

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 13th, 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
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394**



St. Bernard Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses

Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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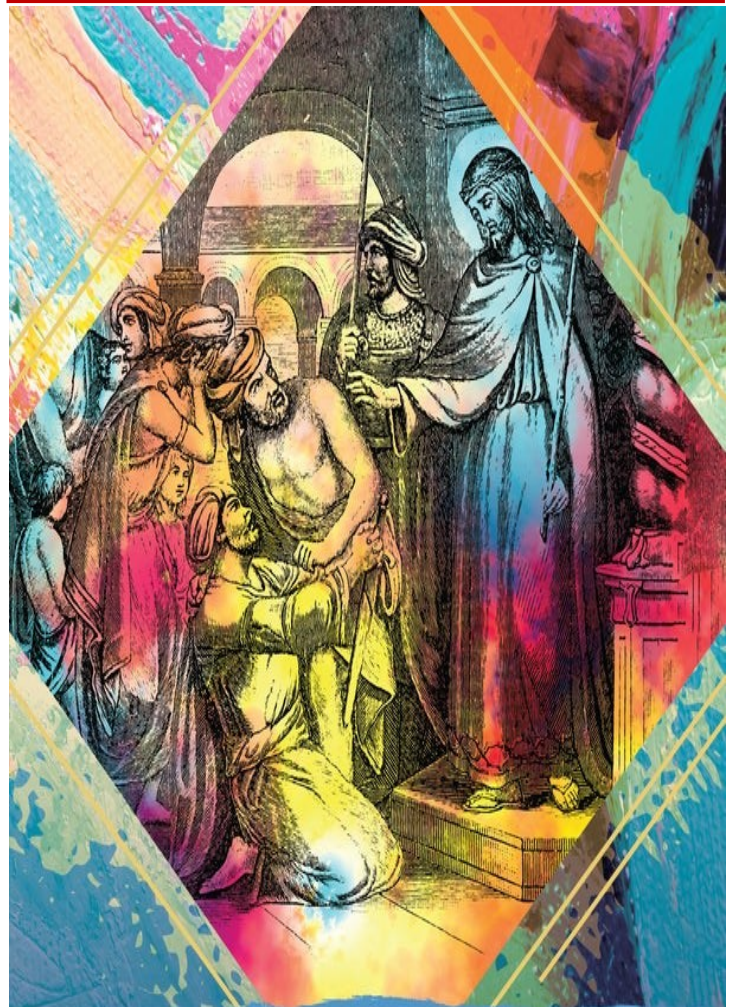
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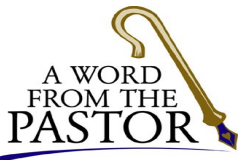
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Should you not have had pity on your
fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”**

- Mt 18:33-35



Two liturgical priorities have come into focus in recent days. I've been reading Kevin Irwin's book, *"What We Have Done & What We Have Failed to Do"* (2013), and the discussion at our recent Liturgy Committee meeting.

Br. Mike brought up something about which we've talked casually before – finding more pastoral musicians. Students today are *not* taking organ lessons. A few are practicing piano or other keyboards, but there are more organs than organists and that's only going to get more stretched. We all need to seriously encourage "young" people to aspire to these instruments, or there will be no accompanists in the future. We all need to commit to a plan to identify and support those who would study these instruments and become pastoral musicians of the future. So, get cracking. This would be totally in line with our renewed initiatives on "vocation" – meaning priesthood, diaconate, marriage, and religious life. We need more of all these, also.

Fr. Irwin's vast experience as a professor of liturgy at Catholic University of America were somewhat boiled down into this short, readable reflection on what gains we have made since the Second Vatican Council and what remains to be done. As we enjoy our own renovated worship space, his chapter 8 on "The Arts" looks at liturgy as art and worship spaces as art. This includes music and *"Built of Living Stones"* (2000), the USCCB published document on church architecture, which some members of our committee studied while we were in the renovation process. (*I had devoured it years before, when involved in the 2006/2007 construction of the new Our Lady of the Lake Church, Edinboro.*)

Irwin closes that chapter by a quick critical look at St Patrick Cathedral (New York), Our Lady Queen of the Angels (Los Angeles), and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington - where he frequently serves) and quotes verbatim the wonderful prayer of dedication.

