

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025

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Pastor

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	11:30 am

Daily Masses are held in the Divine Mercy Chapel including Saturday at 9:00 am

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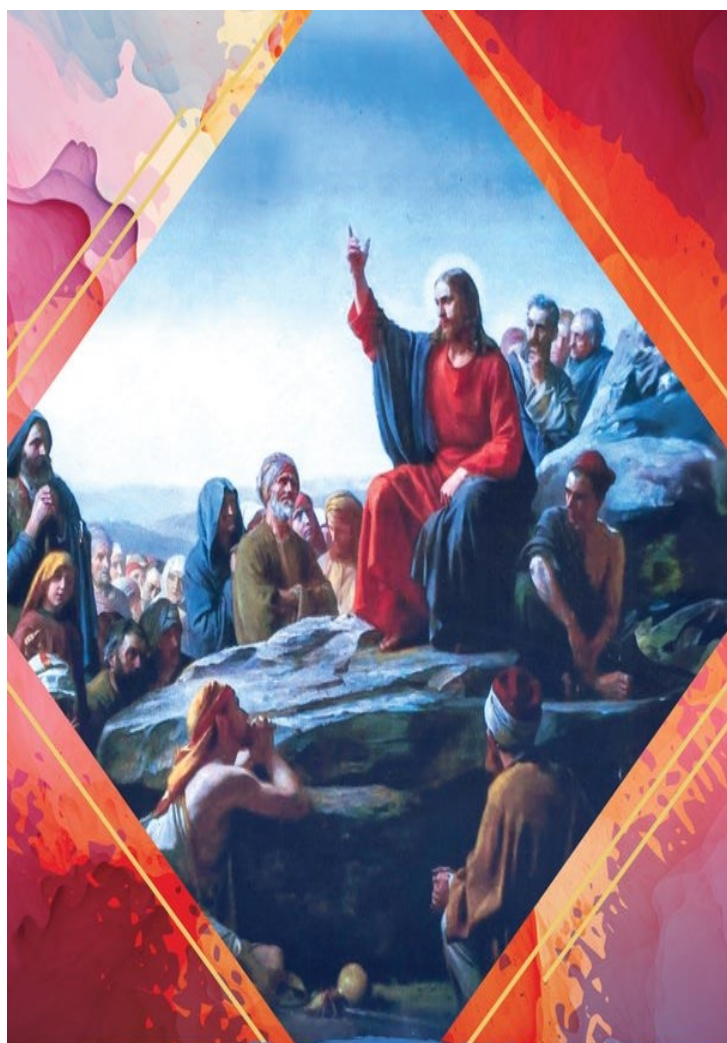
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

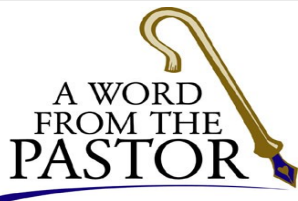
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St Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you." - Lk 6:21



One thing I'm doing with this time of recovery is catching up on more reading. Here are a couple of books I've recently consumed:

A book I picked up at Mount Savior Monastery was **The Motley Crew: Monastic Lives**. Published in 2007 by Br. Benet Tvedten, it illuminated a number of Benedictine saints I'd heard of, but didn't really know until now. There wasn't much more on Scholastica (as I'd hoped), but now I know who

Meinrad, Aelred, Cuthbert, and more about Boniface (Winfrid), as well as many others and for that I'm grateful.

My sister put me onto **Devil in the White City** by Erik Larson (2003). What an engrossing and comprehensive account of the Columbian Exhibition of 1893 and how this changed the host city, our country, and the world in several ways. At the same time, a psychopathic serial killer preyed upon several women who came to Chicago for this occasion. He took these unique opportunities to feed his own addictive tendencies. But, electric lighting, urban landscaping, water systems, fireworks displays, and the Ferris Wheel – and so many other innovations – were introduced on scales never seen since, although there were glitches that threatened the whole program from the beginning. Erik Larson has written several historical books, which are all most interesting.

