

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025*

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Pastor*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

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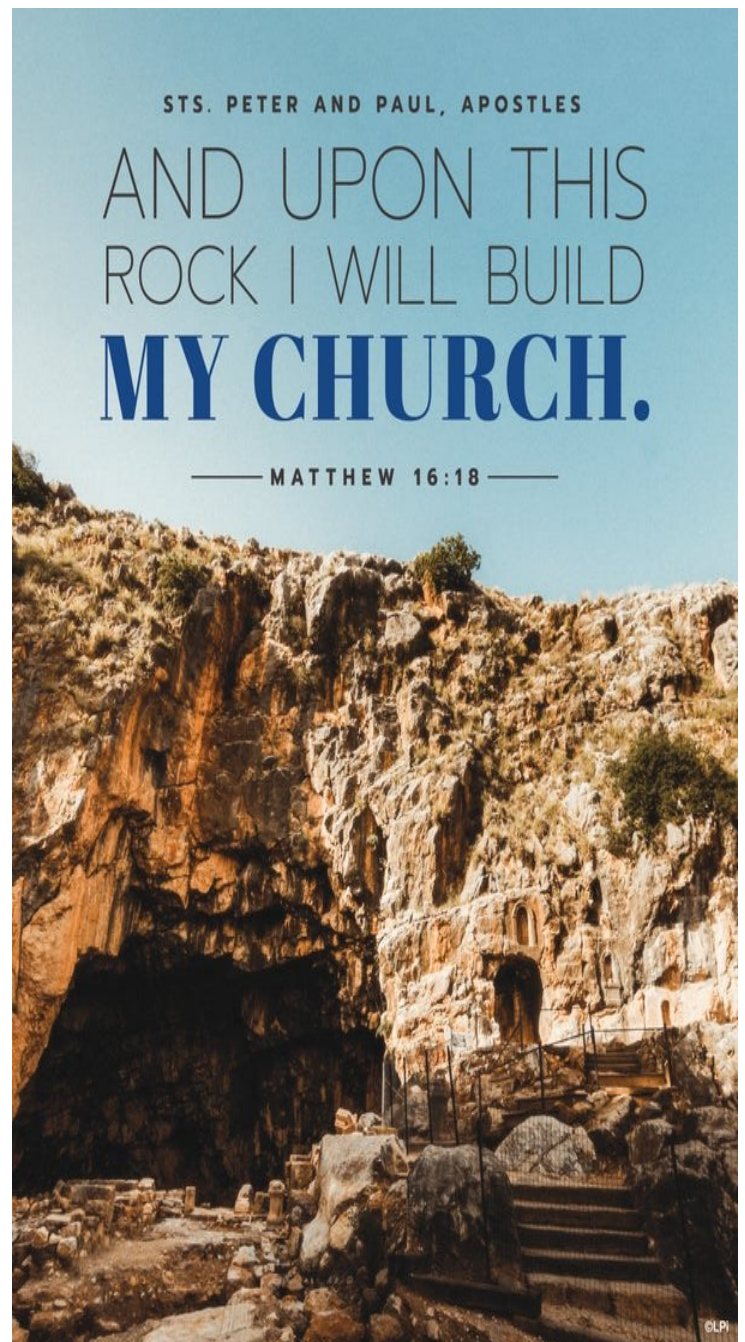
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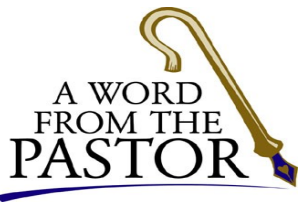
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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Zac, my niece's husband, thinks that instead of consuming so much time and anguishing over my weekly homily, I should use Chat GPT. In fact, he calls it up on his smart phone and asks it to compose talks incorporating various elements and it does generate some interesting points. But there's something missing. Zac's father-in-law, my brother, Dave, the deacon, isn't convinced either.

Frankly, some of these developments in artificial intelligence have gotten so sophisticated, it is hard to keep up with the latest technology. While AI can help in reading medical imaging (x-rays, CAT scans, etc.) with less mistakes, even here it is not always accurate. It can provide great assistance in some mundane tasks, but it can be hard to distinguish from a real live person.

