

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 25, 2026*

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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.*

*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 — 8:00 am & 9:00 am

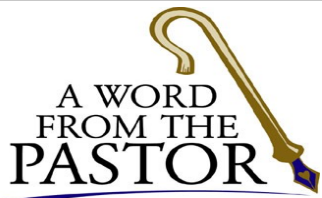
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19*



What are the next steps in our consolidation of parishes process? We would like to, step by step, “decommission” St Francis Church. After this, it would benefit our parish to liquidate this resource and utilize the proceeds to further the essential mission of our consolidated parish community.

It is not easy to erect a parish (by definition, a stable community of the Christian faithful). Parishes exist primarily to provide for the sacramental and spiritual needs of the people in this territory, entrusted to a pastor. And they normally utilize a church, a sacred building designated for the public exercise of divine worship. These take substantial time to establish and construct. Hence, they also take substantial effort and discernment to “undo.”

St Francis Parish was erected in 1945 (along with Our Mother of Perpetual Help) and St Francis Church was constructed and dedicated (consecrated) in 1951. It was independent of St Bernard’s – as was St Bernard’s when it was erected in 1870 from St Mary’s in Sartwell.

On Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr Joe Petrone (Assistant Chancellor of the Erie Diocese) presented information to members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils to outline the process.

In church (canon) law, a grave cause must be identified in order for the relegation of a church building. St Francis was modified from “parish” to “secondary church with mission status.” It retained this designation while we transferred all Masses, funerals and weddings to this site during our renovations to St Bernard Church (April-December 2024). We had then decided with the Pastoral Council to transfer all such liturgical celebrations to St Bernard’s upon the completion of the refurbishing.

Last August, St Francis was further modified to “secondary church without mission status” since it seemed that there was a merging of parish worship and not a need to continue to worship at St Francis further. Bishop Persico issued this decree on August 7, 2025, which was publicized in many ways. It did mean, however, that we were to celebrate the patronal feast day (St Francis of Assisi – October 4<sup>th</sup>) and to ensure the church was open for visitation and prayer at least on a weekly basis (which we continue to do on Fridays from 8-3).

(To be continued next week).

~ Fr John

**Blessing of Light**—Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.

Amen.

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**PARENTING POINTERS**—What can your family do to prevent abortion? Have you ever supported an unwed mother by providing clothes and baby needs? Can you provide childcare for a single mom who needs a break? If possible, let your children help.



## COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall)

Monday, **JANUARY 26TH**

12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

## HELP SPREAD THE FAITH COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION JANUARY 25, 2026



Support *Faith* Magazine & Catholic Communications

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**



Thank you for helping us share the Good News!

[ErieRCD.org/News/Communications.html](http://ErieRCD.org/News/Communications.html)



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Rosary Altar Society:** Wednesday, January 28th @6:30pm  
**Widow's Group:** TBA  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, February 10th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** TBA  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, February 11th @ 11:00 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** TBA  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Save the Date—Saturday, April 18th—**Women's Retreat;** Gallina Hall. Details to follow.



**The Bradford Council #403  
of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on February 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**DID YOU KNOW** that if you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have IRA assets, you may be eligible to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) which could help fulfill your required minimum distribution (RMD)? You can make direct transfers to charities up to \$108,000 avoiding taxation on those distributions, benefiting you and St. Bernard Church. If you would like more information, contact your financial or tax advisor.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

January 18..... \$ TBA

**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**

2025 CSA Collected \$110,710

**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  
Greg Bell*

Sanctuary Candles are \$15 each. Call the office if you're interested in reserving one. Reservations go quickly.

