

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 20, 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.

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ST. BERNARD MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30AM

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MONDAY & THURSDAY-9:00 AM & 12:10 PM
TUESDAY-9:00 AM WEDNESDAY-12:10 PM
FRIDAY-12:10PM SATURDAY-9:00 AM

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8



From the Pastor

We know that the ways of God and the ways of people are different. One of the clearest ways to see that is when it comes to peacemaking and warmaking. Cardinal Blase Cupich (Chicago) has laid out four demands for the children of God (Beatitudes Matthew 5:9). There's been a lot of focus on "Just War Theory," but trying to determine if a particular war can be justified is the wrong question. What does the Gospel demand of us? What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

Serenity is the first demand: not because peace ignores conflict, but because it refuses to be ruled by it. To turn the other cheek does not accept violence, it unmasks it – it denies violence the power to define the relationship. Creativity is the second – the violence needs to be transformed (not only absorbed). "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27) Creativity is seen in the hard, patient work of dialogue and negotiation. And that requires sensitivity – attention to the person (especially the difficult person). This is opposite of what Pope Francis called the "globalization of indifference," which is what making of war into a video game does. When a "target" is destroyed, so too are real souls – our brothers and sisters.

Finally, peace demands skill – it has to be learned, practiced, and refined – seeking common ground without betraying the truth and the trust – to persevere even when agreement seems distant. Real dialogue gives permission for those across the table from you to tell you why they think you are wrong. We do not abandon reasoning about war, but we put it in its proper place – seeking peace and pursuing it. (Psalm 34:14 / Rule of Benedict Prologue) It's not a passive statement, but requires effort and dedication – whether in a monastery, our families, or in our world.

Our Lord Jesus is surely upset by all those wielding violence – it is the opposite of everything he taught. (For the whole article, see America magazine, July/August 2026, pp.10-11) Fr John

P.S. I'm away this weekend as I'm assisting with the Men's Cursillo #259. I was hoping I'd get to make the weekend with a couple of our parishioners. There's a Women's Cursillo coming October 9-11. It's not too late to register. www.eriecursillo.org

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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



RESPECT LIFE - WHAT ARE ABORTION PILLS?

"Most abortions are no longer done by surgery in clinics, but by taking pills. In addition to ending the lives of babies, abortion pills are dangerous for the mothers who take them. In 2021, the FDA made the abortion pill available even without an in-person doctor visit. This easier access to abortion pills also increases the chances of their being used by abusive partners or sex trafficking criminals against a woman's will." USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities https://www.usccb.org/resources/What_Are_Abortion_Pills.Pdf

SEPTEMBER 21



Feast of St. Matthew

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INFORMATION

Are you, or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who had 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 and teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Classes begin September 21, and will be on Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm at the Rectory. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the office.

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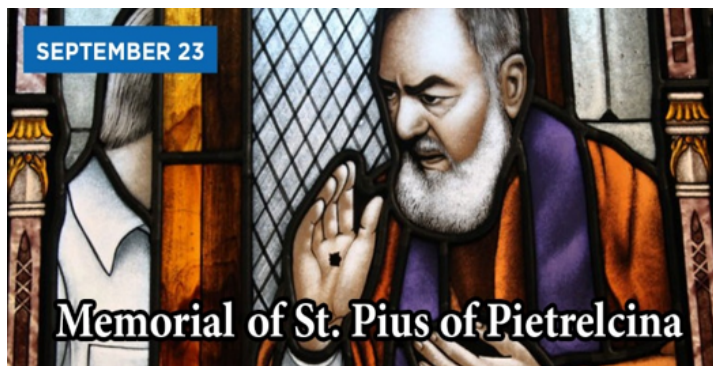
Question: John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: The Peace Corps

A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus asks us, "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Our family is the vineyard entrusted to us, as mentioned in today's gospel. Successful families are built by "laborers" who actively work on their relationships, not by spectators who merely watch from a distance.

SEPTEMBER 23



Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., October 8th @6:30
Widow's Group: TBA
K of C #403: Tues., October 13th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., November 4th @ 11am
Pastoral Council: Thurs., October 22nd @ 6:00pm
Finance Council: Thurs., November 19th @ 4:30
SF 50+ Club: Wed., October 14th @ 11:30am
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th 6:30
Catholic Women's Club: Sun., September 20th
 after the 11:30 Mass-- Meet & Greet in Gallina Hall. All Are Welcome!

