

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026*

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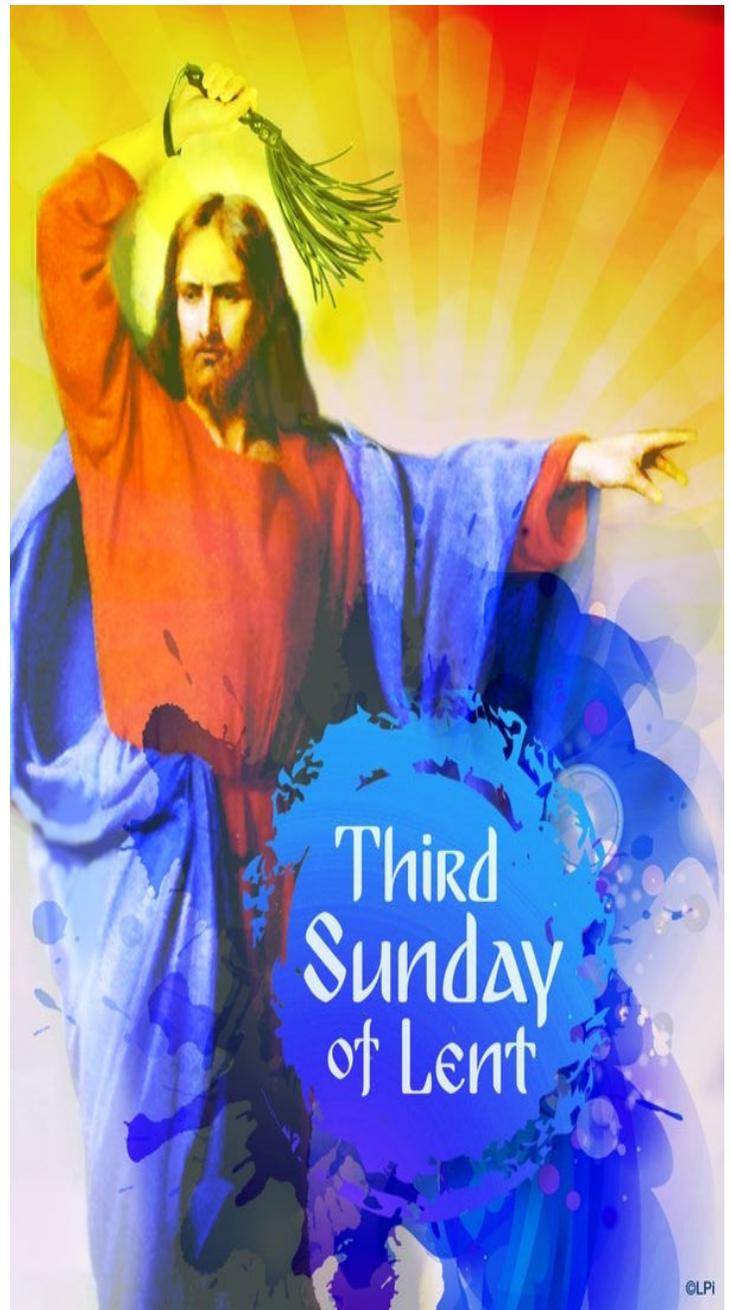
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Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.

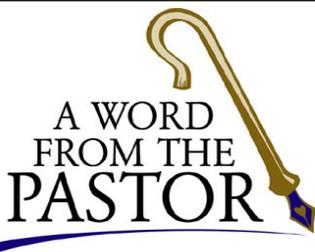
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LENT
40 Days of Renewal

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AND LOCATIONS



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Pope Leo XIV has been speaking about Lent to guide us all on our journey. But, like his forebear, St Augustine, his words might not be fully understood.

When we think of being “pilgrims,” this might be construed as if we were on a pilgrimage – in other words “visitors” who will soon return home. But the way he and St Augustine use the word indicates that we are journeying to our homeland – although we’ve not been there or seen it yet, like Abram and Sarai. In other words, our journey is not a break or a respite – but has the

purpose of migration – to actually move to this new place. We’re talking about where God dwells – and are reminded in Philippians 3:20 “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Augustine lived on the north shore of Tunisia (he was bishop of Hippo, in N. Africa). If he were alluding to crossing the Mediterranean Sea, and if we had to cross over we would need, in their day, some wooden craft to do it. Well, the wood would be in the shape of a cross, of course, if we’re talking about heaven! It’s the only way to get to heaven.