Irish Bishop Paul Tighe is secretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education has kept up on these developments. As in social media, we could get seduced by being fed lots of material with which we agree and then be led to erroneous or false conclusions – which can result in toxic, divisive behavior. Reinforced by the algorithms that process these interactions, it can begin to strongly influence (or even control) them.

Did you see the picture of the famous Hollywood sign surrounded by flames? That was AI generated – in other words, fake. The sign was never threatened by flames in the wildfires that touched Los Angeles last year – the fires that destroyed thousands of homes. But since I saw the film, *Forrest Gump* (1994), I've learned to not always trust my eyes – with the main character drinking Dr. Pepper with President John F Kennedy, and Lieutenant Dan's amputated legs.

We already have malicious individuals in cyberspace manipulating people, misleading people with disinformation – what will happen as AI generates even more of this?

"We need to approach all these things with caution and a healthy degree of skepticism," says Bishop Tighe. Let's not be so quick to jump on bandwagons. With AI creating more interesting content, let's not overlook or disvalue the experience of priceless authentic human interaction and creativity.

Fr John



THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—Please note that due to this Friday being a holiday (Independence Day) there will be no Adoration. Knights of Columbus will be holding the 24 hour Adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel on Thursday, July 10th from 8 pm until 8 am on Friday, July 11th followed by Benediction. All are welcome! There will be confessions Thursday, July 3rd at 4:30 even though the Adoration is moved to the following week. And there will be just one Mass at 9 am on Friday, July 4th.

(JUNE 30TH) Today's feast (The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church) is strategically placed just one day after the Church honors Saints Peter and Paul, the two most notable martyrs during this Neronian persecution. By celebrating Saints Peter and Paul first, followed by a feast for every other martyr who died alongside them, the Church invites us to place ourselves not only in the shadow of Saints Peter and Paul, but also to join with these many unknown Christians who shed their blood for their faith. Though the physical shedding of one's blood for Christ is a rare occurrence today, the depth of resolve Christians must have is the same. Every Christian, of every time and circumstance, must be so completely devoted to Christ that nothing, not even martyrdom, must deter us from our resolve.



UPCOMING MEETINGS**Rosary Altar:** TBA**Widow's Group:** TBA**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, July 8th @ 7:00 pm**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, July 30th @ 11am**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, August 5th @ 6PM**Finance Council:** Wednesday, July 23rd @ 4:30 pm**SF 50+ Club:** TBA**Liturgy Committee:** TBA**Catholic Women's Club:** Summer Break until August Picnic

**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 8th.**

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



OFFERING ENVELOPES-Please note that if you're submitting multiple envelopes in the same week you can insert the cash or check into just one envelope. Payments are entered into the computer by total \$'s received in that week not by the number of envelopes received. Thank you!

**COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK**

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

Monday, **June 30th**
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles (Matthew 16:13-19)

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

Father John Muir

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**STS. PETER & PAUL,
APOSTLES**

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE & HAPPY FOURTH!



July 2025

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Rev. David Perry</i>	2 <i>Rev. John Chaplin</i>	3 <i>Very Rev. John Detisch VF</i>	4 	5 <i>Rev. Ross Miceli</i>
6 <i>Rev. Msgr. James Sanner</i>	7 <i>Rev. Mark Hoffman</i>	8 <i>Very Rev. V David Foradori, EV</i>	9 <i>Rev. Nicholas Fratus</i>	10 <i>Rev. Msgr. Andrew Karg</i>	11 <i>Rev. Richard Toohey</i>	12 <i>Rev. Alexander Amico</i>
13 <i>Rev. Jason Feigh</i>	14 <i>Rev. Chris Hamlett</i>	15 <i>Very Rev. Michael Ferrick, V.F.</i>	16 <i>Rev. G. William Fischer OSFS</i>	17 <i>The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico</i>	18 <i>Rev. Thomas Fialkowski</i>	19 <i>Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak</i>
20 <i>Pray for Vocations</i>	21 <i>Rev. Jeffrey Noble</i>	22 <i>Rev. Michael DeMartini</i>	23 <i>Rev. Gregory Passauer</i>	24 <i>Rev. Thomas Tyler</i>	25 <i>Rev. Thomas Trocchio</i>	26 <i>Rev. Walter Packard</i>
27 <i>Rev. Thomas Aleksa</i>	28 <i>Rev. John Beal</i>	29 <i>Rev. Thomas Curry O.S.B.</i>	30 <i>Pray for Consecrated Life</i>	31 <i>Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison</i>		



