

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025*

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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

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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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— Father John Muir

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MASS REQUEST FORMS (BLUE) FOR 2026 ARE AT THE DOORS FOR PICK-UP. YOU CAN START TURNING THEM INTO THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. (Office Closed for Columbus Day).



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which unbaptized adults or those baptized in other Christian traditions are fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments. . If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible. To register, or for more information, contact Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY NEWS All grave sites should be cleaned up by Columbus Day, October 13. **Fall clean-up will take place the following day and items will be disposed of.** Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after November 1st. A list of rules can be found on our website. Thank you!



IMPORTANT: If you mail something to the Parish Office please **do NOT use the street address**. Only use PO Box 2394. The Post Office has been returning mail to the sender if the street address is included!! Thank you!



CAUTION: Starting early October the repointing of brickwork on the Church will begin. There will be equipment in the parking lots and around the outside of the Church during this project. We anticipate the work to take about a month. Just be aware of your surroundings when entering and exiting the church.



St. Francis Rosary Altar Society will be having a rummage sale at Ritchie Hall, St. Francis Drive, on Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 2 pm. Items can be dropped off on Thursday, October 16th and Friday,

October 17th from Noon to 4 pm. Please no TV's, large exercise equipment, big furniture items, heavy to lift items, or clothing.



September 10, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Every year, **World Mission Sunday** reminds us of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru.

The example of Pope Leo encourages us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East. These areas where the Church is young depend on our prayers and financial support.

This year, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 18 and 19, 2025. Our prayer and financial contributions are signs of our communion with the global Church. They support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of peoples who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

I encourage you to offer your joyful prayer, and financial support, according to your ability, during this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday. Please know of my gratitude for all that you do.

Scan to give



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



UPCOMING MEETINGS**Rosary Altar Society:** TBA**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, October 15th @ noon (Chapel)
Followed by lunch out. All widows are welcome!**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:00 pm**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, November 5th @ 11 am**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm**Finance Council:** Tuesday, October 21st @ 4:30 pm**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, November 12th @ 11 am (RH)**Liturgy Committee:** TBA**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, November 11th @ 6:00 pm
in Gallina Hall (Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting)

St. Bernard's Catholic Women's Club is planning a trip to St. Mary's Church in Sartwell on Sunday, October 19th to attend 9:00 am Mass and hear a historical presentation . If interested, contact Martha Rhodes @ 814-598-4676.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In today's gospel, we see the lepers who, despite their intention to thank Jesus for their healing, got so caught up in their excitement that they never got 'around to it.' This is a situation we can all relate to. Often, we become so absorbed in our own lives that we forget to appreciate the blessings we have and the people who have helped us. This week, let's make a conscious effort to take nothing for granted and express our gratitude to those who deserve it.

3RD ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH****5:00 – 7:00 PM****FR. GALLINA SOCIAL HALL - ST. BERNARD***DINE IN OR CARRY OUT***SPAGHETTI, HOMEMADE MEATBALLS,
SALAD, BREAD & ASSORTED DESSERTS**

ADULTS - \$12 * CHILDREN (UNDER 12) - \$8 * UNDER 5 – FREE

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TOWARD
ST. BERNARD HISTORY PROJECT**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 October 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

WE PRAY:**CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY
OCTOBER 12TH****Clergy Appreciation Month**

Almighty God, thank You for the gift of the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie.

We are grateful for their "yes" to You; for the Masses they celebrate, the confessions they hear, the comfort they bring to the sick, and the ways they guide and serve our parishes with love.

We thank You, too, for our retired priests whose quiet witness still blesses our communities. Their lives remind us what it means to follow Jesus with faith and joy.

Lord, give them strength when they are tired, peace when they are stretched thin, and encouragement in times of struggle. May they always know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Keep calling new vocations in our diocese. Open the hearts of young men to serve You as priests and deacons, and give them the courage to say, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Provided by the Office for Divine Worship**OCTOBERFEST
CRAFT SHOW****Saturday, October 18, 2025****9AM - 2PM****CRAFT VENDORS
50/50 | BASKET RAFFLE
GERMAN FOOD BOOTH****St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria
325 Church St, St. Marys, PA**

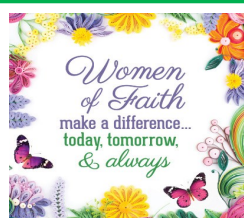
Proceeds stay in the Parish for Parish Needs

WORLD MISSION

OCTOBER 19TH

Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work. This week, we invite you to pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OFFERS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO THE WOMEN OF OUR PARISH!

The Catholic Women's Club, open to Catholic women over 18 years of age, has since its beginning in 1922, been motivated and sustained for the promotion of the "honor and glory of God". For 103 years, the CWC has sought to reach a deeper understanding of the Catholic religion; the growth of women's religious, social and educational lives; and has acted as a benevolent organization. All these facets of life are important to the obligation to live the Baptismal call. Patterns of leadership, widening community interest; and a social awareness have been and continue to be the heritage and present benefits of membership in the Catholic Women's Club. *It would be our pleasure to welcome you as a member of our Catholic Women's Club! Watch the bulletin for meeting days and times.* **Officers for the 2025-2026:** President-Joan Yohe; Vice-President-Alicia Hall; Secretary-Kim Graham; Treasurer-Mary Anne Stauffer; Assistant Treasurer-Bunny Lent. Spiritual Advisor-Rev. John Jacquel

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month:

Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Tom & Sophie Burke



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Oct. 19 & Nov. 2nd (Safe Training)

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Oct. 26 (Safe Training)
Nov. 8th—Confirmation Retreat, Erie

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is the very first of the Stations of the Cross?

Answer: Jesus is condemned to death.

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PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

October 5.....\$ 8,106

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 58,856

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

GIVE THANKS & PRAISE *in Prayer*



PASTORAL STAFF:

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

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Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org

Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

Email: office@stbernardcatholic.org

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.



**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

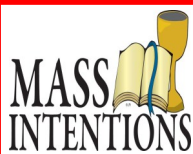
Liturgical

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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WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH—OCTOBER 19TH.

All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) SB (Indicates Church)

Monday, October 13th (COLUMBUS DAY)

SBC 9:00 am Harold Young (Wife & Children)

Tuesday, October 14th

SBC 9:00 am Michael Reese (Ann & Wesley Miller)

Wednesday, October 15th

SBC 8:00 am Marisa Funari (Rosa Vigilotta)

Thursday, October 16th

SBC 8:00 am Rosario Fabian Family (Family)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 17th

SBC 12:10 pm Sandy Manning (Bill Manning)

Saturday, October 18th

SBC 9:00 am Richard Cavallero (Helen & Gene DeFrank)

SB 4:00 pm Madeline Doriguzzi (Family)

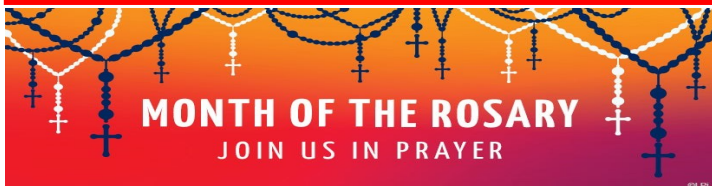
Sunday, October 19th

SB 8:00 am Barb & Dick Keverline (Kathy & Larry Szoszorek & Marilyn Kubeja)

SB 10:00 am Tom & Sophia Burke (Family)

SB 11:30 am Donald Luke (Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kerr)

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



Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
(see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8



OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jim Long

EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Tammy Black

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

OCTOBER 19TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Patty Colosimo

Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: Sue Lee **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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Carol Vinca, 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.