This journalist (who was trained as a lawyer) and for many years co-hosts the "Today" show, gathered many little reflections to share her faith experiences in **Mostly What God Does** (2024). Savannah Guthrie refutes the platitudes and common misconceptions relating to God. Some of these short chapters are quite interesting and some are eye-opening. Dealing with struggles and issues and dilemmas, she covers a lot of ground and we have much to agree upon. I liked her short chapters and, if you listen to the audiobook as I did, she includes 30 second quiet spots to savor, reflect, digest some of what you just heard.

I decided it was time to re-read this book, but realized I had lost my original copy. So, I got a new and revised copy of **Falling Upward** (2024) by Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. It was hard to, at first, recognize. The basic outline is there, but new examples and updated references make this a truly different experience. Rohr, one of my favorite authors, speaks of how our lives have "two halves." The first is constructing, expanding, perfecting – and the second is pouring out our gifts for others. The first half is more about action, the second about being. Or as one friend says, "We're supposed to be human beings, not human doings." Happy reading.

Fr John

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Craig Cuthbertson | Harry Solarek |
| Kim VanHorn | Karen McClain |
| Daniel Lang | Jeff Hilzinger |
| Doug Kuntz | Dan Manion |
| Kim Ditz | Joan Yohe |



PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel Lang, Karen McClain, Doug Kuntz & Jeff Hilzinger

MOVING FORWARD.... "Pastoral Council suggested on February 4th that our bulletin cover be redesigned. Since we no longer use St Francis Church, perhaps we should just remove the photo from the front. We also thought that listing the Mass times on the front of the bulletin (although there may be a change this summer) would be helpful. Also, to list the membership of our various councils and committees so parishioners will know who to contact if they have questions or wish an issue to be discussed. A committee/council will be listed in future bulletins as space permits. Mostly, we've been too busy managing all these demands to "come up for air" and realize we're not communicating enough with all the folks. We'll try to be more transparent. ~ Fr John"



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA
 Widow's Group: Wednesday, February 19th @ noon
 In the Chapel for Rosary with lunch out
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, March 11th @ 7 pm
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, February 26th @ 11:00 am
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm
 Finance Council: Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:30 pm
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, March 12th @ 11:00 am
 Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

PARENTING POINTERS Black History Month: Few people think of themselves as racist, but do you or your children have friends of a different race? It may feel awkward, but find a way to meet someone who looks different than you this week. Perhaps go to a church, store, or neighborhood where people who look different from you gather. Of course if you are in a minority race...relax.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours.
 Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do,
 and to hear their needs.
 Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours.
 Amen

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**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 March 11th

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



GRADES 1-5 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:00 am. GRADES 6-9 will also meet on Sunday, February 23rd @ 5:45 pm in Gallina Hall.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE When you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion, you don't have to look far. These struggles often occur within families. Children feel 'insulted' when constantly criticized. Spouses 'hunger' for affection. Grandparents feel 'excluded' by divorce and custody decisions. Parents 'weep' because they feel alienated from their children.

WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



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CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS (Left to Right) Alicia Hill, Tom Deloe, **Joan Yohe**, Kim Ditz, Laura Brewer, Beth Mongillo and Lisa Haas. Joan Yohe won the People's Choice Award. The others won in each of their categories. It was another fun night of food and fellowship.



22:32 MEN *Strengthen Your Brothers!*

2025 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event
 At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

All Faiths are Welcome!
 Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER LARRY RICHARDS



DAN DEMATTE



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL, AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS." LUKE 22:32



JEFF JOAQUIN

BE RENEWED IN CHRIST!

Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)
\$25 Adult Registration (after January 31st)
\$20 Group of 8 or more
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY
High School and College Students - FREE
Please register beforehand.

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
 for more details and to register.

Just two more weeks until 22:32 Men— Register Now!

Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 12th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers — Dan DeMatte and Jeff Joaquin. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 1st, from 8:30 am to 1:00 PM, and you may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie;
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on our website, www.2232men.com;
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is \$25. Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit www.2232men.com or call (814) 455-7364.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the term for sharing of the faith through witness of life and word?

