

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 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

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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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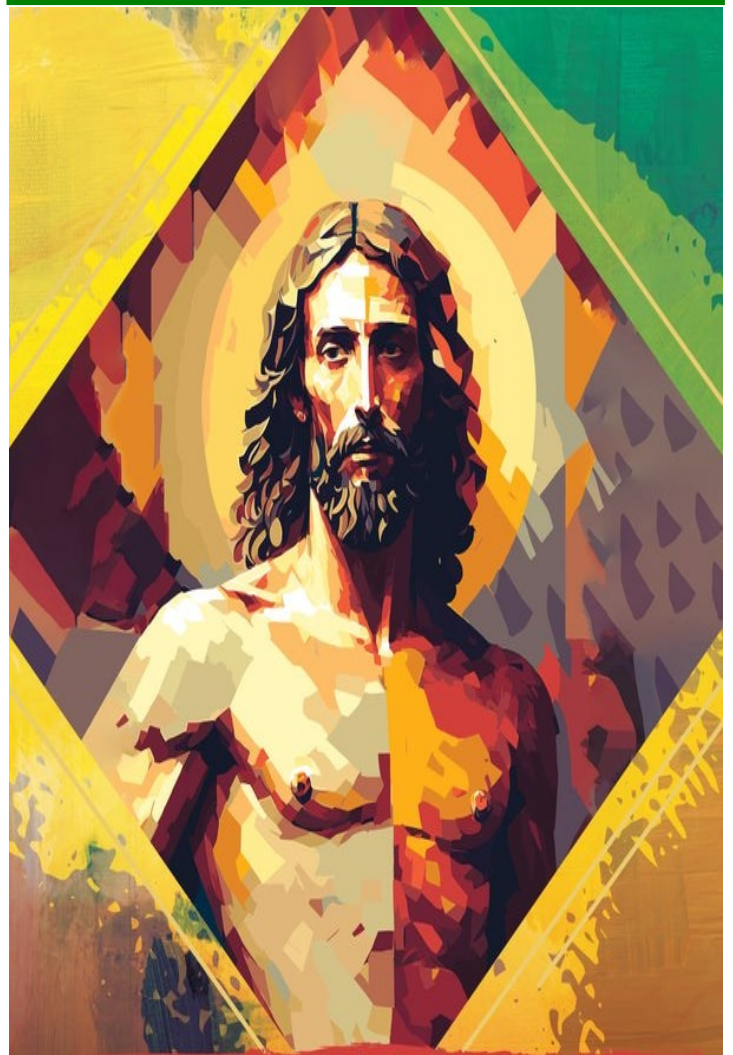
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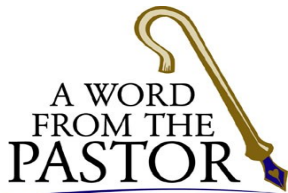
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

- Mt 13:3, 7-9



“Summertime. ♪ And the reading is easy...” Excuse me for paraphrasing some lyrics from the opera, *Porgy and Bess*, but I’m hoping you’re getting some mental refreshment this summer, as I am. Here are some suggestions:

I first saw the book reviewed on a news show – but when a parishioner told me she devoured it, she thought of me. I, too, became immersed quickly in John Bacon’s *Gales of November* (2025).

The title will immediately bring to mind (for those of us my age) Gordon Lightfoot’s song, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*. The book explores the wonder of the Great Lakes, the essential component of the shipping and manufacturing industries on them to the nation and world, and the unique and intersecting circumstances of the last freighter’s sinking in November 1975. The memorable ballad ties it all together, but the author introduces us to each of the 29 crewmen who perished in the “perfect storm” that night, as well. And how “*the wives and the sons and the daughters*” carried on after the tragedy.

I also listened to the classic story audiobook *Where the Red Fern Grows* (1961) by Wilson Rawls. How was I to know it would turn out to be about a boy in the Ozarks getting two coon hound puppies and hunting with them? Still, the story was engaging and dealt with many important themes. Apparently, it is also a bit autobiographical.

