

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 28, 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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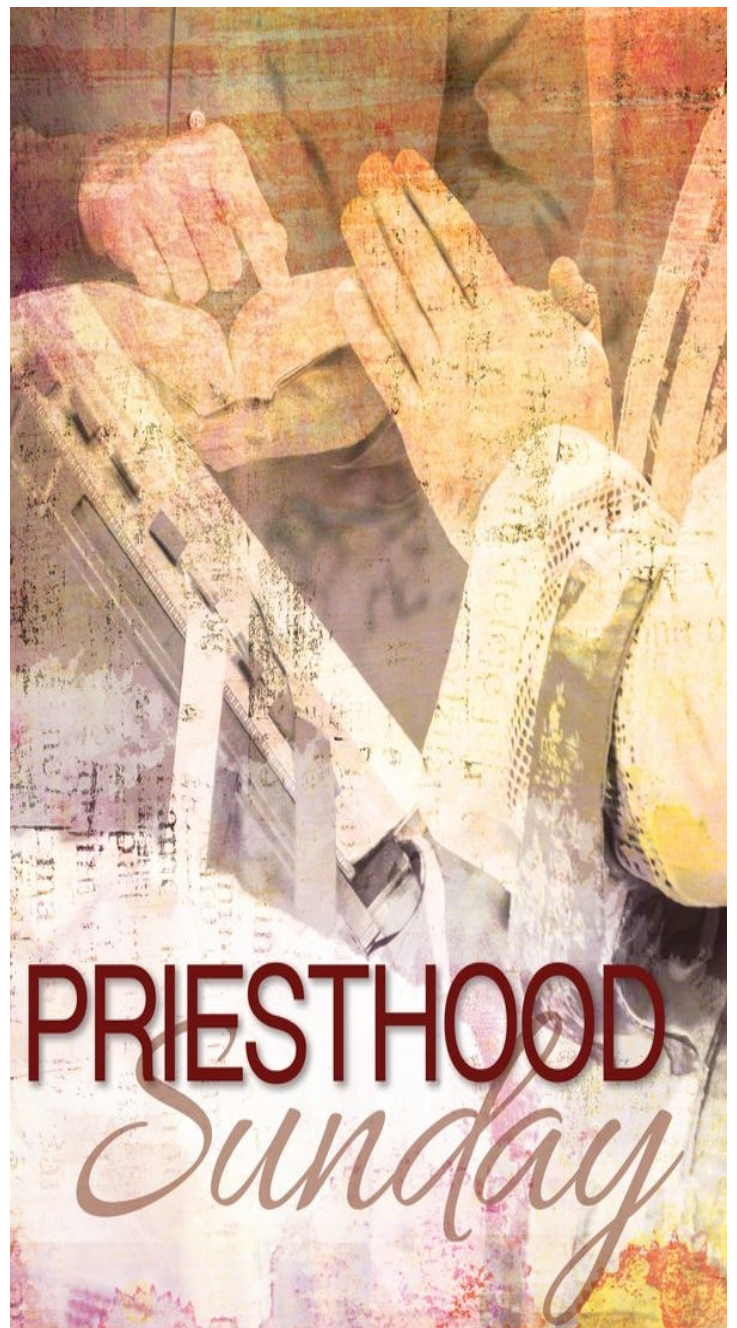
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the down-trodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir

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St. Francis Feast Day—Saturday, October 4th
9 am & 4 pm Masses will be celebrated at St. Francis Church. Following the 9 am Mass there will be coffee & donuts served in Ritchie Hall. There are reservation forms in the back of the Church which you can drop in the offertory basket, or at the Parish office, by September 29th.



On Sunday, October 5th at 1 pm at St. Francis Church there will be the Blessing of the Pets. Bring yours to receive a special blessing!



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 of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's a journey of faith, study, and sharing within the Catholic community. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, classes began on September 16 at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's Conference Room. Please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible study began on Sep-

tember 24 at 5:30 pm for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, or for more information, contact the Parish office. Feel free to bring your bibles and a snack to share. *Donation of \$30.00*, you will receive a full color workbook and *Bible Timeline®* Chart.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION—Last weekend our parish took a second collection to help support the life-long faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners generously responded, and we thank you! If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a gift to this important mission by using the envelope in your offertory or by donating online at www.stbernardcatholic.org or <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>.

October 2025

PRAYING FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Rev. Walter Packard</i>	2 <i>Pray for Vocations</i>	3 <i>Rev. David Renne</i>	4 <i>Rev. Alexander Amico</i>
5 <i>Rev. Lawrence Richards</i>	6 <i>Rev. David Carter</i>	7 <i>Rev. John Chaplin</i>	8 <i>Rev. Zab Amar</i>	9 <i>Rev. John Miller</i>	10 <i>Rev. Ian McElrath</i>	11 <i>Rev. David Perry</i>
12 <i>Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza</i>	13 <i>Rev. Thomas Whitman</i>	14 <i>Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak</i>	15 <i>Rev. Leo Gallina</i>	16 <i>Rev. Msgr. Andrew Karg</i>	17 <i>Pray for Consecrated Life</i>	18 <i>Captain Joseph Campbell</i>
19 <i>Rev. Stephen Collins</i>	20 <i>Rev. Msgr. John Swoger</i>	21 <i>Rev. Msgr. David Rubino</i>	22 <i>Most Rev. Lawrence Persico</i>	23 <i>Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo</i>	24 <i>Rev. Mark O'Hern</i>	25 <i>Rev. F. Thomas Suppa</i>
26 <i>Rev. Brian Vossler</i>	27 <i>Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison</i>	28 <i>Rev. Michael DeMartinis</i>	29 <i>Rev. Scott Detisch</i>	30 <i>Rev. Joseph Dougherty</i>	31 <i>Rev. James Campbell</i>	



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.