FEED THE HUNGRY

We have a temporary unit in the vestibule of the church to serve as a food pantry until a permanent cupboard is finished. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** items only. Cans with easy open lids are appreciated. There are two bins at the bottom where you can deposit **SMALL** toiletries, if you wish, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, etc. Please **NO LARGE ITEMS**. Thank you!



Congratulations!!
Saturday, June 14, 2025
Noel Miller &
Andrew Brooks

MARRIAGE MOMENT Fidelity in marriage is about more than just not having an affair. It means doing daily acts of thoughtfulness that keep your relationship alive and "affair proof." So, stop the video game or put down the paper when your spouse wants to talk. It's cheap marriage insurance.

SAVE THE DATE—The Bradford Catholic Community is invited to join in fellowship on Saturday, August 23rd in Gallina Hall following the 4PM Mass. We will be observing the Patronal Feast of St. Bernard as well as taking the opportunity to celebrate and welcome back our REP students and staff as they begin a new Religious Education year. More details to come in the next few weeks.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
 Candle will be burning this
 week in Memory of
 Mark Farrell*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In this story, Jesus asks his friends who they think he is. Peter says that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is very happy with Peter's answer and tells him that his strong faith will help build a strong Church. This teaches us that knowing who Jesus is and having faith is very important. What would YOUR answer be?



PARENTING POINTERS Is your child a teen? Some tips: Arrange down time to be available when needed. Seek One-on-One time each week. Get to know their friends. Even if your child is not yet a teen or long past this age, these tips might still apply.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is the instrument used to sprinkle holy water on the congregation during Mass called?

Answer: The aspergillum.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

June 22.....\$7,264

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 50,023

*Thank you to all those who have turned in their CSA pledges.
 Remember, checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.*

**THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 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: Kim VanHorn

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.

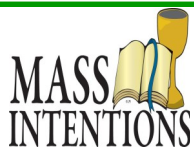
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquell

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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WEEK OF JUNE 30TH TO JULY 6TH

Please note that all daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Monday, June 30th

SBC 8:00 am Frances & Dale Maduri (Family)

SBC 9:00 am Walter Michalski (Family)

Tuesday, July 1st

SBC 9:00 am Michael Reese (Aunt Peggy Rich)

Wednesday, July 2nd

SBC 8:00 am Mary & John Yablonski
(Mary Sue Yablonski)

Thursday, July 3rd (See confessions note below)

SBC 8:00 am Major Andrew Pehonsky (Family)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, July 4th (INDEPENDENCE DAY) FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION MOVED TO NEXT THURSDAY/FRIDAY 8PM-8AM

SBC 9:00 am Rita Costello (Catholic Women's Club)

Saturday, July 5th

SBC 9:00 am Richard Cavallero (Bill Peckham)

SB 4:00 pm Tom Girard (Margie, Justin & Jessie)

Sunday, July 6th

SB 8:00 am Benedict & Langianese Families (Bill Benedict)

SB 10:00 am Gaetano & Liberata Pace (Cindy Greek)

SB 11:30 am Dr. Peter Whelan (Carlioni Family)

Confessions will be held starting at 4:30 on Thursday even though 24 Hour Adoration hosted by Knights of Columbus is moved to next Thursday/Friday.

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.



JULY 5TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Jim Long

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

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

JULY 6TH, 2025



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: Jim Colligan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Caig Cuthbertson

EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Karen McClain

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Pray For... 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, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, 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, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Tina Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025



Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/

Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2,

3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/

Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9