This is why we must be so mindful of our sisters and brothers, migrants, who are traveling in order to survive, including those crossing the Mediterranean. And the rafts which some of them construct are vulnerable to many threatening forces. As Mary and Joseph had to relocate to save the life of their son, so too do many in the world today, which is why the Church so ardently defends and extends hospitality to migrants.

So, let us continue on our Lenten journey – which will “fit us for heaven” and mindfully assist our sisters and brothers who have an even harder challenge to survive in this world. (These thoughts were inspired by an article in the March issue of *America* magazine.)

Fr John



JOIN US FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

REFLECT ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—Am I aware of your presence throughout my day, Lord? Do I set aside time to give you all my attention? How would you like me to connect with you? When can I make this work in my week/day? Do I have a prayer-practice in need of refreshing (reading about it, living it with renewed attention?)

NOURISHING FUTURES IN GUATEMALA In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read now our support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Cyberbullying: The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding “private” photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/ For more resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/



150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION-This year marks St. Bernard Parish’s 150th Anniversary. If you want to help plan the celebration please call the office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA
Widow's Group: No March meeting due to Lenten Schedule
K of C #403 : Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, April 16th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, March 11th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, March 17th @ 6:00 pm
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



Catholic Women's Club: will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall. Save the date and watch for more details.



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 March 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Catholic Women's Club Easter Basket Project, in conjunction with REP Students Grades 1-5, will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, March 22nd at noon. We will fill Easter Bags for nursing home residents and homebound parishioners. **Donations of small toiletries, note pads, crossword/puzzle books, pre-wrapped snacks, etc. can be dropped off at the Parish office.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732

March 1..... \$ 8,328

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Mike Kemick



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15) March 8th (First Reconciliation-Gr 2) & March 22nd (Easter Baskets Noon)
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm) March 15th & April 12th



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Catholic Sisters Week — March 8-14, 2026

Fifty-two weeks a year, women religious inspire the rest of us as they stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spiritually, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope and so much more. Now an official component of Women's History Month, Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8-14, 2026, gives us all a time to remember their work, which began in our region in 1852, a year before the diocese was founded. Honor the sisters by reflecting on their theme: "Stories of Hope and Heart."

We Remember and Honor

Sr. Mary Helen Forney, Sr. Josephine DePetro, Sr. Rachel Maguire, St. Catherine Manning, Sr. Margaret O'Brien, Sr. Martha Ann Rinderle, Sr. Maurita Murnaghan and all others who have lived and served in the area.

PARENTING POINTERS—We're 15 days into Lent. Has your family found 15 things to give away to those in need? So maybe you've procrastinated? Maybe you're the only one in your family who decided to join the great Lenten give-away. Maybe you have better ways to sacrifice during Lent. It doesn't matter. Just do something – even if it's just to read and be inspired by others.

RECONCILIATION **EXTRA OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Sunday, March 22nd in Church from 2-3 pm.



HAND BELL CHOIR—Practices take place on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Church. New members are welcome!

Cantors and Hymn Leaders—Looking for volunteers for the 4pm, 8am, and 11:30 am weekend Masses to be cantors or hymn leaders. If you are interested please see Bro Michael. If you are interested in helping with the music at the Sunday, 10am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi. Thank you!

