

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 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

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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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Do you want to know what happened at Emmaus XLIV (44) this year? We listened to Archbishop Bernard Hebda (of St Paul, MN) as he helped us reflect on the "Priest Being a Man of Communion." Pope Leo emphasizes this critical priority for our ministry, but it got its big start with Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter of 1992, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (I Will Give them Shepherds), about the best formation and preparation for priesthood. The priest is to be a man of mission and dialogue, deeply rooted in Christ, to witness in all relationships fraternity and truth – especially to those who have no faith, and the poor and defenseless.

On the mysteries in which we assist, St John Vianney said something to the effect of "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." Poet and commentator Annie Dillard, a convert to Catholicism, shared powerful insights into liturgy and sacraments. Archbishop Hebda reminded us priests of our integral role in the life of many parishioners.

He told us he was working in a high-power law firm in downtown Pittsburgh, when he began to consider a vocation to the priesthood. He was greatly moved by the ordination of a fellow parishioner, Al Utzig, in 1983, a member of the Columban missionaries. Al used to work as an engineer in Port Allegany, and he and I became friends at Young People Who Care, in Frenchville. Small world! He was elected Director of his community in November 2024.

Hebda became archbishop in the Twin Cities shortly before George Floyd was killed. This past year, he's dealt with the shooting of children at Annunciation Parish during an opening school year Mass, and the deaths of two citizens during the recent Operation Metro Surge (federal ICE and Border Control agents). No wonder he looked familiar to me. What a gift it was to hear him preach the Gospel in the midst of such polarization, disruption, and chaos. We were blessed! *Fr John*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEMORIALS FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY: Memorials can be in memory of a person, persons or family. Please send memorial text and photo attachment to Cuthbertson.craig@gmail.com. Payments can be made directly in the church office; cash or check only. Please make checks payable to St. Bernard Church. **DEADLINE for Memorial submission-July 20th.**

VOCATION—The calling or destiny in this life and hereafter. God has created us to love and serve Him: the fulfillment of this vocation is eternal happiness. The vocation of the laity is to see GOD and working His plan according to His will. St. Bernard of Clairvaux has gathered a committee to encourage the Church's vocations; priestly and religious vocations and the sacrament of marriage. As a starting point, the committee has created a Youth Bulletin that is available in the back of the Church. We are in the beginning stages of this task and welcome anyone who would want to be a part of a bigger plan...loving and servicing the Lord's desires. Leave your name and phone number at the office and a committee member will call you.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—if you are currently taking Communion to the homebound or to any of the long term care homes please call the office so we can update our records. Thank you!

St. Bernard Family Parish Directory - 2026

Photography by parishioner, Francie Long

Sittings are free and will include a free directory. Registrations are now being taken. Dates and times are listed below. Photo packages can be ordered that day

Please call the parish office to sign up at [814-362-6825](tel:814-362-6825).

Additional and Final DATES

- ~~Saturday, June 27th~~
after 4 PM Mass
- ~~Sunday, June 28th~~
after All Mass
- Saturday, July 11th
after 4 PM Mass
- Sunday, July 12th
after all Masses

Contact Craig at
Cuthbertson.craig@gmail.com to
purchase Memorials of loved ones to be published in
the directory \$25 - \$100
to help defray the cost of the directory printing



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Summer break until September.
K of C #403 : Tuesday, July 14th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, July 8th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break until September
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: TBA



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
 will be burning this week in
 Memory of
 Andrew Pehonsky*



**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 July 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

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COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,654

June 28..... \$ TBA

Peter's Pence Collection..... \$ TBA

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 56,119

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

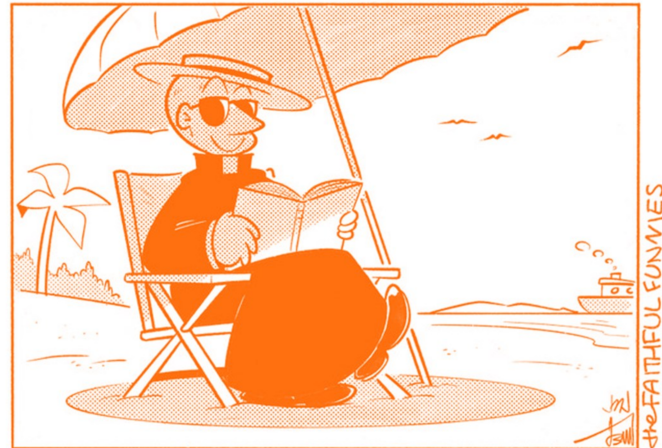
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Today's gospel emphasizes the call to be missionaries. Just as Jesus accepted his mission, parents embrace the mission of raising a family. This exhausting and challenging vocation is not one they face alone. Jesus invites us to find solace in Him, saying, "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

PARENTING POINTERS—Perhaps you've heard of "The Power of Half" where a wealthy family decides to move to a house half the size and give the proceeds to a hunger cause. This is good but many families don't have the luxury of downsizing this dramatically. My hope is that families can enter the spirit of such downsizing by jointly deciding what to give away. See, Letting Go of Stuff for ideas.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—"I love you" are such easy words to say. The almost automatic reply is, "I love you too." But words can sound cheap if too often said casually. Say "I love you," once, with heart, to your spouse today.

"What do you call it when a priest spends the weekend at the beach?"



"Sancti-Vacation!"



We all need a vacation from time to time so we can relax and recuperate. Even our priests go on vacation!

