mexico and the Philippines. We provide personnel and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain our charitable works (schools and nurseries) and formation programs for both laity and clergy in these countries. Many of our apostolates in these countries specifically work to better the living conditions of the impoverished brothers and sisters we live with and minister to. In the Philippines, we sponsor education and aid programs for underprivileged villages both in the Manila area and in other mission centers. Our parish in Orizaba, Veracruz Mexico ministers to an underserved indigenous community.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, May 21st @ Noon in  
Chapel—[See Below](#)

K of C #403 : Tuesday, May 13th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: TBA

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, June 17th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: TBA

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, May 14th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm

Rosary in the Church/Ice Cream Social GH—[See Below](#)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**—Tuesday, May 20th, Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Church followed by an Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. All are invited. There will be a brief meeting of the Club to conduct the final approval of the new Board.

**ATTENTION WIDOWS!** On Wednesday, May 21st, we will meet in the Divine Mercy Chapel for Rosary at Noon. Then we'll meet in the Social Hall—bring your own lunch! All widows are welcome!

March 30, 2025

Isabelle Cox  
Colton Jackson  
Gawen Kramer  
Everett McCarty  
Callan Means  
Mattie Monago  
Emily Nelson  
Scarlet Rosenberger  
Reese Strotman  
Gino Vinelli  
Bryce Yohe

*First  
Reconciliation*



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 May 13th**  
Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Digital Safety and Your Child:** If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional resources visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/)



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA** MAY 13 ©LPi

**Shroud Encounter with Russ Breault** Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 7pm. This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, History Channel, EWTN and Discovery. There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested. We are also hosting this program via Zoom for those who wish to join us online. Go to [vmesc.org](http://vmesc.org) or call 724-964-8886 for more information or to register.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: What pope served the shortest pontificate at only 13 days?

Answer: Pope Urban VII

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**GIVE BACK**  
*to those who gave*  
**SO MUCH**

**Help our retired priests today and for the future**

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION**

2025 Collection Date: May 10th & 11th in church

**DONATE ONLINE**

**FATHER JIM!**



### The Good Shepherd Collection

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are

elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years, the Priest Retirement Plan will need additional funding to cover future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

**PARENTING POINTERS** Today is Mother's Day! What does it mean to be a mother? It's more than just giving birth. That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does. Think of the mothers who preceded you. What were their motherly qualities?



**First Holy Communion**

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Max Cannon

Julianna Carlson

Bryce Crappio

Van Quynh "Bailey" Dao-Nguyen

Colton Jackson

Mason Lang

Brianna Lundgren

Carter McAndrew

Mara Stewart



**HAPPY**  
*Mother's Day*

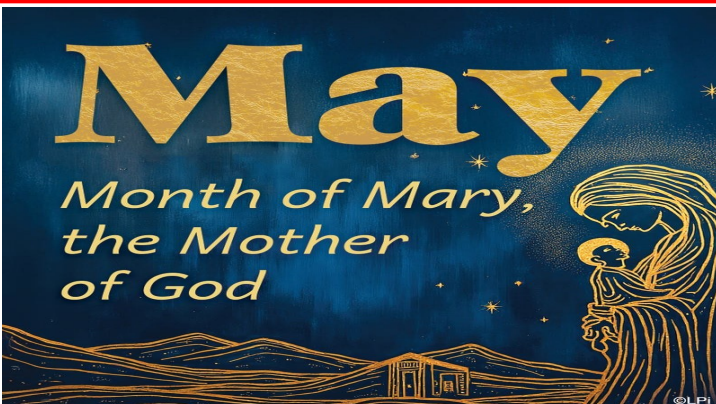
**CONFIRMATION** Practice is on Saturday, May 31st at 10 am. Confirmation takes place on Sunday, June 1st at 1 pm. Reception to follow in Gallina Hall.



**Milestone Anniversary Celebrations**

Couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 pm or Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at **3:00 pm**. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 24 for the Erie celebration, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you.

**PLEASE NOTE: ST. FRANCIS CHURCH** will now be open **ON FRIDAYS ONLY** from 8 am until 3 pm for visitation and prayer.

**ST. BERNARD ROSARY ALTAR**

LUCILLE BAUER	CHRISTINE GEARY
RITA BENNARDI	CINDY GREEK
DELORES BERNHARD	MARY KEESLER
THERESA BOND	BONNIE KELLY
KATHY BRYANT	DAWN KOZMINSKI
ANN CAVALLERO	SUE LEE
BILLIE CUMMINS	IRMA LOMBARDI
CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON	BONNIE MACKIE
CHRIS DISTROLA	
BUNNIE MACKIE	
KAREN MCCLAIN	
JOAN MCCORMACK	
LINDA MOSELY	
NANCY O'DONNELL	
JOYCE SCHAMING	
PAT SMITH	
LOUISE STOLTZ	
CAROL VINCA	
LISA ZURAT	



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this  
week in Memory of  
Bob Guthrie*

**MARRIAGE MOMENT** All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember the 'fighting fair' rule: "Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are." (Marriage Encounter) Accept your spouse's feelings even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without anger.

"Say  
the Rosary  
every day,  
to bring peace  
to the world  
and the end  
of the war."

Words spoken by our  
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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**REHABILITATION TODAY  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

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

May 4.....\$ 8,093

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

2025 CSA Collected \$ 35,703

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED IN  
THEIR CSA PLEDGES.**

**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, *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.



**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**

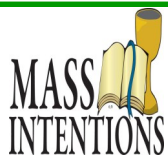
Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

**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 MAY 12TH TO MAY 18TH

Please note that all daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

### Monday, May 12th

SBC 8:00 am Joan Kemick (Mike Kemick)  
SBC 9:00 am Anne Taylor Babasick (Family)

### Tuesday, May 13th

SBC 9:00 am Michael Reese (Sam Pecora)

### Wednesday, May 14th

SBC 8:00 am Richard Cavallero (Tony & Pat Pascarella)

### Thursday, May 15th

SBC 8:00 am Joe Carloni (Carloni Family)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

### Friday, May 16th

SBC 12:10 pm Louis Monti (Kathy Symington)

### Saturday, May 17th

SBC 9:00 am Shawn Taylor (Rita Stark)  
SB 4:00 pm Jim "Tubby" Maduri (Jim & Sharon Long)

### Sunday, May 18th

SB 8:00 am Margaret "Peggy" Comilla (Comilla Family)  
SB 10:00 am Bob McCann Jr. (Jessica Hervatin)  
SB 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Thiel/Healy Family (Dennis & Linda Thiel)

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



## Readings for the week of May 11 2025

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25  
and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



## MAY 17TH, 2025

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

**LECTOR:** Tammy Black

**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Dick Williams/Peggy Johnson

**Servers:** **VOLUNTEERS**

## MAY 18TH, 2025

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

**LECTOR:** Joan Yohe

**EM:** Mike Kozminski **CUP:** D. Kozminski/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** David Hill

### St. Bernard 10:00 am

**LECTOR:** Greg Ulyan

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

**Servers:** Abigail Carlson/Jaxon Eckstrom

### St. Bernard 11:30 am

**LECTOR:** David Ditz

**EM:** Kim Ditz **CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Karen McClain

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



*Pray For...*

*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, Pauline Dudo, 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.*