

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6th, 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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

- Mt 18:19-20

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Well, we head into Labor Day and fall. I hope you had some opportunities for good reading. Here are some books I've recently seen.

This handy little book helps to integrate a number of concerns into a wonderful unity. Sr Margaret Scott has written ***The Eucharist and Social Justice*** (2009) in order to shed more light on the ways "the source and summit" of the Church's activity truly engages in the lives of everyone, especially the poor. The author shows how each part, each movement of the Mass addresses the most crucial issues of the day and how it ought to transform us – and thus, the world. If only we could unlock the power of the Eucharist as we do these actions in memory of Christ.

A collection of reflections, ***Jon Sobrino: Spiritual Writings*** (2018), edited by Robert Lassalle-Klein, was also quite worthwhile to peruse. Fr Sobrino was away when a military death squad massacred all his cohorts at the University of Central America in November 1989. This was less than ten years after the deaths of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the four American Church women – also in El Salvador. Sobrino taught theology at UCA, after having studied in Rome and the U.S. A native of Spain, the Jesuit priest served almost exclusively in El Salvador and is a liberation theologian. I had visited UCA on retreat in 2020, and I read the book so influential to him (*Crucified God*, by Jürgen Moltmann) while on sabbatical last year. Investigated a couple of times by the Vatican, he was affirmed to continue to teach theology, although he is 87 as of this writing.

Silvia Vasquez-Lavado tells her story of growing up in middle class Lima, Peru, along with her experiences of sexual abuse there and education (in Pennsylvania) and successful job search (in San Francisco). She fell into alcohol and drug abuse, as well as promiscuity – which finally led her to sobriety in, believe it or not, mountaineering, including Mount Everest. Her book is ***In the Shadow of the Mountain*** (2022) and she flashes back to cover each of these bases as she navigates the difficulties and triumphs she has experienced. There are many suspenseful moments in this book and very personal extraordinary struggles that she relates. I won't forget it.

Fr John

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

DONATE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH—25TH ANNIVERSARY

ALWAYS REMEMBER
PATRIOT DAY

God of loving kindness, those who have died still live in your presence. Welcome into your loving embrace all those who died on September 11, 2001. Grant them eternal rest. Comfort those who mourn them. Open our hearts to hear your word and in it, find light in time of darkness, and strength in our belief that your Son won for us eternal life. Through that same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Wednesday, September 9th @ 6:00 pm. Officer Installation Dinner @ Bradford Club. Social hour @5:30pm.

Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 16th-Mass in the Chapel at 12:10 followed by meeting in Gallina Hall. Bring your lunch. All widows welcome!

K of C #403 : Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, November 19th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11:00 am

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 13th—10 am Mass followed by Brunch @ Togi's. \$20 per person. RSVP to Alicia 814-598-5076. Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 15th @5:45pm followed by General Meeting. All are welcome!



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 September 8th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
will be burning this week in
Memory of
Jim Ulyan*

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

August 30..... \$ 7,608

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,279

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 63,768

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REP will begin September 13th. Registration packets are now available in the church or the parish office. You can also register online on the parish website. Packets include a schedule which is also available online. Please note grades 1-5 will meet on Sunday morning and grades 6-9 will meet Sunday evening. Confirmation will take place in 9th grade with a mandatory retreat on November 7, 2026, in Clarion, PA. Emails will be sent to parents of confirmation students with more information. Please mark your calendar for this important date. As always, communication will take place through the Remind app. Please use the new Remind codes listed below. Last years codes have been archived and are therefore no longer available. It is important that you register for Remind as that is the primary way I will communicate with you. You can reach me through the Remind app, by calling the parish office 362-6285 or emailing me at StBernardREP@outlook.com. New Remind codes are: Grades 1-5 send text to 81010 Code. In the message enter @grades152 / Grades 6-9 text 81010 Code. In the message enter @grades692 —Cindy Greek, REP Coordinator

REP SCHEDULE—Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, September 13th from 11:00 am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall **(Parents must attend first 15 minutes.)** **Grades 6-9** meet Sunday, September 20th from 5:45pm-7:15pm in Gallina Hall **(Parents of Grades 6-8 must attend first 15 minutes. Confirmation parents must attend the entire class.)**

TWIN TIERS AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

(Ages 12-18) Sunday, September 13th, 5-7pm @ St. Bonaventure Church grounds, 95 E. Main St., Allegany, NY (Meet in parking lot). Featuring saint story, vocation story, outdoor games, dinner, real meaningful discussion. Bring a water bottle, a friend, dress modestly, wear sneakers. Text Sarah Meyer 814-558-2314 with questions or to register.