Answer: Evangelization.

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MARRIAGE MOMENT Presidents' Day: What is your marriage founded on? Love, of course. Common beliefs, hopefully. When George Washington became the first president of the U.S. he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Perhaps a penny could be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."

SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

Bonifilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were seven successful cloth merchants from Florence, Italy.

Around the year 1240, at Monte Senario, the seven received a joint vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary who appeared to them surrounded by angels. She instructed them on their mission, clothed them in their habits, presented them with their rule of life, and personally founded their order.

These holy men were called together by our Blessed Mother as they worked and lived in a growing city. Once united by their faith, they were set apart and drawn by God to a life of prayer. From that prayer, and their commitment to poverty, chastity, and obedience, God drew many others into their companionship. And through their companions, missionaries went forth to the corners of the earth. For more info: <https://mycatholic.life>

Will this class **CHANGE YOUR LIFE?**

Register today and find out!



"Understanding the Mystery of the Human Person"

A Weekend Retreat Course for Adults

Friday afternoon, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Mary's Catholic Church Social Hall, St. Marys, PA

- Find out the truth behind current 'hot button' moral issues
- Discover the beauty of Catholic teaching on marriage, family, and God's gift of sexuality
- Learn how to respond to challenging questions from friends and family on these topics

The course is presented by Family Honor, Inc. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.

Questions? Contact Jean in Pennsylvania at 1.814.594.7405 or the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. Email: info@familyhonor.org

For details and to register:



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Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania

St. Bernard Church Fish Fry



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St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Mike Newhouse



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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

February 9.....\$ 7,451

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected\$ 80,983

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Southern Tier Catholic School
Saint PATRICK'S
DAY

PARTY

Saturday, March 15, 2025 | 7:00 to 11:00pm
At Southern Tier Catholic School | 921 N. Union, Olean

\$25,000+

IN CASH PRIZES - PRIZES ANNOUNCED AT 10:00PM

GRAND PRIZE
\$20,000

OTHER CASH PRIZES
\$2,500 - \$1,000
\$250 (4) - \$100 (5)

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50/50 GAMES RAFFLES

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT SOUTHERN TIER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

TICKET PRICE \$100
EACH TICKET ADMITS TWO
PEOPLE (21+) TO THE PARTY
FREE FOOD, DRINK, BEER & WINE
FOR ALL TICKET HOLDERS
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE
LIMITED SUPPLY
PRE-PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
AT THE SCHOOL OR FROM ANY
STCS STUDENT/FACULTY.





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

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*
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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. Bernard — 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.

Nurse Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!

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

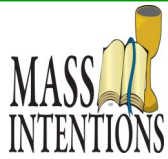
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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 FEBRUARY 17TH—FEBRUARY 23RD

Daily Masses celebrated in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) including Saturday at 9 am. Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, February 17th (Presidents' Day)

SBC 9:00 am Brian McLaughlin (Jerry & Tish Kelly)

Tuesday, February 18th

SBC 9:00 am Patti Fisher (Louise Stoltz)

Wednesday, February 19th

SBC 8:00 am David & Frances Place (John & Deb Place)

Thursday, February 20th

SBC 8:00 am Theresa Cummins (Kathy Symington)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, February 21st

SBC 8:00 am Keith Morgan (Elnora Morgan & Family)

Saturday, February 22nd

SBC 9:00 am Frances Troutman (John & Deb Place)

SB 4:00 pm Joseph & Angie Girard (Girard Family)

Sunday, February 23rd

SB 8:00 am Kimberly Little Robinson (Family)

SB 10:00 am Bonnie Mascioni (Dick & Patty Colosimo)

SB 11:30 am Leroy, Pauline & Connie Dunson (Ken & Lynn Hogue)

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



FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman

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

Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion

EM: Joan Yohe **CUP:** Patty Colosimo/Cindy Greek

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: David Ditz

EM: Kim Ditz

CUP: Karen McClain/Craig Cuthbertson

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, 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, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Ralph Rose, 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, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13



Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38