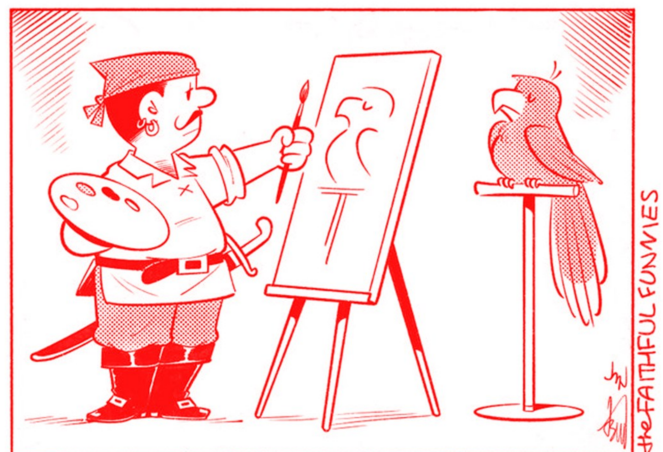
**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—Showing love is often about the little things – set up his coffee in the evening so it's ready for him in the morning, send her a one line e-mail during the day, leave a sticky note on the mirror if you're going out of town, ask about her day, kiss him unexpectedly just because...



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)  
Feb 1st & Feb 22nd

**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)  
Jan 25th & Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only-  
Letters to the Bishop

**"What's a pirate's favorite class in school?"**



**"Arrrrrrrt!"**



Students are special members of our community, and we're sending our love and prayers to them today and always!

**HYGIENE DRIVE FOR DESTINATIONS**—Last week to drop items off at the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who donated!

**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP:** O Almighty God, Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. May we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ. For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** When Jesus called his disciples, they responded 'immediately.' Parents often wish their children would do the same, but that's not how it works. Children grow into responsibility gradually. It's a process, much like learning to walk, achieved in small steps rather than all at once. Parenting requires patient encouragement.

**Respect Life - Fruitfulness**—Did you know that fruitfulness is the task of every Christian? It is a creative cooperation with God in acts of service, our prayers for those in need, and being in communion with others. The call to be life-giving can seem challenging for couples who are experiencing infertility, but through their openness to the gift of life, husband and wife entrust their marriage and any fruit it bears to God. Importantly, a marriage's capacity for fruitfulness is *not* limited to bearing and raising children! Couples walking this path can still be life-giving in a season of waiting, and in their faithful carrying of this cross, they are witnesses in their community to the goodness of marriage. For more resources and support, visit [www.springsinthedesert.org](http://www.springsinthedesert.org).

**Word of Life - "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"**—Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt him?

Answer: Three.

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**WE'RE HIRING**  
**St. Bernard Parish Housekeeper**  
Seeking a part-time (12-15 hours a week) dedicated Housekeeper to contribute to the care and cleanliness of our facilities.

**Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- Clean and sanitize assigned areas, including bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and common areas
- Dust, vacuum, and mop floors to maintain cleanliness
- Keep facilities and common areas clean and maintained
- Clean and stock restrooms
- Perform detailed deep cleans when required
- Laundry management, including washing, drying, ironing, and sorting linen

**Requirements:**

- Previous cleaning or housekeeping experience required.
- High attention to detail and ability to work independently.
- Physical stamina to lift up to 25 pounds and remain active for extended periods.
- Strong communication and ability to follow instructions.

Please email your resume to [business@stbernardcatholic.org](mailto:business@stbernardcatholic.org)  
Please include 2 professional references



## St Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

# Good Seeds

## Monthly REP News

"If the winds of temptation arise, look to the star, call upon Mary!" - St Bernard

January 2026



### Happy New Year!

We finished 2025 listening to the beautiful voices of our young children at the Vigil Mass at Christmas Eve. I am certain our Newborn Lord was smiling with great delight as He listened to those sweet voices!

Looking ahead to the second half of our REP year, we have a busy agenda getting many of our students ready to receive some of the most important sacraments of their Catholic faith. We have five students who will receive their First Reconciliation early March, six students to be Confirmed in the faith mid-April and ten students will make their First Holy Communion the first Sunday in May. In addition to all of that, we will increase our faith journey through the season of Lent and Easter! That is a lot of grace packed into the next three months!

God's Peace and blessings to all!

Cindy Greek – REP Coordinator

### What we are learning

Grade 1 – Discussed the Holy Family, John the Baptist, Jesus's baptism and Zacchaeus. Grade 2 – Learning about the sacraments with a focus on Reconciliation and practiced saying an Act of Contrition. Grade 3 – Visited the Chapel discussing the different items in there with a focus on Jesus in the tabernacle. Grades 4 & 5 – Read the baptism of Jesus from the Children's Bible. Gr 4 learning about the Sign of The Cross and Grace before meals. Gr 5 Learning the Apostle's Creed.

