

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 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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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept."

John 14:16-17



**A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR**

Do you know the four saints in the **statues** (besides Mary and Joseph) in St Bernard Church? St Rocco (or Roch) (to the left of the main altar) is the French pilgrim pointing to his bubonic plague sore. His prayers (over plague victims while he traveled) were effective in healing many, but finally contracted the disease on his leg. He went into seclusion to prepare for death (in Italy), but was healed and a dog was significant in the process (he's often pictured with one).

St Anthony of Padua is also an immigrant – having been baptized as Fernando (Ferdinand) in his hometown of Lisbon, Portugal. He took “Anthony” when he joined the Augustinians, but later was welcomed into the brown-cloaked friars by St Francis himself. He died in Padua, and he's holding the Christ child because he often faithfully preached on how we need to become little ourselves. He may also have been so inspired by a powerful dream he had. He was so scholarly, that Francis was leery of accepting him, until he heard him preach extemporaneously at an Ordination. “We need that brother!” he reportedly said. St Anthony, help us find what we have lost!

St Therese of Lisieux (“Little Flower”) is farther to the right of St Anthony in the niche, another native of France whose embrace of the cross in her own life and physical struggles and sufferings still brings blessings to many. A Carmelite Sister, she wanted to “spend her heaven by doing good on earth.” She's been busy. Look for showers of roses!

St Lucy, a martyr of Sicily, died giving faithful witness to Jesus. She's in the entryway of the church near the bathroom, opposite of the statue of the Sacred Heart. There's a legend that she was blinded as part of her torture, which is why she's often pictured with eyes on a plate. But her name means “light” and so her conviction and relationship with the Lord helps us all to truly see and be filled with light. (Matthew 6:22-23).

Fr John



**St. Bernard Bell Choir Spring Fundraiser
Win a beautiful potted floral arrangement!**

You will have two chances to win with each ticket purchased as there are two separate pots to be given away. The cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased from any Bell Choir member or at the church office.

The pots will be created by Graham's Greenhouse and Landscaping — a \$60 value!

The winner will be chosen on Sunday, May 24, 2026. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for general repair and maintenance of the bells.

Thank you for your support!



Bright Alternatives have kicked off their annual “Baby Bottle” fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus will be handing out the baby bottles this weekend, May 9th & 10th, to those wishing to contribute to this most worthy cause. If you don't get a bottle at Mass see a K of C member. The bottles will then be collected on Father's Day weekend, June 20th & 21st. Please give as generously as you can!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, May 20th @ 12:10 for Mass in the Chapel and then out for lunch. Summer break until September.

K of C #403 : Tuesday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 20th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, June 16th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, June 18th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, May 13th @ 11:00 am

Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, May 12th @ 6:00 pm

Rosary in Church followed by Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. **All are welcome!** Final vote to confirm Officers & new Board members for 2026-2028.

Women's Weekend: Conference/Retreat at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, June 5-7, 2026.

Theme: Glory 2026: Women's Gathering

"Graves into Gardens"

A weekend of worship, rest, and connection.

If interested, contact Lynne Kuntz or call the parish office (814)362-6825.



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Richard Vecellio



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 May 12th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

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PLEASE NOTE: Church is open weekdays from 11 am to 1 pm for prayer and reflection. Divine Mercy Chapel is open prior to Masses and afterwards until 4 pm during the week.

MARRIAGE MOMENT Maybe you hated it when your parent made you say "I'm sorry" when you were a kid. No one's making you say it now, but in marriage there are plenty of times to practice.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – Question: What is required by Canon Law to be enclosed in every Catholic chapel and church?

Answer: A relic.

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COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 11,532

May 3... \$ 8,126
Good Shepherd Collection.....\$ 4,413

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected \$ 42,799

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

You're Invited!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A **RECEPTION**

IN HONOR OF



ALTAR SERVERS



RECENT CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

& Recognition Ceremony



MAY 31ST
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM



Recognition Ceremony begins immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

FATHER LEO GALLINA HALL

ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!



Featuring:
PANCAKES • SAUSAGE
SCRAMBLED EGGS
Come hungry and enjoy a great meal!

BREAKFAST PRICING

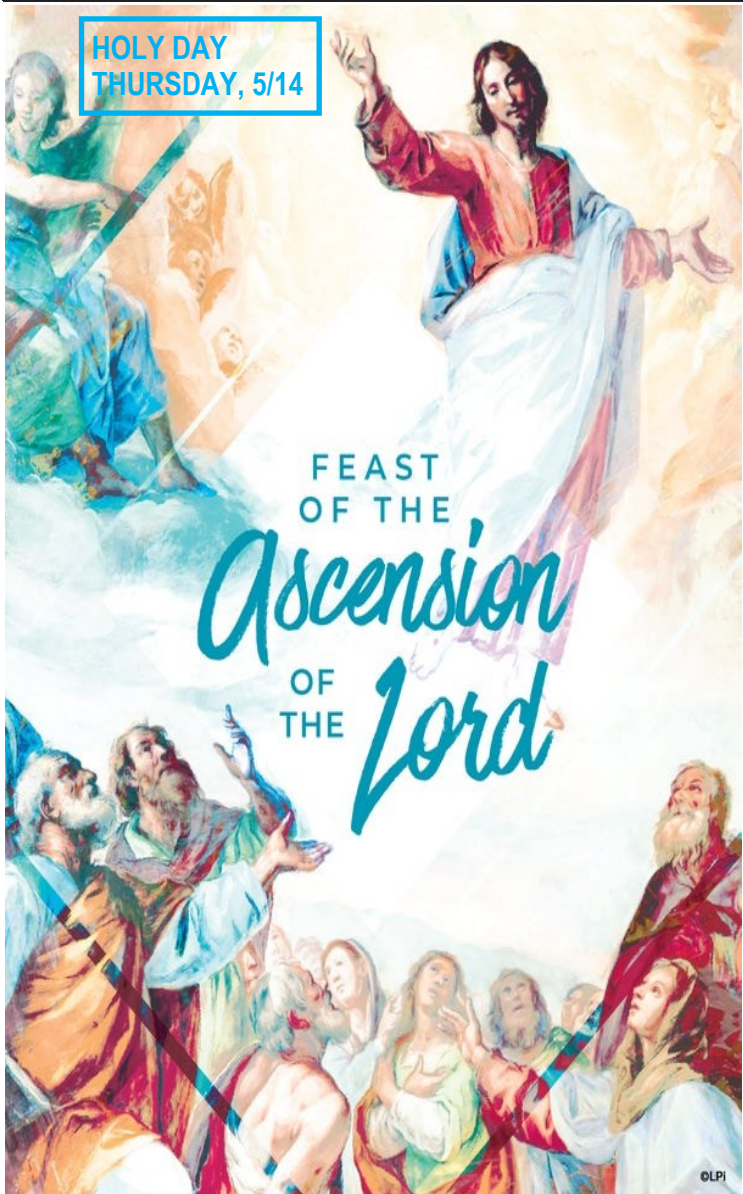
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FREE CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER



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Come enjoy good food, great fellowship, and celebrate their achievements!



MOTHER'S DAY For Catholics struggling with infertility and miscarriage, Mother's Day can be hard. Acknowledging the grief and emotions of women who carry these crosses doesn't mean honoring moms any less; instead, it means being open to embracing the unique gifts all women possess: sensitivity to others' needs, a desire to nurture and serve, and hearts filled with love. This Mother's Day, let's honor those women who are moms through biology, fostering, or adoption, the moms whose children rest with the Lord, and those women who are longing for children yet have a mother's heart that brings care and peace to those they encounter. For infertility resources and accompaniment, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Digital Safety Tips for Parents
 Your child's personal info online is easy to track—and hard to erase. Protect them with these simple steps: Never share personal details like full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on social media. Keep passwords private – never give them to anyone. Check privacy settings on games, apps, social media, and devices. Turn off GPS sharing to prevent location leaks. Avoid public WI-FI when sharing personal info. For more resources: www.eriecd.org/childprotection




May is the Month of Mary!
 Here are 3 ideas of how to honor Mary this month:

1. Celebrate May Crowning:
 May Crowning is celebrated by crowning a statue or image of Mary with a wreath of flowers to honor her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

2. Give someone a Marian Gift:
 Great gift ideas to honor Mary include a Marian Medal or a Marian Scapular.

3. Pray the rosary:
 Consider participating in a group rosary at your parish or with friends/family!

JOIN PITT-BRADFORD **ARTS** THIS SEASON




AMERICA250
FEATURING SOUTHERN TIER BRASS
TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7 P.M.
BROMELEY FAMILY THEATER

PUBLIC \$20 | STUDENTS \$5
VETERANS & ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS \$15

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BLESSING FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.

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On October 13, 1917, the quiet countryside of Fátima, Portugal, became the stage for one of the most extraordinary miracles of the 20th century. What began as a series of apparitions to three humble shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta,

and Francisco, culminated in a heavenly sign witnessed by tens of thousands: the Miracle of the Sun. Between May and October 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to the children, calling the world to prayer, penance, and conversion. Her message was both simple and urgent: pray the Rosary daily for peace and the conversion of sinners. She warned that without repentance, humanity would suffer wars and persecutions, but also promised that "in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." Mary's words resonated deeply at a time when the world was engulfed in the chaos of World War I and moral uncertainty. Yet her message remains timeless; a reminder that the peace of the world begins in the conversion of hearts.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In today's gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. Family life is filled with departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older, we constantly move from the familiar to the unknown. Today, Jesus assures us that we are not alone in these transitions: "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

PARENTING POINTERS It's planting season in most of the northern hemisphere. Plant something with your child this week. Watch it grow. Watch your son or daughter grow. Do you mark their height each year on their birthday? If, not, start a custom.



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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 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
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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 Cindy Greek @ 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.

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

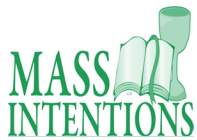
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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MAY 11TH-MAY 17TH Daily masses
are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, May 11th

SBC 9:00 am Ted Hendrickson (Rosemary Burke)
SBC 12:10 pm Butch & Barbara Matto (Julie Prentiss & Family)

Tuesday, May 12th

SBC 9:00 am Andrew Slotter (Rosemary Slotter)

Wednesday, May 13th 5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

SBC 12:10 pm Terry O'Connell (Tom & Mary O'Connell)
SB 5:30 pm Robert Tingley (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Thursday, May 14th ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SB 9:00 am All Parishioners
SB 12:10 pm Joan Artley (Anne Artley & Family)

Friday, May 15th

SBC 12:10 pm Owen Hannon (Family)

Saturday, May 16th

SBC 9:00 am Judy Freaney (Brent & Nancy Jones)
SB 4:00 pm Thomas Drumm (Victoria Guthrie)

Sunday, May 17th

SB 8:00 am Deceased Members of Thiel & Healy Families (Dennis & Linda Thiel)
SB 10:00 am Bob McCann Jr (Wesley & Ann Miller)
SB 11:30 am Cynthia White (Kevin & Janice Behan)

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



MAY 16TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jean Truman
EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky
Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

MAY 17TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe
EM: Cindy Greek **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Chris Pehonsky
Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan
EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Lynn Hogue
Servers: Abigail Crison/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca
EM: Karen McClain **CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz
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, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, 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, Ann Miller, Virginia O'Brien, 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, 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
May 10th**



Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20