

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 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.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394**



St. Bernard Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses

Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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Youtube.com

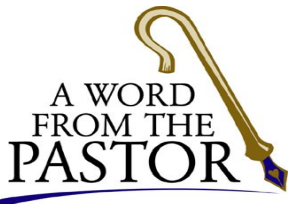
St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a



As I mentioned before, both Archbishop Hebna (St Paul, MN) and Fr Al Utzig (Columban Fathers) were “second career” men – having been gainfully employed prior to seminary. That’s true of many of my cohorts.

My friend, Fr Greg Passauer was a meat cutter for Brown Brothers Market in Erie. His classmates, Fr Paul Seibert and Fr Monty Sayers were both educators before they entered St Mark Seminary, and Fr Jeff Noble worked for Jackson China in DuBois. These all celebrated their 40th Anniversary of Ordination this year.

Fr Mike Polinek (St Jude, Erie) was a manager at Wal-Mart. Fr David Carter (Conneaut Lake) was a Protestant, managing the bookstore at St Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore, when he decided to become Catholic and then enter Seminary.

If you remember Fr Mark O’Hern, he worked as an engineer for General Electric in Erie for years, went back to school for his Master’s Degree, and then decided he didn’t want to do that anymore. He’s currently the pastor at Holy Redeemer, Warren, succeeding both Fr Jim Gutting and Fr Steve Schreiber. Fr Brian Vossler (a “Hubber” from Smethport) worked in college administration before he took off to Christ the King Seminary in E. Aurora, NY. Fr Joe Dougherty (St Elizabeth, Smethport) was also a “late vocation.”

So, there are many who were doing “something else” before seriously pursuing the priestly formation and ordination. I entered Seminary in my senior year of college, after earning most all of my physics degree at Gannon. But since I simply shifted majors, I was ordained at the tender age of 25, like most of the seminary “lifers,” such as Fr Jim.

In other words, it’s never really “too late.”

Fr John

NATIONAL NEEDS (CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS)

APPEAL—Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



SECURITY UPGRADES AT 95 E. CORYDON—You will now encounter new procedures for entering the building. The upgrades will be ongoing but currently, if entering through the front door, you will note instructions to follow. We ask for your patience as we, and you, get familiar with the new procedures. You will continue to enter through the Chapel entrance in the usual manner. Other doors will be added to the system as the work progresses. These upgrades are for the safety of office staff, meeting attendees, visitors, and those renting our facilities for events.



UNBOUND

A LAY CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. William Donnelly who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.Unbound.org/FrBill



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ST. BERNARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SOIREE!

Saturday, August 22nd. Join us in the gym with Happy Hour 5-6pm followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the Bradford Club. Music and dancing 6-8pm.

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$20 each. Cash or Check only!

Flyers listing the week long celebration events are available at the Church doors or at the office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Summer break until September
K of C #403 : Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break until September
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Board Meeting Tuesday, August 4th @ 5:45pm followed by General Meeting @6:30 pm. All are welcome!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
 will be burning this week in
 Memory of
 Douglass Hannon*



**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 August 11th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

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MASCHO FUNERAL HOME

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,654

July 12..... \$ 6,950

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 57,574

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with weekly payments.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

SOMETHING AMAZING IS COMING!

A WEEKEND THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER!

DIVINE MERCY Encounter

TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS & ADULTS All Are Welcome!

DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER (D.M.E.) is a three-day encounter with the Divine Mercy of Jesus and His call to discipleship. D.M.E. assists participants who are searching for a deeper meaning, purpose, and hope in life to find those things in a true relationship with God and a community of believers.

D.M.E. WILL HELP YOU:

- ENCOUNTER** JESUS CHRIST RISEN AND ALIVE TODAY
- LEARN MORE** ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FAITH & SACRAMENTS
- SHARE A** FAITH JOURNEY WITH YOUR PEERS

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9, 2026 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ST. MARYS, PA

WEEKEND SCHEDULE: BEGINS FRIDAY AT 9:00 AM AND ENDS SUNDAY AT 5:00 PM

WHO CAN ATTEND? Anyone 15 years or older or a sophomore in high school, young adults, and adults are all welcome!

D.M.E. is held 4 times a year in Erie and **ONLY 1 time** a year in St. Marys. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

Come ready for a weekend filled with joy, friendship, inspiration, and a deeper encounter with God. You won't leave the same! ❤️

QUESTIONS? Call Kim Kerchinski St. Mary's Church Office 814-781-1019

APPLY & LEARN MORE: DIVINEMERCYENCOUNTER.COM

PARENTING POINTERS—Is technology helping your family connect (e-mail, cell phones, texting – sometimes) or robbing your family of being present to each other (lengthy video games, all consuming Facebook dependence, twittering the day away)? If you haven't already had a family meeting about the use and abuse of technology, be the parent and call one.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—if you are currently taking Communion to the homebound, or to any of the long term care homes, please call the office so we can update our records. Thank you!



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is the week of July 19-25, 2026. The national educational campaign is promulgated

by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to highlight the anniversary of Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood and to mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Love, love, love. It's so essential to a marriage, but so hard to define. Try this one on for size. Love is when not only does your heart go pitter patter, but you are willing to give up your pleasure for the sake of the other – and the feeling is mutual.



"I invite you to bring before the Heart of Christ your most painful and fragile parts, those places in your life where you feel stuck and blocked. Let us trustfully ask the Lord to listen to our cry, and to heal us!" — Pope Leo XIV

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: In what country did both the Christmas tree and the Advent wreath originate?