Edge – Grades 6-8 – Last class before Christmas played a game unlocking the mysteries of the Nativity.

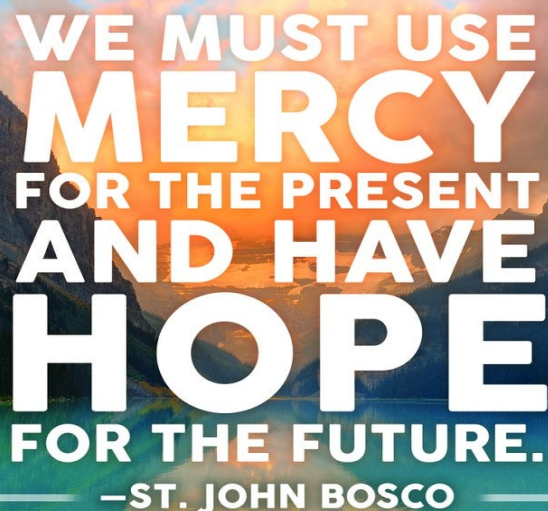
Purpose – Confirmation – Learned about the Pascal Mystery. Had grace-filled moments of venerating The Cross and Eucharistic Adoration.

*Parishioners – please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our students and Catechists.*

### Meet Marty Kearns – 4th and 5th Grade Catechist

Together with her daughter-in-law, Pati Kearns, Marty co-teaches our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. A lifetime resident of Bradford and lifetime parishioner of St Bernard's, Marty has taught REP for several years. She finds joy co-teaching with Pati and believes this helps the students receive a well-rounded religious education experience. When she is not working, Marty enjoys cooking large meals to share with her family and friends, gardening and delivering fish fry dinners for the parish during Lent. She has welcomed two foster children into her home and is excited to raise them in the Catholic faith.

We thank God for Marty and for those 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> students! Please keep all of them in your prayers.



**WE MUST USE  
MERCY  
FOR THE PRESENT  
AND HAVE  
HOPE  
FOR THE FUTURE.**  
—ST. JOHN BOSCO

**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.

*Weekly*  
**BULLETIN**  
**DEADLINE**

**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.

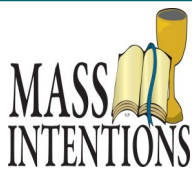
**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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

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**JANUARY 26TH-FEBRUARY 1ST** All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) (Subject to change) Weekend Masses in the Church

**Monday, January 26th**

SBC 8:00 am Thomas Morgan (Rita Stark)  
SBC 9:00 am Roberta Myers (St. Bernard School Teachers)

**Tuesday, January 27th**

SBC 9:00 am Linda Monti (Shelly Catoni & Susan Pfeiffer)

**Wednesday, January 28th**

SBC 8:00 am Michael Newhouse (Tom & Mary O'Connell)

**Thursday, January 29th**

SBC 8:00 am Pete & Gerrie O'Connell (Becky Hinton)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, January 30th**

SBC 12:10 pm Rosaria DiFonzo Costanza (Theresa Constanza Bucci)

**Saturday, January 31st**

SBC 9:00 am William Douglass (Cindy Greek)  
SB 4:00 pm John Iaderosa (Vince & Mary Lou Iaderosa)

**Sunday, February 1st**

SB 8:00 am Jude Luke (Tad, Kristin, Peyton & Cooper Haight)  
SB 10:00 am Lucille & Eugene Vinca (David Vinca)  
SB 11:30 am Lena & Bruno Cary (Nellie Vecellio)

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



**JANUARY 31ST, 2026**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Tammy Black

**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Chris Pehonsky

**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Martha Torrey

**EM:** Deb Woodley **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Dave White

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Greg Ulyan

**EM:** Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Lynn Hogue **VOLUNTEER**

**Servers:** Luke Erickson

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Craig Cuthbertson

**EM:** Carol Vinca **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Karen McClain

**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, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami, Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, 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, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, 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 January 25th**



**Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Monday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22,  
25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,  
13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-  
7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a