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

On Tuesday, February 24, Fr John gathered with Doug Kuntz, Bill Leven, Harry Solarek, Dan Lang, Jeff Hilzinger, Karen McClain, Cindy Greek, Dave Geitner, Natalie Marasco, Mark Frisina, Jean Truman, Joan Yohe, and Fr Ed Walk (Mike Kozminski was excused) to discuss the following: Council elected Doug Kuntz (President) and Dave Geitner (Vice-President) while Joan Yohe agreed to appointment as secretary. Holy Hour for Peace was a success and new opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration were discussed. There was increased attendance on Ash Wednesday and first Fish Dinner quite successful. We have five candidates and one catechumen preparing for Easter sacraments. It was discovered we own property behind the school and we'd like to see a mural painted inside the office hallway. Religious Ed is proceeding well, with some interest in beginning youth ministry. Finances are holding well, but there are increasing expenses with the St Francis property, which is "on hold" awaiting diocesan decisions. County issued tax notice for "unused" church – but it is lost in the mail. Security Council has done vulnerability assessment and will discuss needed upgrades next meeting. The parish was founded in 1876 – not 1870 as previously thought. A committee will be assembled to plan a celebration this year for our 150th. Catholic Women had a great turnout for Chili cook-off, and plan a Retreat for Women on April 18th. Knights are helping with Special Olympics and are sponsoring a Respect Life talk on May 5th. We discussed a number of questions Dave Geitner brought to our attention. Next meeting, April 28th at 6 pm.

CATCH OF THE DAY
 Deep Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner
 Includes baked potato, slaw & dessert
\$17
 February 20
 March 6
 March 20
 April 3
 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.

NEXT DINNER MARCH 20TH!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Who had a dream about Jesus during his trial and before his crucifixion?

Answer: The wife of Pontius Pilate.

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Pastoral Council

Mark Frisina
Dave Geitner
 (Vice President)
Jeff Hilzinger
Doug Kuntz
 (President)
Daniel Lang
Natalie Marasco
Karen McClain
Jean Truman



The Federal Bureau of Prisons

Inside Influence Volunteer Program

Our volunteers change lives every day — are you ready to join them? We are actively looking for volunteers with a variety of skills. Visit our new website, The Inside Influence, to learn about our mission, browse different volunteer programs, and sign up for opportunities near you.

Start your volunteer journey with us today.

Volunteering changes lives

"We are often unaware how the simple act of being present to others has the potential to turn a life around — it can be a life-enriching experience for all involved."

— FBOP volunteers Danny & Brenda

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LEAVE A LEGACY OF GOOD

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Stephanie Crozier
FCI McKean
Scrozier@bop.gov
814-362-8900

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—FCI McKean is working to grow their volunteer program. Specifically, they are in need of Catholic volunteers to assist the inmate population. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like further information.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Humor is the oil of relationships. It can bring a squeaky problem into perspective. If things are tense between you, sometimes making a funny comment (perhaps a self-deprecating one) can lighten the situation.

LENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY
8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH

MONDAY
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

TUESDAY
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL
5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

FRIDAY
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

SATURDAY
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL
4PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

LENTEN PRACTICES 2026

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On those days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE

BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

PASTORAL STAFF
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM
 You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*
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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 StBernardREP@outlook.com

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

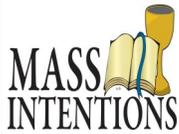
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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MARCH 9TH-MARCH 15TH Daily masses
are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend
Masses in the Church (See Lenten Schedule)

Monday, March 9th

SBC 9:00 am Dan Costello (Marilyn Johnson)
SBC 12:10 pm Colette Eddy (Kathy Hannon Symington)

Tuesday, March 10th

SBC 9:00 am Julia Hayes (Jessica Hervatin & Family)

Wednesday, March 11th

SBC 12:10 pm Beverly Hull (Mary Ann Satterwhite)
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 12th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm Betsy Costello (Marty & Kris Sapko)

Friday, March 13th

SBC 12:10 pm Beverly Cobb (Shirley & Paul Madison)

Saturday, March 14th

SBC 9:00 am Jan Hancock (Rosemary Burke)
SB 4:00 pm John Nadji (Kim & Tim VanHorn)

Sunday, March 15th

SB 8:00 am Rita Leone (Daughters)
SB 10:00 am Madeline Doriguzzi (Family)
SB 11:30 am Ralph & Judy Mongillo (Gianna Carroll)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass &
3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.
Extra Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, March 22nd in Church 2-3 pm.**



MARCH 14TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer
EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky
Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

MARCH 15TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion
EM: Dave White **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Deb Woodley
Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan
EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Gloria Scarano
Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee
EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Charlotte 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, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, 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, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, 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, Jan Stiles, 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
March 8th**



Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-
17, 34-38