Answer: In Germany

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Parents instill values in their children, hoping that the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment, and fidelity will grow with them and eventually become "a safe haven" for many.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Each year, the Diocese of Erie is honored to celebrate milestone anniversaries with couples throughout our 13-county diocese. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary are invited to take part in this special recognition of the Sacrament of Marriage and their commitment to one another. This year, due to unforeseen medical circumstances for multiple members of our team, we are unable to host the traditional diocesan celebratory Mass and reception. In lieu of diocesan, in-person celebrations, we are offering all celebrating couples a certificate and letter from Bishop, along with an invitation to next year's in-person event. In addition, some local parishes have expressed the desire to honor their parishioners. To register for a local celebration or request certificate, please visit www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html. Certificates may also be requested by phone at 814-824-1210. **The deadline to submit registrations for anniversary certificates is July 27th.**



"Apostle of the Apostles" is the title given Mary Magdalene by St Thomas Aquinas. Her name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. Mary Magdalene appears in the

Gospels in the most dramatic moment of Jesus' life, when she accompanies Him to Calvary and, along with other women, observes Him from afar. She is still there when Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in the sepulcher, which is closed with a stone. And on the morning of the first day of the week, she returns to the tomb, finds the stone rolled away, and runs to warn Peter and John. They in turn hurry to the empty tomb and discover that the body of the Lord is missing. Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb.



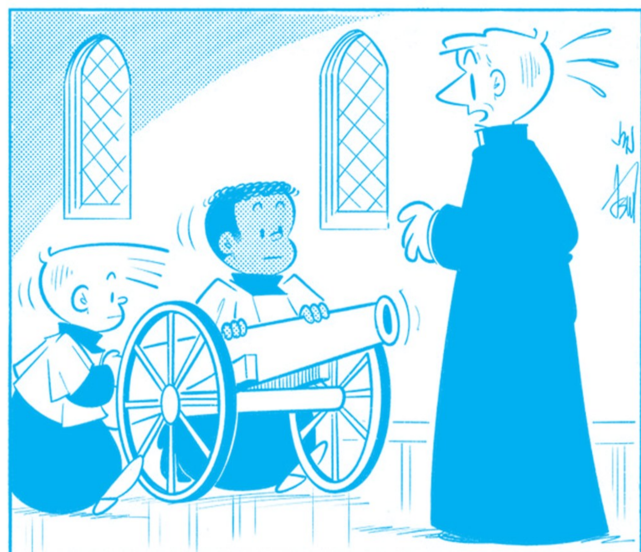
July 12, 2026
WELCOME
*Oliver Michael
Galbraith*

Blessing for Summer

O God, Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.

Amen.

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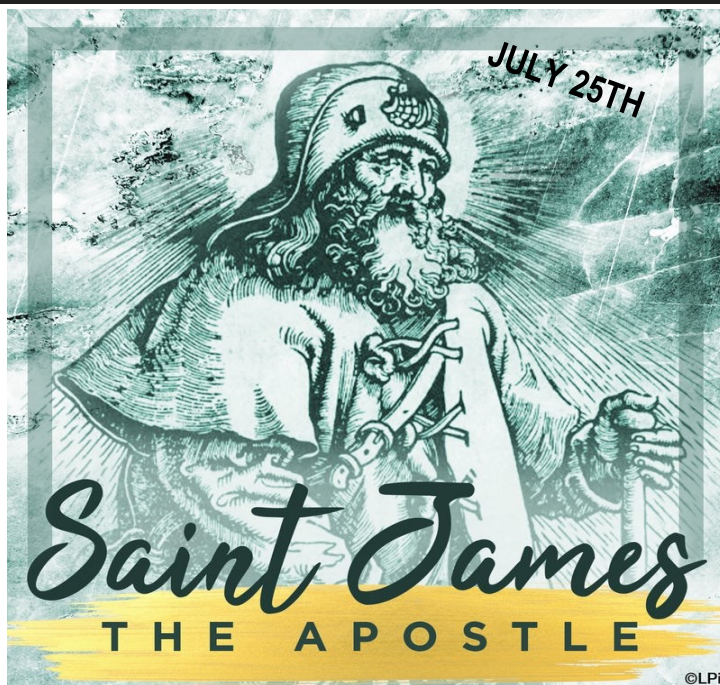


"Oh no, fellas! I didn't mean THAT kind of canon!"



The "Canon of Sacred Scripture" is the list of books in the Bible that the Catholic Church recognizes as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

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Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village. Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament. According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

GOD WORKS WITHIN THE *Mess*



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PASTORAL STAFF

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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FACEBOOK: *St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa*

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Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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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 or email Cindy Greek @ StBernardREP@outlook.com



**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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **OCIA** 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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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JULY 20TH-JULY 26TH

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

Monday, July 20th

SBC 9:00 am Rick Luke (Ann Luke Miller)
SBC 12:10 pm Janet Goebel (Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, July 21st

SBC 9:00 am Carla Zandi Shamblen (Family)

Wednesday, July 22nd

SBC 12:10 pm Lorie Forness (Grant & June Smith)

Thursday, July 23rd

SBC 9:00 am Irene Onuffer (Phyllis Ross)
SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

Friday, July 24th

SBC 12:10 pm Frances & Dale Maduri (Family)

Saturday, July 25th

SBC 9:00 am Mary Pecora (Jean Herold)
SB 4:00 pm John Hummel Jr. (Bob Burrell)

Sunday, July 26th

SB 8:00 am Benedict & Langanese Families (Bill Benedict & Family)
SB 10:00 am Dominic & Bella Iaderosa (Vince & Mary Lou Iaderosa)
SB 11:30 am Mary Ann Piscitelli (Aunt Louise)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

JULY 25TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

JULY 26TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Lynne Kuntz

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

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Teri Everett/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Sue Lee

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, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christina DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, 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, Ann Miller, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, 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 July 19th



Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-
11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46