

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 19, 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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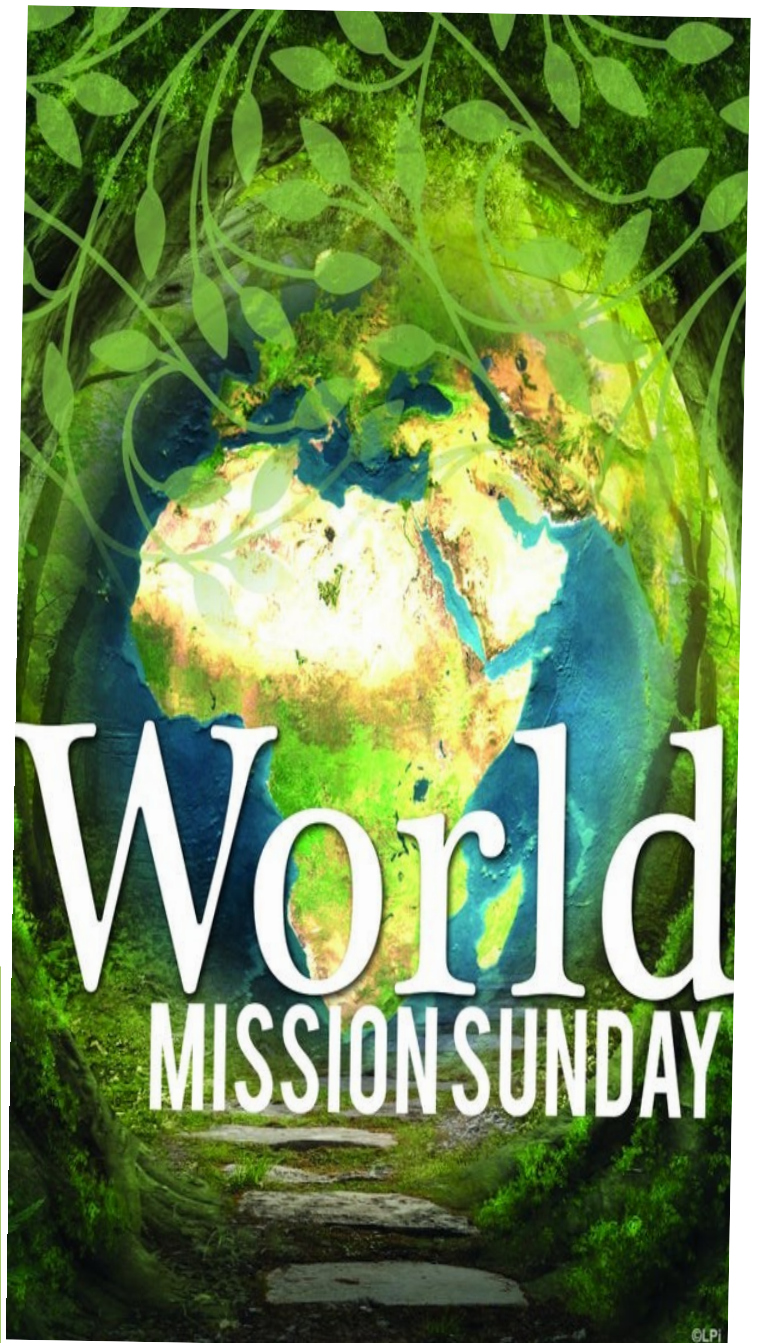
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir

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Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.

Amen.

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MASS REQUEST FORMS (BLUE) FOR 2026 ARE AT THE DOORS FOR PICK-UP. TURN IN @ PARISH OFFICE, INCLUDE PAYMENT.



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.



The Special Cleaning Crew will meet on Saturday, November 1st at 10 am in the Church. We're in need of volunteers. If you are interested please attend. This Crew does in-depth cleaning periodically to keep the Church looking good. Any help is appreciated. 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: The repointing of brickwork on the Church has begun. 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.



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St John Paul II

Feast Day, October 22

3 WAYS TO LIVE A LIFE
OF MISSION LIKE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

1.

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE,
JUSTICE, AND THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE THAN YOU.

2.

FIND GOD IN NATURE AND
IN PEOPLE. THEN CARE FOR
CREATION AND THOSE
AROUND YOU.

3.

FIND FRIENDSHIP WITH
GOD THROUGH PRAYER
AND THE EUCHARIST.

4.

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE,
JUSTICE, AND THOSE LESS
FORTUNATE THAN YOU.

