

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 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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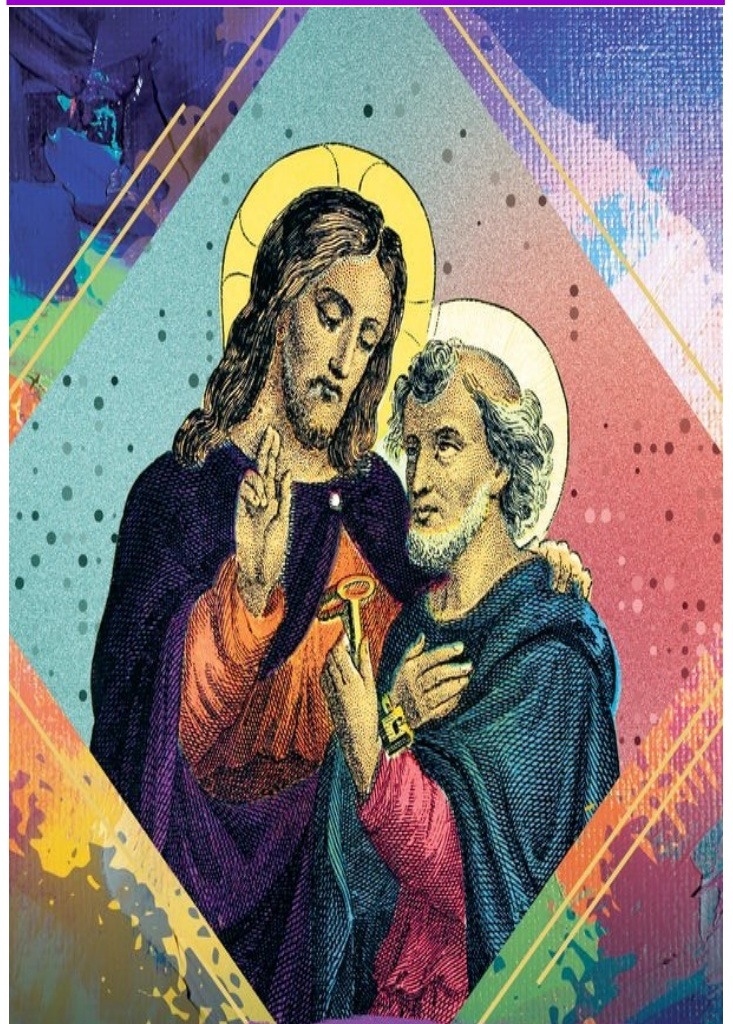
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

So, what has the Bradford Area Ministerium been up to? I've been able to participate more since we've changed the daily Mass schedule. They meet on the second Thursday of the month from 9-10 am at John Williams (except Dec, June, and July). Mother Stacey Fussell (pastor at Ascension) is currently our well-experienced leader.

We take turns offering Sunday evening prayer service at the Wick Chapel (Pitt-Bradford) and many clergy share in Sunday services at various nursing homes. A community Thanksgiving Service (Tuesday before) and National Day of Prayer (first Thursday of May) are offered, as well as assisting the Bradford High School Baccalaureate. Don't forget the Cross Walk on Good Friday, which begins at St Bernard's and ends at Hill Memorial United Methodist.

The Ministerium supports the Communities of Transformation (helping people get back on their feet) and Impact (school-aged "club" for students). They offer a scholarship to a graduating senior (this year's recipient was Madison Vinelli from St Bernard's). We just heard about a new McKean County Foster Closet – providing clothing, bedding, books, hygiene items, and toys for families who welcome a foster child. Also, a developing rent ministry where Rev. Rick Nelson is assisting.

There are various spiritual offerings we share with each other through our churches, such as Story Tour. We also try to keep up on local developments, such as the hospital closure and community mental health and homeless services provided (YWCA, Destinations) as well as other offerings (Bright Alternatives, First Night).

The more active churches involved through their pastors include: B-Free, Bradford Alliance, Custer City & Hill Memorial United Methodist, Derrick City Seventh Day Adventist, Emmanuel Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, New Life Fellowship, Open Arms, Salvation Army, and Sawyer Evangelical Church, besides Ascension and St Bernard's.

Fr John



Bishop Lawrence Persico —11:00 am Mass

Con-celebrants: Fr John Jacquell; Fr Ed Walk;

Fr Raymond Gramata; Fr Leo Gallina

Fr Obinna Paschal

Light reception to follow in Gallina Hall

All are welcome!