PARENTING POINTERS—"And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him." (Luke 2.33) Do your children ever amaze you? Maybe you haven't been watching with the eyes of God at the wonder of this younger human being with free will. Watch with awe today. Ponder the memory in your heart.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

On Tuesday, August 25, Fr John gathered with Doug Kuntz, Bill Leven, Harry Solarek, Jeff Hilzinger, Karen McClain, Cindy Greek, Natalie Marasco, Mike Kozminski, Mark Frisina, Joan Yohe, Lynne Kuntz, and Fr Ed Walk to discuss the following: After Mike's prayer, Fr John spoke of the St Bernard Anniversary Week (neither he nor Fr Ed ever experienced anything so extensive and well-planned and well-executed in all their years and assignments). We also talked of how to celebrate St Francis in October, the blessing of Italian Festival workers (a first!), the Unbound priest visit, the cemetery looking good and a donation from Rice Bowl to the Friendship Table. Cindy reported on plans for Religious Education, youth activities, several adult Bible studies, and compliance with Child Protection. Karen said that Rosary Altar will install officers September 9th after having helped with the Anniversary week. Lynne reported that Catholic Women spent many hours composing the history of the parish and will assist with Mass Sept 13 (followed by brunch at Togi's). Knights reviewed baby bottle campaign for Bright Alternatives, and are sponsoring a Chess Tournament in October. They also did some "heavy lifting" for Anniversary week set-ups. Bill Leven reviewed finances – Catholic Services Appeal is currently short (as usual), and investment funds will be reviewed Thursday. Relegation Process (St Francis) reports were composed, delivered, and revised in preparation for September Presbyteral (Priest) Council meeting which advises the Bishop. Security Committee meets tomorrow and is in process to identify parishioners at each Mass to assist in emergencies. Another parish safety plan was obtained and will be used as a template. Vocation Committee continues to publish Youth Bulletin and sponsored rosary for vocations last Thursday. When Dan Lang was elected to Pastoral Council, the next highest vote-getter was Mike Salerno, who will be asked to finish Dan's term. Next meeting, Thursday, October 22nd at 6 pm.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: The word "Catholic" comes from the Greek "katholikos," meaning what?

Answer: Universal

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BRIGHT ALTERNATIVES
THE CENTER FOR NEW HOPE

Walk for Life
2026

Saturday, September 12th
10am - 1pm



brightalternatives.org/walk/

Allegany River Park -
W Union Street,
Allegany NY 14706

Free Food & Games
Raffle Baskets - Cash Only



We celebrate
Mary's
Birthday on
September 8th

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION—May we count on your support for the Catholic Education Collection on September 19/20? Your gift helps form disciples today and for generations to come. Fifty percent stays at St. Bernard to support religious education. Contribute with your Catholic Education envelope or at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you for your consideration.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. **Orders are due by Wednesday, September 23rd.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has 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 or teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Classes will be held **on Monday's starting September 21 at 5:30 pm.** For information please contact the church office.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Happiness: Part 1. It's no sin to have fun. Recreational pursuits refresh and nurture us. Sometimes, however, hobbies and sports can rob us of couple time or down time to really relax. Are your leisure activities supporting your marriage or stressing it? Try listing your non-work activities and assess what really revitalizes you.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Peter from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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Tuesday, Sept. 29th

- ✓ 5:30AM Leave the Annex Parking Lot
 - ✓ 10:30AM Mass
 - ✓ 11:30AM Procession for Feast of the Archangels
 - ✓ Food from food trucks on site
 - ✓ Talk by Joe Santoro
 - ✓ Visit Padre Pio Museum & Gift Shop
 - ✓ Home by 10PM
- \$80 due at time of reservation
Make checks payable to:
CD of A Court #95



Contact Lori
814-594-3972

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection—Every year, you contribute monies in Lent to the Rice Bowl collection for hungry people. The Local portion of this Collection is allocated to organizations that serve to eliminate hunger and poverty within our own communities. These monies would not be available without the generous contributions of the parishioners of the Diocese of Erie. **This year, a check for \$445.61 was presented to The Friendship Table from the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie.** Thank You!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person—not alone, not with others, and not even with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position, and if they listen, they can take the necessary steps to change themselves. Change comes from within.

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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



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.

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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SEPTEMBER 7TH-SEPTEMBER 13TH

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

Monday, September 7th **LABOR DAY**

SBC 9:00 am Lea Miller (Dona Maley & Family)

Tuesday, September 8th

SBC 9:00 am Marg & Vincenzo Vigliotta (Rose Vigliotta)

Wednesday, September 9th

SBC 12:10 pm Kay Henry (Brenda Mongillo)

Thursday, September 10th

SBC 9:00 am Charlie Kirk (Tom & Dianne Deloe)

SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

Friday, September 11th **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**

SBC 12:10 pm George Pascarella (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Saturday, September 12th

SBC 9:00 am Laurence Freaney (Ann Cavallero)

SB 4:00 pm Thomas, Diana, & Daniel Hannahs
(Kris & Darcy Goll)

Sunday, September 13th

SB 8:00 am Sandy Remington (Rosemary Burke)

SB 10:00 am Richard DeFrank (Helen & Gene DeFrank)

SB 11:30 am Earl & Marjorie Tischer (Kris & Darcy Goll)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

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

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight



SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey

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

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Teri Everett/Lynn Hogue

Servers: Caleb & Carter McAndrew

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, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Mike Curcio, 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, 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, Suzie Sperry, 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 September 6th



Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35