YOUTH MINISTRY—"Youth grades 6-12 please join us for a day full of fun, faith and friends, **Sunday July 12th 12:00-4:00 pm in St Bernard's gym!** Games, pizza and snacks provided. Seeking your ideas on future youth activities! Looking forward to seeing you there!"



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING —

Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is just around

the corner—July 19-25, 2026. The national educational campaign is promulgated by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to highlight the anniversary of Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood and to mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.



Blessing for Our Country
Dear God,
Bless this land that we love, a land
You created, in love.
We are at our best when we're close
to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders and our vision, that our greatness may be founded in and defined in You.

Amen.

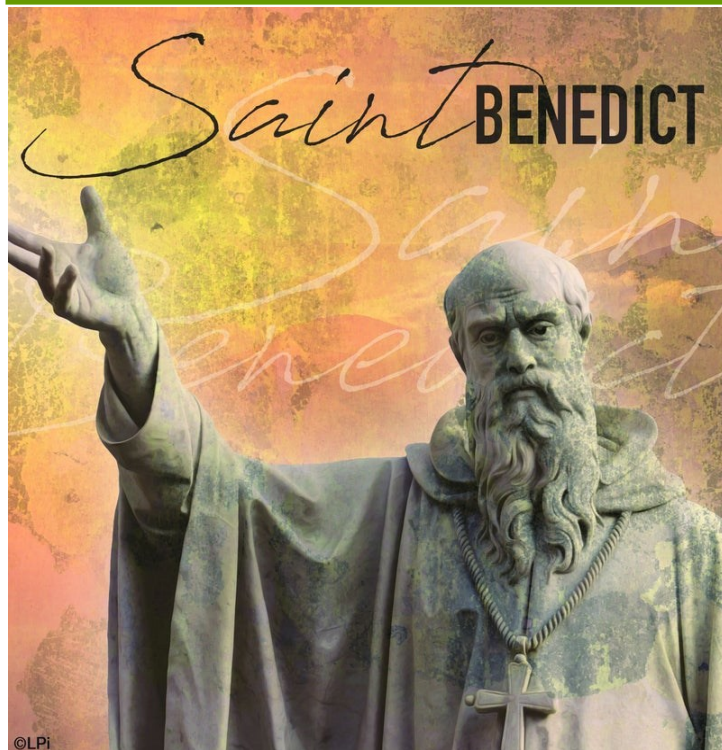
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RESTORATION RETREAT: HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Restoration Retreat is full in-person and online retreat offered on July 11 for anyone walking through marital breakdown, separation, or divorce, whether currently or years ago. Through prayer, reflection, teaching, and sharing in genuine community, you will experience healing and hope, rediscover your authentic identity as a beloved child of God, and move forward with greater peace, clarity, and purpose. This retreat is co-sponsored by Abounding Joy Ministry and the Diocese of Madison and is offered on a Pay What You Can basis. Use the QR code on the attached advertisement or navigate to www.aboundingjoyministry.com/event-details/restoration-retreat-hope-healing-for-the-separated-divorced for details and registration information.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—Thank you for your generous support in last week's collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters world-wide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT—JULY 11TH

Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gospel, how will you be a light?

VIRTUES EXPLAINED—The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It's our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people's feelings — to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions. Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation — he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own. Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness. ©LPi



“Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility.” Pope Leo XIV

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP—Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others. The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people. In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God. This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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GOODBYE **JUNE**
WELCOME
TO JULY



Have you heard of the patron saint of purity? Born to peasant parents in southern Italy, St. Maria Goretti was a devout girl whose life was marked by difficulty. Her father died when she was nine, leaving her single mother with six mouths to feed. Two neighbors helped on the family farm, including a young man named Alessandro. He began making crude comments towards Maria. She repeatedly denied him. After several years, Alessandro attacked Maria to force himself on her. She resisted and, in his anger, Alessandro stabbed her. Maria died from the wounds' infections, but her last words were "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli, and I want him with me in heaven forever." While he was in prison, Maria appeared to Alessandro with a bouquet of roses, one for each wound he inflicted. In a true miracle of mercy, Alessandro experienced repentance, became a Franciscan brother after his release, and was later present at Maria's canonization. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?

Answer: A Holy Hour



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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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	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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JULY 6-JULY 12TH

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

Monday, July 6th

SBC 9:00 am Ann Mongillo (Kathy Symington)
SBC 12:10 pm Donna Gocella (William & Kimberly Ditz)

Tuesday, July 7th

SBC 9:00 am Louis Monti (Ann & Wesley Miller)

Wednesday, July 8th

SBC 12:10 pm Mary Ann Roney (Pat & Tony Pascarella)

Thursday, July 9th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm Beverly Snyder-O'Neil (Ron & Terri Orris)

Friday, July 10th

SBC 12:10 pm Barbara Haff (Family)

Saturday, July 11th

SBC 9:00 am Piscitelli Family Reunion (Louise & Family)
SB 4:00 pm Deceased Members of Yablonski & Burrell Families (Bob Burrell)

Sunday, July 12th

SB 8:00 am Thomas Black (Joan Klinestiver)
SB 10:00 am Donald & Joan Bailey (Kris & Darcy Goll)
SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Pehonsky Family)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

JULY 11TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer
EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Dick Williams/Peggy Johnson
Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

JULY 12TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski
EM: Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Cindy Greek
Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis
EM: VOLUNTEER CUP: Gloria Scarano/Lynn Hogue
Servers: Daniel Marasco/Caleb & Carter McAndrew

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, 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, 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.



Readings for the week of July 5th

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9