Let me add that the third book in Fr. Ron Rolheiser’s “trilogy” (about how to give away your death) was published in November and I devoured it before I drove home from my sabbatical in San Antonio (where he lives). *Insane for the Light* (2025) is a compilation of many more rich reflections on the ultimate purpose and goal of all our lives. I would suggest the other two (*The Holy Longing* and *Sacred Fire*) for perusal first. Fr Ron is currently dealing with a new round of chemotherapy and when I left was experiencing the need for more rest – but he still participated in Mass each day!

Sr Joan Chittister (Erie Benedictine) has pretty much retired from writing, but a good collection of essays was recently re-published under the title *Awakenings* (2022). I found the first few quite challenging and prophetic (and perhaps “axe grinding”), but the bulk of them have a deep grounding in thought, faith, and experience that help us all to look more deeply into why we do what we do. The front cover features a photo taken of a sunset on Lake Erie – and the contents are a thing of beauty, also. Happy reading!

Fr John

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL—Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions. (Combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.)

ST. BERNARD FAMILY PARISH DIRECTORY—2026

FINAL DATES FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Saturday, July 11th after 4 PM Mass

Sunday, July 12th after ALL Masses

If you didn't make reservations—you can still participate! Francie will take walk-ins both days.



MEMORIALS FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY: Memorials can be in memory of a person, persons or family. Please send memorial text and photo attachment to Cuthbertson.craig@gmail.com. Payments can be made directly in the church office; cash or check only. Please make checks payable to St. Bernard Church. **DEADLINE for Memorial submission-July 20th.**

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!

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: TBA
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 Owen 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.



MAMA JANE'S EATERY

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,654

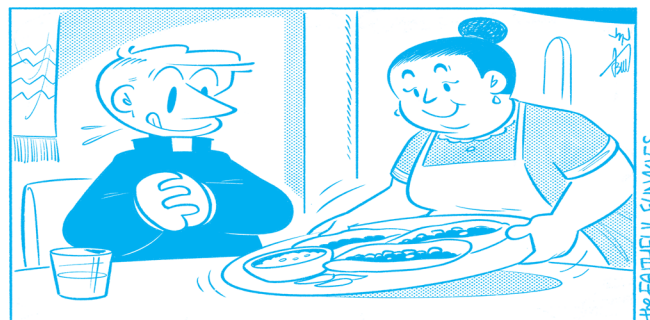
June 28.....	\$ 7,573
Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$ 3,143
July 5.....	\$ 8,517
2026 Combined CSA Assessment	\$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected	\$ 57,574

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION EXPLAINED—Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is trustworthy and learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life and for more effectively living out one's baptismal calling. All Christians are commanded, in a way, to provide spiritual aid to one another ("Go, make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" — Matthew 28:19), but a spiritual director is usually an individual who has received some form of training or formation for this specific purpose. The Catholic Church, however, does not have explicit requirements, professional standards or a formal certification process for spiritual directors. Spiritual directors can be lay, religious or ordained persons. Spiritual direction is not to be confused with the sacrament of Penance, though the latter does usually include some spiritual counsel. ©LPI

"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."



This taco term means "shepherd style" in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. "Pastor" means "shepherd," something he does for his congregation.

ATTENTION TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS (and adults too)

—Divine Mercy Encounter (D.M.E.) is back this summer. Elk County Catholic High School, August 7th, 8th, & 9th. **Come ready for a weekend filled with joy, friendship, inspiration, and a deeper encounter with God.** You won't leave the same. Call Kim Kerchinski at St. Mary's Church Office:814-781-1019. Apply online: Divinemercyencounter.com

YOUTH MINISTRY—"Youth grades 6-12 please join us for a day full of fun, faith and friends, **Sunday July 12th 12:00-4:00 pm in St Bernard's gym!** Games, pizza and snacks provided. Seeking your ideas on future youth activities! Looking forward to seeing you there!"

