

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

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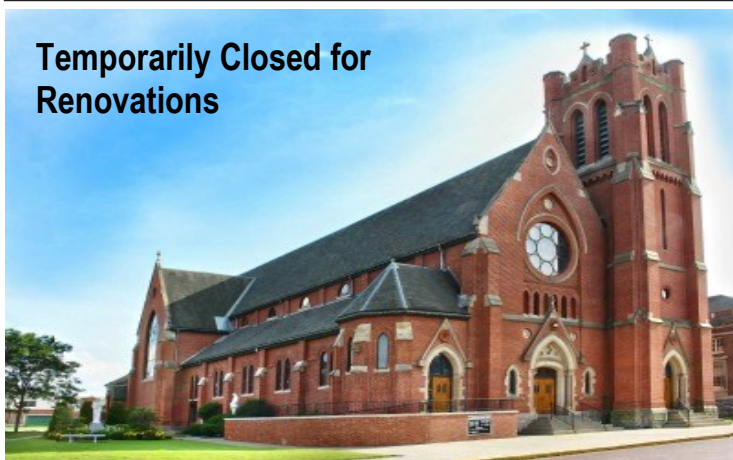
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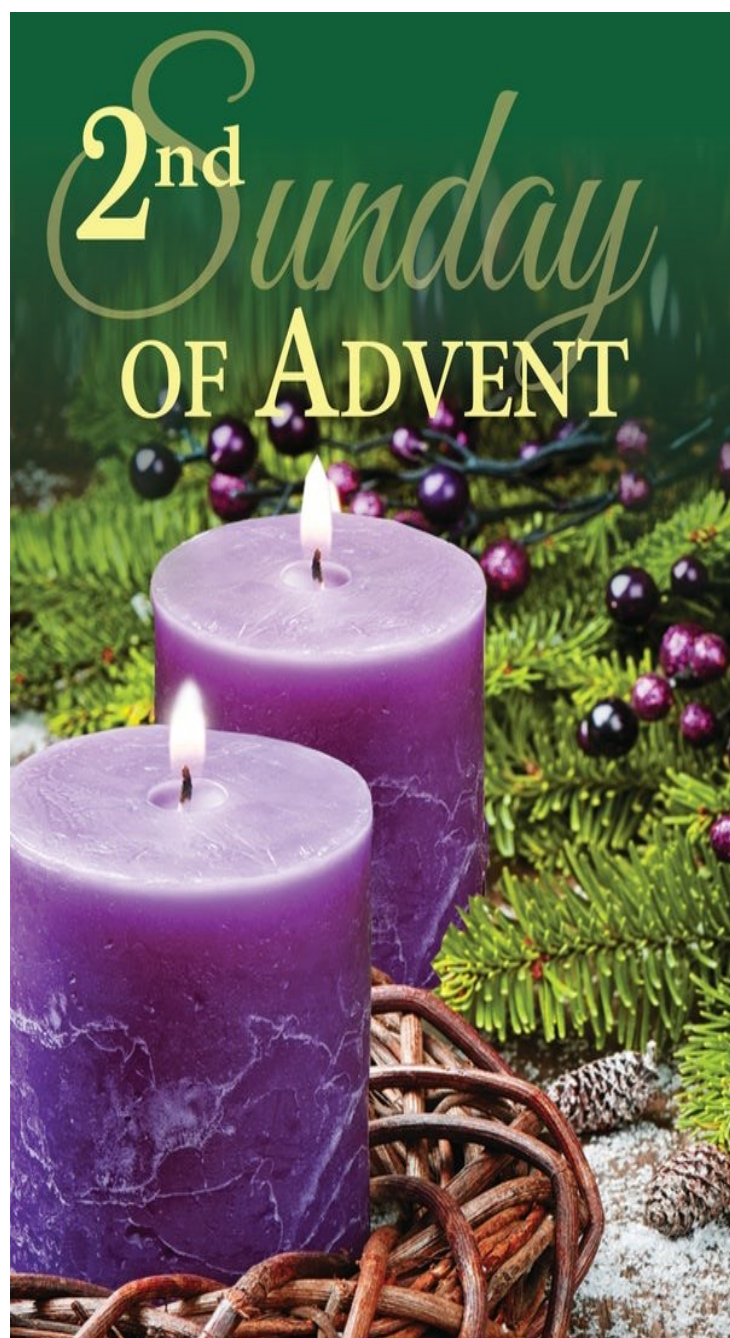
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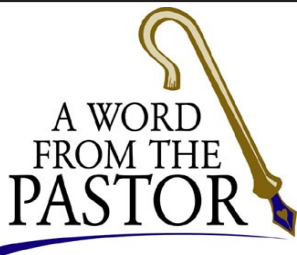
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Temporarily Closed for
Renovations



St. Francis of Assisi





Did you know that there's an Erie candidate for canonization (official church declaration that this person is a saint)? Let me tell you a little about Dr. Gertrude Barber.