"For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere we extolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries. And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty this house of prayer, built by human labor. Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple, here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem. For you have made the Body of your Son, born of the tender Virgin, the Temple consecrated to you, in which the fullness of the God-head might dwell. You also established the Church as a holy city, built upon the foundation of the Apostles, with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: a city to be built of chosen stones, given life by the Spirit and bonded by charity, where for endless ages you will be all in all and the light of Christ will shine undimmed forever." Wow!

Fr John

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

FOOD & HYGIENE DRIVE FOR DESTINATIONS

FOOD

- Mac N Cheese
- Canned fruit/vegetables
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Snacks
- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Ramen noodles
- Canned soup
- Instant Rice

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide fresh meals and groceries to those who need it most.

HYGIENE

- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap
- Bar soap
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush

***Non-Perishable Food Items ONLY**
***Please no expired food**

DROP OFF LOCATION:
 St. Bernard Parish Office
 Monday-Friday, 8:30-4pm
 Last day to drop off donations is
 September 25

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. **Orders are due by Wednesday, September 23rd.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 16th—Mass in the Chapel at 12:10 followed by meeting in Gallina Hall. Bring your lunch. All widows welcome!

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

Cemetery Board: TBA

Pastoral Council: Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, November 19th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 14th @ 11:00 am

Liturgy Committee: Wednesday, November 18th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 13th—10 am Mass followed by Brunch @ Togi's. \$20 per person. RSVP to Alicia 814-598-5076. Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 15th @ 5:45pm followed by General Meeting. All are welcome!

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REP classes have begun but there is still time to register! Registration packets are available in the back of the church and on our website (www.stbernardcatholic.org). Please bring completed forms and payment to class. Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, September 13, 11:15am-12:45pm. **Parents must attend first 15 minutes.** Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, September 20, 5:45pm-7:15pm. **(Parents of Grades 6-8 must attend first 15 minutes. Confirmation parents must attend the entire class.)**

Please reach out to Cindy Greek, REP Coordinator (StBernardREP@outlook.com), if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MEET & GREET

September 20, 2026

Following the 11:30 Mass
12:30-2:00pm

Fr. Gallina Social Hall

You are invited to come, meet, and see who we are and what we do. This is a casual social hour.

No expectations;

No formal program.

Just a moment to connect with the Catholic women in the parish.

Light refreshments will be served.



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



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
will be burning this week in
Memory of
William Bottorf*

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

September 6 \$ TBD

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,279

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 63,768

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with weekly payments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Next weekend' is the **Catholic Education Collection**. Half of every gift stays at St. Bernard to support religious education; the other half funds diocesan faith formation and educational ministries. Please use the special collection envelope or donate at <https://www.eriec.org/cec.html>.

Respect Life: Join the U.S. Bishops in praying for an end to the spread of the abortion pill! Learn more and take action to save lives: respectlife.org/abortion-pills.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Happiness: Part 2. Living in poverty is no fun. Voluntary simplicity, however, can be very satisfying especially when a couple has mutual goals of charity and service that they explore together. It doesn't mean you never splurge or have a few nice things, but rather these "things" are not the ultimate source of joy in your relationship. Try choosing one household item you can live without and give it to someone who needs it more than you do this week.



August 25, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past. I also ask you to continue your generosity during the weekend of September 19-20 when our diocese will conduct the annual Catholic Education Collection.

This special collection supports the circle of lifelong Catholic education and faith formation throughout the Diocese of Erie, accompanying individuals and families at every stage of their faith journey. We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation taking place at every level of Church life, from parish religious education and Catholic schools to baptismal preparation, OCIA and adult faith formation. Through these ministries, we teach the truths of the Catholic faith and form disciples of Jesus Christ.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support local education and faith formation programs. The other half supports diocesan faith formation initiatives, tuition assistance for Catholic school students, educator leadership development, and the national collection for The Catholic University of America, as requested by the USCCB.