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014. ©LPi

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, November 11th @ 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)3RD ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNERSATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

5:00 – 7:00 PM

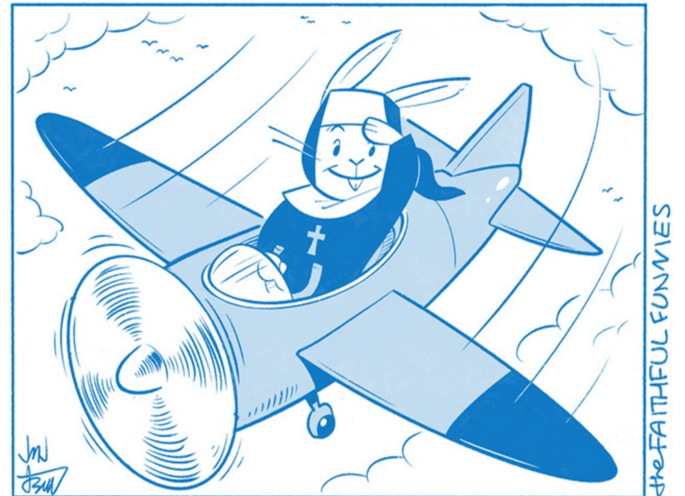
FR. GALLINA SOCIAL HALL - ST. BERNARD

DINE IN OR CARRY OUTSPAGHETTI, HOMEMADE MEATBALLS,
SALAD, BREAD & ASSORTED DESSERTS

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

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TOWARD
ST. BERNARD HISTORY PROJECTThe Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.comMeet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on November 11th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

"How did the rabbit get to her mission field?"



"By hareplane!"

Missionaries spread the love of
God across the world, a message
that everyone needs to hear!

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel, the widow is praised for her **perseverance**. In our homes, perseverance is essential for resolving differences in marriage and for teaching lessons and skills to our children. It is always an act of faith and trust in the goodness of others.Invest in Your Marriage*"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."*Join **Engagement Encounter** for a weekend focused on building a strong foundation for your future together—away from the stress of wedding planning. The next retreat is scheduled for February 6-8, 2026 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie, PA. Details and registration: eriercd.org/familylifeoffice. All engaged couples welcome!

Destinations & BRIGHT ALTERNATIVES
Winter Coat Drive

November 8th, 2025
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
92 E. Corydon Street, St. Bernard's Gym

Do you want to help support this event?
We are now accepting new & gently used winter items at these locations:

Destinations	Northwest Savings Banks
Bright Alternatives	Bradford Alliance Church
YMCA	The Grocery Stretcher

DESTINATIONS
Please call (814) 368-3388 with any questions

WORLD MISSION

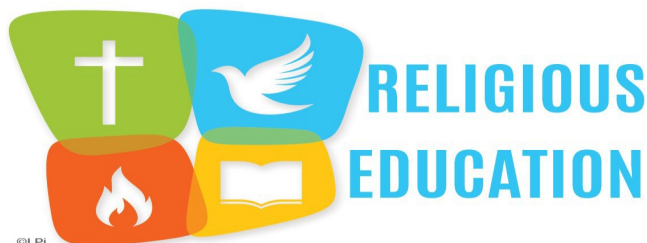
Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics

around the world in prayer and generosity for the missions. The second collection today supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. This year's theme "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness. Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this global mission!



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Susan Healey Koenker



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: How many mysteries are recognized in the Rosary?

Answer: 20 (including the Luminous Mysteries added by St. John Paul II in 2002) ©LPi

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REHABILITATION TODAY
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

October 12.....\$ 8,715
 World Mission Day.....\$ TBD

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414
 2025 CSA Collected \$ 60,824

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



Parishioners
Please HELP



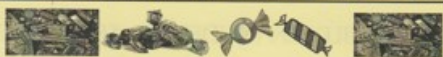
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will again be handing out treats at this years

TRUNK or Treat

October 31, 2025
 Grace Lutheran Church
 79 Mechanic St.
 6:00pm

Please donate "WRAPPED" Treats



Collection Boxes at Church Exits & Office



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #403
 THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Honoring ALL WHO served

THANK YOU VETERANS



Sunday, November 9th—Veterans' Luncheon after 10 am Mass featuring soup, sandwich and dessert. Veterans and their families and Parish community are all welcome!



Note: The Patriotic Rosary will be recited at 9:30 am (before the 10 am Mass) All are welcome to attend.

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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*

Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org

Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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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.



**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

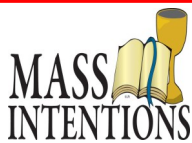
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

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 20TH—OCTOBER 26TH.

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

Monday, October 20th

SBC 8:00 am Timothy J. Cummiskey (Keith & Mary Anne Stauffer)

SBC 9:00 am Shirley Lerch (Kay Sirvet)

Tuesday, October 21st

SBC 9:00 am Denise Troutman (Joyce Schaming)

Wednesday, October 22nd

SBC 8:00 am Lynette Keane (Sheila Carlson)

Thursday, October 23rd

SBC 8:00 am Deborah Smith (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 24th

SBC 12:10 pm Mark Stom (Louise, Joyce & Bunny)

Saturday, October 25th

SBC 9:00 am Helen Pecora (Andy, Cheryl & Haley Smith)

SB 4:00 pm Guy & Sheila Hillard (Sue & Family)

Sunday, October 26th

SB 8:00 am Pat & Loretta Iaderosa (Dick & Patty Colosimo)

SB 10:00 am Living/Deceased members of Vinca & Buccolini Families (Julie & Steve)

SB 11:30 am Irene Onuffer (Jim & Carol Vinca)

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



Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

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

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38



Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19,
23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

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

SERVERS: **VOLUNTEERS**

OCTOBER 26TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski

EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Joan Yohe

SERVER: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

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

SERVERS: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Karen McClain **CUP:** Carol Vinca/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, Judy Mazzeo, 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.