

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 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

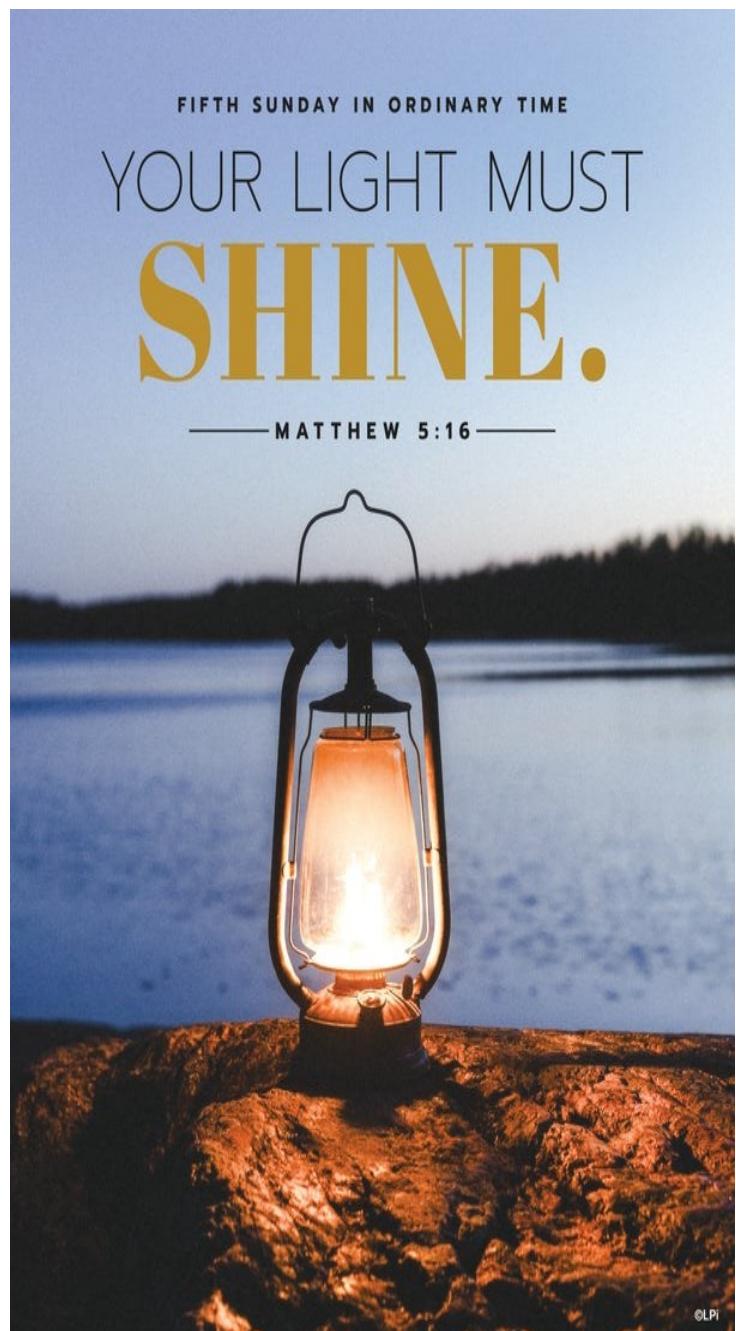
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10.00 am, 11:30 am

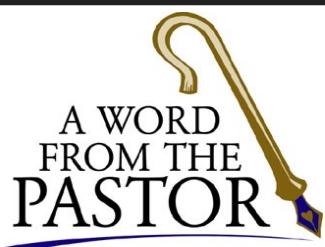
DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am
Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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It's time again for the **Catholic Services Appeal**. Every year on the threshold of Lent, we take a look at how we can help make some of the very critical ministries of the church happen and pool together the resources of all the parishes to do what no one parish could ever carry alone. Last year, over 11,600 households in the diocese supported the CSA, with an average gift of \$495. The diocese achieved its goal – the parish achieved its goal. And the diocesan goal is not going up this year – it's the same as 2025.

Parishes, including ours, superseded the "goal" (i.e. "assessment") and kept all of the monies over that. We are considering applying the overage to offer a prayer app (Hallow) to parishioners as a way of giving back.