Christmas Float Committee Meeting—Sunday, October 5th at 12:45 pm in St. Bernard Church (following the 11:30 am Mass). All are welcome who are interested in helping to plan and create this year's float for the Annual Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm (RH)

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: TBA

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, October 16th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 8th @ 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)



**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.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. **Orders are due by Monday, September 29th. There will be another order in November for Christmas.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



Family Rosary Night

[A Bradford Tradition from the 1920's]

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

OCTOBER 7, 2025

7:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



Sponsored by:
**The Knights of Columbus
Council #403**



Collection of Rosaries for Distribution to Middle East Catholic Communities. There is a basket in the back of the Church to deposit Rosaries which will then be shipped out. There is a letter next to the basket explaining the program. Thank you!



HANDBELL CHOIR began practice on Thursday, September 25th. They will continue meeting on Thursdays from 1 pm - 2 pm in the main floor music area of St. Bernard. New members are welcome to join.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have **Confessions** on Thursday, October 2nd beginning at 4:30 pm at **St. Bernard**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. **First Friday morning, October 3rd** we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 in the Divine Mercy Chapel. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door. 12:10 Mass will follow in the Chapel.



September 21, 2025

WELCOME

Theodore Jeffrey Graham

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

Answer: The miracle of the loaves and fishes.

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Priesthood Sunday gives us a chance to slow down and say something we might not say often enough—thank you! Priests show up in moments big and small, at hospital bed-sides, behind the altar, and even in grocery lines with tired parishioners who need to talk. Their presence offers calm, comfort, and something steady in a fast-moving world. What makes this day special isn't any big event or loud celebration. It's the small things—handwritten notes, warm smiles after Mass, maybe a story shared over coffee. These gestures remind priests that their work matters deeply. At its heart, Priesthood Sunday is about relationships. It's about trust, faith, and people taking time to show how much that bond means. **(NOTE: October is Clergy Appreciation Month with Clergy Appreciation Day celebrated October 12th) More information to come.**

A Prayer for Priests—"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." - St. Jean Vianney

Jesus Christ, Great High Priest,
You are able to sympathize with our human weakness
Strengthen your priests for the work of ministry.
You healed, proclaimed, and taught. Renew your priests
in their concern for the poor, zeal for the Gospel,
and personal witness to virtue.
You instituted the sacraments as signs of heavenly grace.
Make holy your priests for this sacred service.
You bore our sufferings and sins upon yourself.
May your priests remain close to the broken-hearted.
Jesus Christ, Great High Priest, bring your priests ever
closer to your Sacred Heart. Amen.



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available
in the St. Bernard Cafeteria (Gallina Hall)
Monday, **September 29th**
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning
this week in Memory of
Roseanne Giordano*



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 28 & Oct. 19.

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Oct. 5 & Oct. 26. (Safe Training)
(Full schedule in packets.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel, the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways, revealing ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?



**MASCHO FUNERAL HOME
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 21.....\$ 6,244
Catholic Education Collection.....\$ 2,337

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 58,436

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. James Gutting, *Parochial Administrator*
 Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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

FACEBOOK: St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394, Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

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.

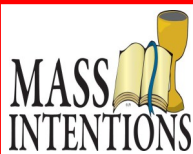
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 SEPTEMBER 29TH—OCTOBER 5TH. All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) SB (Indicates Church)

Monday, September 29th

SBC 8:00 am Julie Rossman Harrison (John & Deb Place)
SBC 9:00 am Shirley Lerch (Bill Manning & Joyce Schaming)

Tuesday, September 30th

SBC 9:00 am Richard Mongillo Sr. (Joan Mongillo)

Wednesday, October 1st

SBC 8:00 am Pat & Mike Pehonsky (Family)

Thursday, October 2nd

SBC 8:00 am Julia Hayes (Family)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 3rd FIRST FRIDAY

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
SBC 12:10 pm Marge Guthrie (Rosemary Burke)

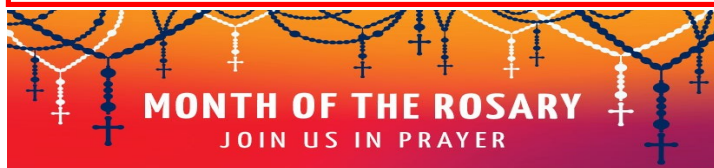
Saturday, October 4th St. Francis Feast Day

SF 9:00 am Kenneth Jadowiec (Margie Girard)
SF 4:00 pm Katie Behan (Kevin & Jan Behan)

Sunday, October 5th

SB 8:00 am Ralph Mongillo (Jim & Gigi Carroll)
SB 10:00 am Donald & Joan Bailey (Darcy & Kris Goll)
SB 11:30 am Marjorie Guthrie (Ann Miller)

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



Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-1



OCTOBER 4TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm *St. Francis of Assisi*
FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 4TH

LECTOR: Jim Long

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

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

OCTOBER 5TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe

EM: Cindy Greek **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan

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

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** Sue Lee/Craig 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, 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, 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, Lisa Zurat.

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