Dr. Barber was an educator and advocate for children and adults with autism and intellectual disabilities and their families. When children were denied an education due to their disabilities, she began the first classes in a borrowed classroom in Erie in 1952. Four years later, she opened the Barber Center, now the Barber National Institute, which currently provides services for more than 6,200 children and adults across Pennsylvania. My dad's brother, Uncle Robert, moved there in the 1970's from Polk Center, near Franklin.

Bishop Persico approved opening the cause for her canonization in 2019, with Msgr. Thomas McSweeney as postulator. The U.S. Catholic Bishops supported advancing her canonization last month, an important step for Vatican review. Should this happen, it would pave the way for her to advance to the title of "Venerable" from "Servant of God." Fr Nelson Baker, champion of Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna, NY, is currently referred to as "Venerable."

If miracles are attributed to the intervention of Dr Gertrude Barber, this could lead to the declaration of beatification ("Blessed") and canonization ("Saint") in the future, with the Holy Father's approval. Fr John

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are planning to move back into St Bernard Church on Monday, December 16th. After this date, all Masses will be celebrated there – since we'll have to also move the organ from St Francis. All weekday Masses will be celebrated in Divine Mercy Chapel for the time being.

We are planning to have a "cleaning day" at St Bernard's Wednesday, December 18th from 9 am on. We'd love to have some volunteer help to wipe down and polish the space before we begin to use it.

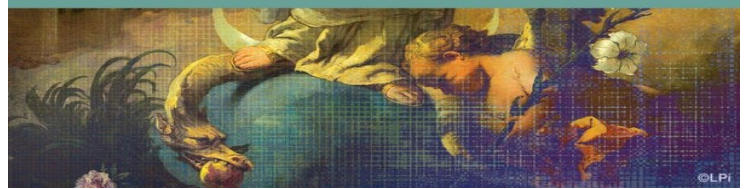
MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Sunday, December 8th—**5:30 pm Vigil Mass**

Monday, December 9th—**8 am & 12:10 pm**



FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



CONFESSIONS: As we prepare for Christmas, an extra time is set aside for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Ed Walk and Fr John Jacquel will be available on Sunday, December 15th, from 2-3 pm in St Bernard Church. We have more comfortable and flexible reconciliation rooms here.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA
 Widow's Group: TBA
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, December 10th @ 7:00 pm
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, December 18th @ 11:15 am
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:00 pm
 Finance Council: Wednesday, January 8th @ 4:30pm
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, December 11th @ 11:00 am
 Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm



**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 December 10th

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



The angel said to them,
 "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
 —Luke 2:10

COLLECTION FOR YWCA: The Knights of Columbus,

Bradford Council 403 is partnering with the Zonta Club to collect supplies to support the **YWCA's Victims Resource Center**. Items needed include pillows, socks and underwear in adult and children sizes, laundry detergent, soap, combs, brushes, shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products and grocery gift cards.

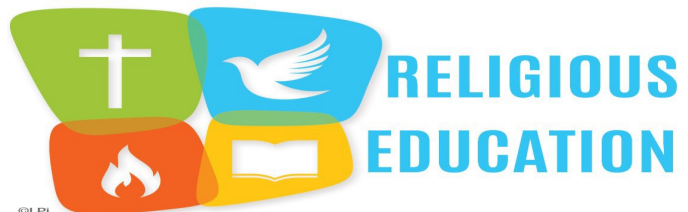
Items can be left in a box at the back of the church or at the Parish office. **All items should be dropped off by December 10.** The Knights thank the parish community in advance for their generosity.



The Bradford Catholic Community Youth Christmas Choir under the direction of Ryan Cannon, with Lynne Kuntz assisting, will be singing at Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm at St. Bernard Church. **Next practice session in Gallina Hall is Sunday, 12/15 & on Sunday 12/22 at 12:30 it will be in St. Bernard Church.**

CEMETERY NEWS Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium. We should be operational before Christmas. Some niches are still for sale.


December 1, 2024
WELCOME
 Madelyn Kate Martin &
 Collins Olivia Martin



GRADES 6-9 will meet on Sunday, December 8th at Gallina Hall at 5:45 pm. **GRADES 1-5** will meet on Sunday, December 15th in Gallina Hall at 11:15 am.

MARRIAGE MOMENT What puts passion into your marriage? For newlyweds this may come easily. For others perhaps it's been awhile. Often rekindling romance is a matter of doing something new together. Be creative before the year ends.