Across our 13 counties (including McKean), more than 20,000 individuals received assistance from Catholic Charities, including over 1,000 utilizing the counseling available. In addition, over 25,000 received food assistance. In Faith Formation, which receives 15% of the diocesan total, 634 catechists were trained, a Confirmation retreat was conducted where over 400 youth and chaperones took part. This is an increase from the year before, when it was held here at the Pitt-Bradford campus.

18% of the CSA supports Clergy & Pastoral Services – this includes five retreats and days of recollection for priests and deacons and 50 significant diocesan Masses in various corners of the Diocese (Chrism, Ordination, Wedding Anniversaries, etc.). We also support vocational efforts, seminarians in formation for ordained ministry, and welcoming international priests to assist us.

The Communications Office receives 16% of the CSA monies – that's FAITH magazine, website, graphics, bulletin blurbs, and news releases several times each week. Can you imagine how this helps with our evangelization efforts?

Pope Leo basically set the theme this year when he preached, "In the One, we are one!" He refers to Christ, and so it should be in the Diocese of Erie.

Please be generous and join me in supporting the Catholic Services Appeal.

Fr John



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising.



PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES—Almighty and eternal God, you blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, February 18th @ Noon for Rosary, followed by social hour in Gallina Hall. Bring your lunch.

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: Thursday, February 19th @ 4:30 pm

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

Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, March 17th @ 6:00 pm

Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Kevin O'Donnell*

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catholic Women's Club: will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall. Save the date and watch for more details.



**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 February 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Blessing of Mission—Bless us on our way, O Lord. Share with us as we share with others. Heal us as we help others to heal. Provide for us as we open our hands in charity. Every gift comes from You. You are at the heart of all that is good. Share that goodness with us today, abundantly. Amen.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

February 1..... \$ 9,146

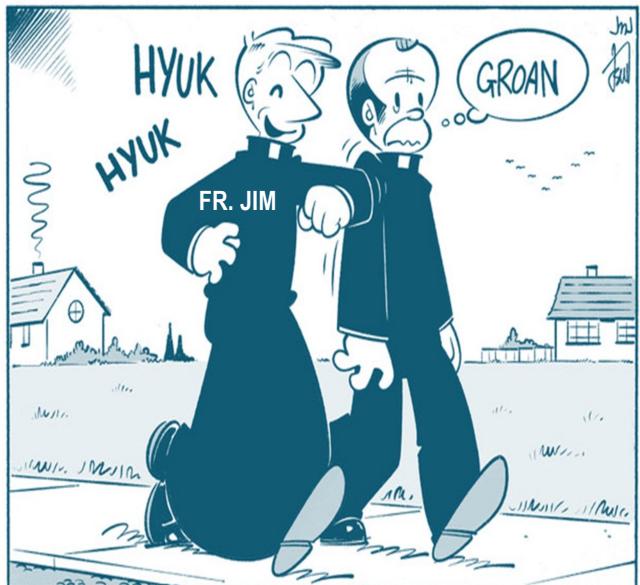
2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**2025 CSA Collected (Final) \$113,589**

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.
Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15) Feb 22nd & March 8th (First Reconciliation-Gr 2)
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm) Feb 15th & Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only—Letters to the Bishop

"I was considering giving up puns for Lent, but then I thought..."



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Not so fast!"



During the 40 days of Lent, we give something up or we "fast." Often, we give up things like sweets, television, or video games. We do this as an act of penance, as well as a way to remove those things that distract us from our relationship with Jesus.

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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.



HAND BELL CHOIR—Practices will resume on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 pm in the Church. New members are welcome!