I encourage you to support this collection generously. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection strengthens the Church's mission of passing on the faith to future generations and nurturing lifelong discipleship.

Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Classes will be held **on Monday's starting September 21 at 5:30 pm.** For information please contact the church office.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past is futile. We must move on by accepting that we were unjustly treated and that it won't be corrected. This doesn't mean we condone the injustice; it means we refuse to let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is essential for living a healthy life in the present.

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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

Peter 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.



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WISHING YOU A DAY THAT IS AS GRAND AS YOU ARE



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies:**

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html>. For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

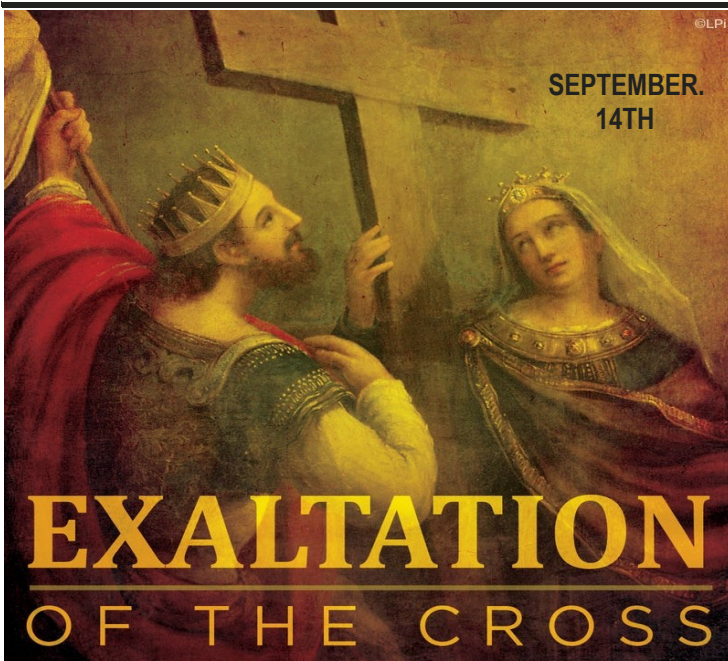
CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: True or false: A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer False. It begins when they accept the election results.

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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**Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org*Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant**Email: office@stbernardcatholic.org***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 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 Greek @ 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 **OCIA** 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 (598-5565)

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SEPTEMBER 14TH-SEPTEMBER 20TH

Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, September 14th

SBC 9:00 am Barbara Himes (Francis & Joyce Carloni)
SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

Tuesday, September 15th

SBC 9:00 am Robert Piganelli (Terry & Ron Orris)

Wednesday, September 16th

SBC 12:10 pm Dan O'Brien (Gene & Helen DeFrank)

Thursday, September 17th

SBC 9:00 am Shirley Pedine (Mike & Stacie Salerno)
SBC 12:10 pm Mary Rae (Bunny Lent)

Friday, September 18th

SBC 12:10 pm Mary Ann Roney (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Saturday, September 19th

SBC 9:00 am Edward H. Kuntz (K of C #403)
SB 4:00 pm Louise Drumm (Kay Sirvet)

Sunday, September 20th

SB 8:00 am Patsy "Baker" Piganelli (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)
SB 10:00 am Kristin Anne McCann (McCann Family)
SB 11:30 am Nicholas Jubon & Jennifer Jubon (Carol Vinca)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jean Truman

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski

EM: Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Cindy Greek

Server: **VOLUNTEER**

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Teri Everett

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Sue Lee

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, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, 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, Judy Dilick, Christina 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, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Mary Lou & Vince Iaderosa, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Ann Miller, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Suzie Sperry, 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.



Readings for the week of September 13th



Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and
22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/
Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/
Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-
24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a