 **CHRISTMAS DINNER** — The Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford, along with the St. Francis Rosary Altar, will be meeting at the Bradford Club on Thursday, December 12th for Christmas Dinner. Social gathering is at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. **We will be collecting items for the YWCA's Victim Resource Center.** Items can include pillows, underwear, socks (men, women & children's) laundry detergent, combs & brushes, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, grocery gift cards, etc. Please bring to the dinner on the 12th and we will ensure the items get delivered to the Center. The \$20 dinner fee will be collected at the door. Thank you!



REHABILITATION TODAY
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent
Prayer of Preparation
With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival —
Make straight the paths, Lord!
Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.
Amen. ©LPI

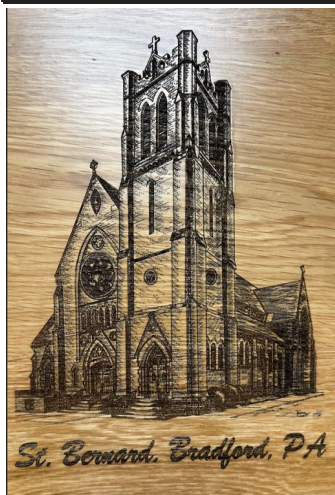
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.




A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Today's gospel highlights the similar vocations of John the Baptist and parents. Like the Baptist, parents are called to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent, reflect and ask: **"Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

RCIA: *Jordan Mongillo and Devon Poe were welcomed into further preparation for sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion as they complete their process of initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass this coming April. Dan Yeager is also now accepted as a Catechumen as he prepares for Baptism (as well as these other sacraments) – also at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations all! Please keep Jordan, Devon, and Dan in your prayers.*



PLAQUES STILL AVAILABLE
These would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Church plaque or Altar plaque \$60, both for \$100. Plaques can be seen at the office or at St. Francis Church. Please call the office if interested. They're available for immediate pick-up.



*St. Francis Sanctuary
 Candle will be burning this week
 in memory of
Paul Andrew Platko*

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

Answer: December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ©LPi



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Ministry of Servers for Mass —With the return to St. Bernard Church, and preparing to celebrate Mass in the renovated space, there is a need to revive the *ministry of server*. The assistance of servers is an important role for the smooth running of the liturgy.

I am asking the parish community to help in two ways: (1) the re-commitment of those who already are servers; and (2) to bring in more volunteers to help in the ministry – volunteers who are **YOUNG OR ADULT, MALE OR FEMALE** – to make our liturgies the best that they can be.

To accomplish this goal, there is a meeting on **Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am at St. Bernard church** to go over all the responsibilities and steps for serving. The best liturgies are the ones where the parishioners support all the ministries that make up the Mass. Jesus clearly stated that *“the Son of Man has come, not to be served, but to serve.”* Please give serious consideration to our request to be part of this tradition.

Fr Ed

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS


Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$10,072

December 1..... \$8,930
 Campaign for Human Development....\$2,351

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$89,918
 2024 CSA Collected \$60,194

**THANK YOU
 FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**





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

PASTORAL STAFF:
 Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*
 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*
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:
St. Francis — 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.

NURSERY: Nursery is available during 10 am Mass at Ritchie Hall. If interested in helping out, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at rubbytmor@gmail.com.

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
Organist St. Francis	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 DECEMBER 9TH—DECEMBER 15TH

All Masses will now be celebrated at St. Francis during renovations except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.

Monday, December 9th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

SF 8:00 am Patricia Pecora (Ron & Terri Orris)
SF 12:10 pm Leslie Kessel (Paul & Rose Kessel)

Tuesday, December 10th

SF 9:00 am James "Tubby" Maduri (Bill Peckham)

Wednesday, December 11th

SBC 8:00 am George Platko (Family)

Thursday, December 12th

SBC 8:00 am Kevin Healy (St. Bernard Choir)
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, December 13th

SBC 8:00 am Ray Burgess (Jessica Hervatin)

Saturday, December 14th

SF 9:00 am Lawrence Perna (Stuart & Ruby Morris)
SF 4:00 pm Joseph, Rena & Vicky Leo (Leo Family)

Sunday, December 15th

SF 8:00 am Barbara Matto (Patricia Matto & Family)
SF 10:00 am Mary South Brzenski (Anthony Brzenski)
SF 11:30 am Lena & Bruno Carey (Nellie Vecellio)

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



DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Tammy Black

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion

EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Dave White

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Jaxon Eckstrom/**Volunteer**

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee

EM: Craig Cuthbertson

CUP: Charlotte Cuthbertson/Carol Vinca

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, 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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Kristen Marie Hayes, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold & Paulette Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Mary Rae, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandra Remington, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Donna Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Corrine Wilson, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