WHO WAS SAINT VALENTINE and how did his feast day of February 14 come to be regarded as a day for romance? **Two Valentines** are listed in the Roman Martyrology for February 14. The first Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who reportedly was martyred on the Flaminian Way during the reign of the Emperor Claudius. The other Saint Valentine was a third-century bishop of Terni who was martyred in Rome but whose relics were sent back to his home see. Some claim that there has been a confusion and that the two Valentines are really one. The reason the feast day has come to be associated with romance has nothing to do with the two saints, neither of whom had a clear connection to lovers or courtship. The association has to do with a belief, dating at least from the time of Chaucer, that birds pair up on February 14. This belief about biology became associated with the feast of the day, and eventually the thought of courtship and romance came to dominate. In any event, the Church certainly does not teach that Valentine's Day should be celebrated in connection with romance.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents illuminate the path through their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Trying to decide how to celebrate Valentine's Day next week? Candy, flowers, and dinner are nice but predictable. Try something new:

1. Honor your love by honoring those who need tangible love. Make a donation to a worthy charity.
2. Renew your wedding vows. If you don't have the formal words, put it in your own heartfelt words.
3. Pray together for five minutes or more.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: How many votes are needed in a papal conclave to elect a new pope?

Answer: A two-thirds majority.

LENLEN PRACTICES 2026

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER**, **FASTING**, and **ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On those days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

PARENTING POINTERS—Unless you've been living in a cave, you and your children have been inundated with news about the earthquake in Haiti these last few weeks. Perhaps you and any older children have donated to the relief work, but what can a baby or toddler do? Not much. They are with us to hug and remind us that life is fragile. Pray again for parents and children who no longer have each other to hug.

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LENT SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

8AM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

12:10 ST. BERNARD CHURCH

5:30 WORDS AND ASHES

SUNDAY

8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

MONDAY

9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

TUESDAY

9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY

9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

FRIDAY

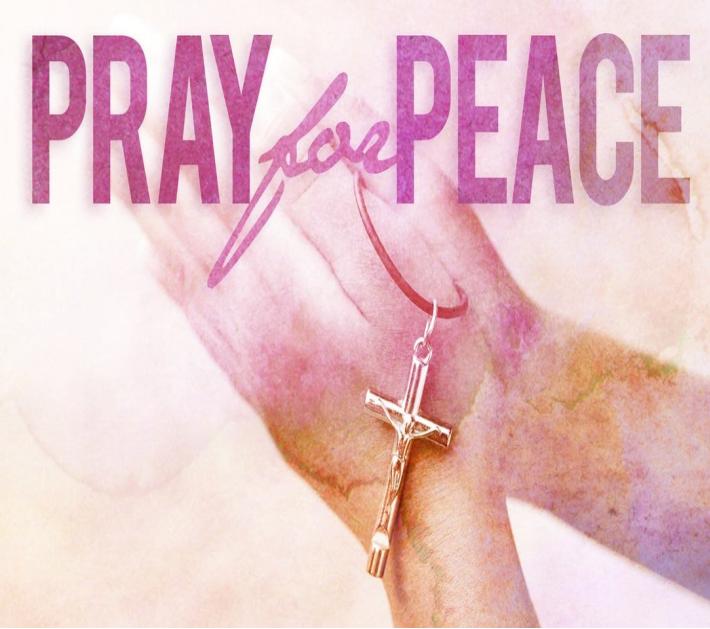
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SATURDAY

9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

4PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**PREPARE FOR
LENT**



BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

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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.

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.

STEWARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

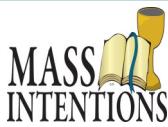
Liturgical

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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FEBRUARY 9TH-FEBRUARY 15TH Daily

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

Monday, February 9th

SBC 8:00 am Tony Reese (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)
SBC 9:00 am David Bizzaro (Steven & Anne
Campogiani)

Tuesday, February 10th

SBC 9:00 am Jean Everett (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Wednesday, February 11th

SBC 8:00 am Derek & Brenda Thorne (Chris Hannon)

Thursday, February 12th

SBC 8:00 am Bill Lerch (Max McCann)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, February 13th

SBC 12:10 pm Kevin O'Donnell (Barb O'Donnell)

Saturday, February 14th

SBC 9:00 am Judy Aiken Eaton (Marlene Eaton)
SB 4:00 pm Michael Hitchcock (Bob Burrell)

Sunday, February 15th

SB 8:00 am Robert L. Butler (Family)
SB 10:00 am Bob McCann Jr. (Widows Group)
SB 11:30 am Helen & Don Digel (Gregory J. Digel)

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



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

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

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe

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

Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

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

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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebl, 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, 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 February 8th



Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,
11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-
13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-
20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-
34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-
28, 33-34a, 37