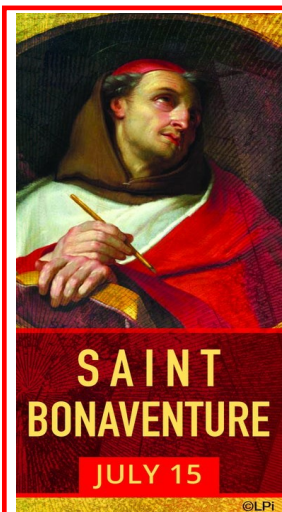


NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING —

Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is just around

the corner—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—The physics of marriage: You can't change your spouse. Only your spouse can do that. Work on yourself. For every action there is a reaction.



Do you ever get stuck with the tough jobs? It's well known that the Franciscan Order was incredibly influential throughout history. But one of the most challenging times for a new movement is surviving the death of the founder. Bonaventure joined the Franciscan Order almost two decades after the passing of St. Francis. Initially, the young man's theological insights earned him a prime faculty position at the University of Paris. More than his academic skill, however, he was known for his deep devotion to Christ. He was elected the General Minister of the Franciscan Order, right in the thick of controversies. Some friars had conflicting views of how to interpret St. Francis' poverty as the order grew. Others started a new heresy, saying that the Franciscan Order began a new era of the Holy Spirit, replacing the era of Jesus and the authority of the Church. St. Bonaventure weathered these crises with grace, restructuring the order when necessary and offering a more organized perspective on the insights of St. Francis.

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.**

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God, Bless our efforts in Your Name. Help us to understand Your will. Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided. We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call. Amen.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The stress and anxieties of family life can be like "thorns that choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. In today's gospel, Jesus "went out of the house" to connect with the people He loved. Take five minutes each day to appreciate the people you love.

PARENTING POINTERS—Healthy technology use starts with modeling responsibility and restraint yourself. Check if your own life is balanced and earn the right to talk to your kids about it.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: When bishops from around the world gather in council to make decisions for the Universal Church, what is the council called?

Answer: An Ecumenical Council

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July 1, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think of mission territory, we are likely to think of Africa or Asia, not of parts of our own country. Yet, there are many poor, sparsely populated dioceses in our country who need our help to minister to the People of God and to spread the Good News.

The Collection for National Needs, to be taken this year on July 18 and 19, gives each of us the opportunity to stand in solidarity with poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials and ministry training.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in dioceses within our own country. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 18 and 19. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families in these summer months.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE
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.

PASTORAL STAFF
 Rev. John Jacquel, *Pastor*
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 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 or email Cindy Greek @ StBernardREP@outlook.com

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 13TH-JULY 19TH

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

Monday, July 13th

SBC 9:00 am Andrew Slotter (Rosemary Slotter)
SBC 12:10 pm Janet Goebel (Joyce Schaming)

Tuesday, July 14th

SBC 9:00 am Adeline Shay (Family)

Wednesday, July 15th

SBC 12:10 pm Robert Tingley (Ann & Wesley Miller)

Thursday, July 16th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm Jim & Kay Sullivan (Family)

Friday, July 17th

SBC 12:10 pm Frances Thomas Barry (Virginia Barry)

Saturday, July 18th

SBC 9:00 am Mary Lou & Larry Woods (Woods Family)
SB 4:00 pm Kathy Campbell (Bill Peckham)

Sunday, July 19th

SB 8:00 am Mary Costello (Alicia & Dave Hill)
SB 10:00 am David DeFrank (Helen & Gene DeFrank)
SB 11:30 am Dan Hillard (Sue & Family)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

JULY 18TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jean Truman

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

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

JULY 19TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Joan Yohe

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

EM: Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Teri Everett/Lynn Hogue

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Carol Vinca **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Karen McClain

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 12th



Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next 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