Knights of Columbus are hosting a Family Rosary night on Wednesday, October 7th in the Church at 7:00 pm.

Music Rehearsals

Begin September 21st, on the main floor of the church.

5:15pm Chime Choir (new hand bell style)

6:00pm Hand bell Choir

7:00pm People's Choir Sectional Rehearsal (new members welcome)

Cantor and Song Leaders are needed for the Saturday 4pm Mass and Sunday 8am Mass. Please see Bro. Mike.

New members for the 10am Sunday Mass are needed. Please see Rita Bennardi.



COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,546
 September 13..... \$ 8,310

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

2026 CSA Collected \$ 63,253

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
 Thomas J. Chohrach*



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, September 27 from 11am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall

Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, October 4 from 5:45pm-7:15pm in Gallina Hall

***Don't Forget!!!

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
 Saturday, November 7



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

www.eriecd.org/faithformation/

November 7 | Clarion University | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

YOU + HUNDREDS OF TEENS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE
HIGH-ENERGY SPEAKERS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
POWERFUL PRAYER, ADORATION & MASS WITH THE BISHOP
FOOD, FRIENDS, LAUGHS & MEMORIES
DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE & GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SCAN HERE!

You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Clarion University

There is still time to register for the diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico alongside hundreds of teens from across the Diocese of Erie. The day is designed to help students preparing for Confirmation grow in faith while having fun and building community. Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we're able to offer this retreat once again for free. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! Registration closes on September 30. Learn more at <https://www.eriercd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>.

Parenting Pointers

"Don't you trust me?" is a common refrain of teenagers when they want a new privilege. Of course, love your child unconditionally, but trust takes time. It is earned by demonstrating a series of trustworthy acts. Don't be bullied by your child.

Cemetery News

All grave decorations must be removed from graves by **October 12**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after **November 1**.



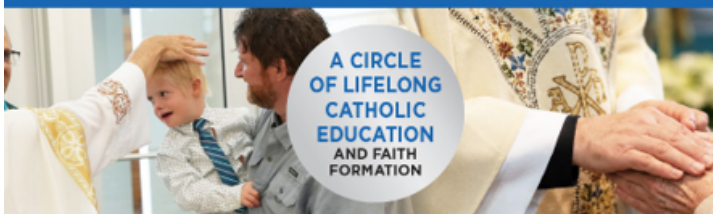
Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026



Today we take up the Catholic Education Collection. Fifty percent of every gift remains in our parish to support faith formation efforts.

Your generosity strengthens educational ministries across our parish and diocese. Give using the special collection envelope, or at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you!

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

WRIGHT MONUMENTAL WORKS



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Live streaming Sunday 10 am

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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.



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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco
	(814)598-5565

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September 21-27. Daily masses are
in the Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, September 21st

SBC 9:00am Fred & Eva Costanzo (Family)
SBC 12:10pm Patricia Pecora (BCHS Class of 1977)

Tuesday, September 22nd

SBC 9:00am Colleen Nuzzo (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Wednesday, September 23rd

SBC 12:10pm Janet Goebel (Catholic Women's Club)

Thursday, September 24th

SBC 9:00am Jean Everett (Denise & Ken Jadowiec)
SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, September 25th

SBC 12:10pm Deceased Penelec Employees
(Ron Lerch & Family)

Saturday, September 26th

SBC 9:00am Mike & Jane Tominez (Rita Stark)
SB 4:00pm Hannon & Sapko Families (Mary Lou Sapko)

Sunday, September 27th

SB 8:00am Roseanne Giordano (Giordano Family)
SB 10:00am Alice & Charles Laughlin (Helen & Gene DeFrank)
SB 11:30am Kathy Bridge McAndrew

Weekly Confessions:

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



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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September 26, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Dick Williams

Servers: VOLUNTEERS

September 27, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe

EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Dave White/Chris Pehonsky

Server: VOLUNTEER

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Gloria Scarano

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Charlotte Cuthbertson

Server: Dan Cuthbertson

Prayer REQUESTS

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, 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.



October 4th, 11:30 am Mass will be at St. Francis Church. Following Mass the K of C will provide a simple picnic-type meal. Rosary Altar will provide desserts. Pet blessings will be at 1:30 pm in the parking lot.