Back-to-School Blessing: Dear God, We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared. Amen.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 16th—Mass in the Chapel at 12:10 followed by meeting in Gallina Hall. Bring your lunch. All widows welcome!
K of C #403 : Tuesday, September 8th @ 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: Sunday, September 13th—10 am Mass followed by Brunch @ Togi's. \$20 per person. RSVP to Alicia 814-598-5076. Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 15th @5:45pm followed by General Meeting. All are welcome!

NOTE: If you have your first September meeting scheduled let us know ASAP so we can update this.



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 September 8th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of
Richard Cavallero



COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

August 16..... \$ 7,358
Assumption of Mary..... \$ 805
Church in Latin America..... \$ 2,237
2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 61,568

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REP will begin September 13th. Registration packets are now available in the church or the parish office. You can also register online on the parish website. Packets include a schedule which is also available online. Please note grades 1-5 will meet on Sunday morning and grades 6-9 will meet Sunday evening. Confirmation will take place in 9th grade with a mandatory retreat on November 7, 2026, in Clarion, PA. Emails will be sent to parents of confirmation students with more information. Please mark your calendar for this important date.

As always, communication will take place through the Remind app. Please use the new Remind codes listed below. Last years codes have been archived and are therefore no longer available. It is important that you register for Remind as that is the primary way I will communicate with you. You can reach me through the Remind app, by calling the parish office 362-6285 or emailing me at StBernardREP@outlook.com.

New Remind codes are:

Grades 1-5 send text to 81010 Code. In the message enter @grades152

Grades 6-9 text 81010 Code. In the message enter @grades692

Cindy Greek
 REP Coordinator



PARENTING POINTERS—Is your child a whiner, complainer, or blamer? Sometimes it's just a stage, but sometimes parents unwittingly encourage these traits by responding to the whines when they get annoyed enough. All this teaches is to complain longer. Teach your child to take responsibility for his or her mistakes, fix it, or learn from it. It might not have been their fault but making excuses and blaming doesn't solve anything except make you look like a wimp. Model it.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

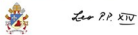
Saturday, August 22: Join us In the Gym for the Evening Soiree. Happy Hour 5-6pm, heavy hor d'oeuvres provided by the Bradford Club. Music & dancing 6-8pm. There may be a few tickets available at the door.

Sunday, August 23: One Mass at 11am with Bishop Lawrence Persico. Light reception to follow in Gallina Hall. All are welcome!



Prayer for the Pope

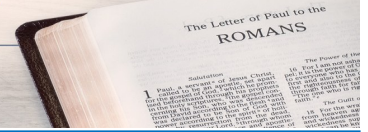
Dear God, Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.



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AUGUST 29TH—The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to become closer to God and the Holy Spirit? The Catholic Women's Club is hosting a bible study titled "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit". This study will meet for an hour in Gallina Social Hall on Monday evening from 6-7pm, September 14-November 16. All parishioners are welcome to join in the low key, exchanging experiences and learning environment of the Holy Spirit. The cost of the study book is \$15. If this invitation is calling your name, reserve your seat by calling Teri Everett 412-400-0544. Enrollment deadline is August 30, 2026.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. The monies collected will help share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate on line.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are perceived by others in various ways. However, those who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they say you are?

MARRIAGE MOMENT—"Marriage is a give-and-take experience, involving hurt and forgiveness, failure and sacrifice." (*Follow the Way of Love*) It's the Paschal Mystery of death and resurrection.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325 AD?

Answer: The First Council of Nicaea

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Catholic Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or teens. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. **Classes begin the week of September 21.** For information please contact the church office.

You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Clarion University

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Diocesan **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University**. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature high-energy speakers, music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico. Teens from across the Diocese of Erie will gather for a fun and faith-filled day centered on the theme, "You Are Called | You Are Sent." Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we're able to offer this retreat once again for free. Registration is now open and due by September 30. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! For details visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>

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IN THE CAFETERIA

MON. AUGUST 31ST

12:00PM-5:00PM

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- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- No tattoo or piercings in past 3 months
- Be in general good health and eat before donating
- **PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

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- All day and night Celtic Music
- Highland Games
- Pipe Bands
- Authentic Food
- Irish Beers (And domestics)
- Vendors Selling Celtic Items
- Kids Club & Games
- Henna Artists and Facepainting
- Celtic History Lessons
- Irish Dancers

Featuring - Ally the Piper

Gargoyle Park, Olean, New York
August 28th & 29th, 2026

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The Irish Lassies
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PA Line
Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross

Event Tickets:
Adult... \$20
Senior... \$15
Kids 18 & under are Free
Tickets at the Gate are More

Folding chairs, wagons, and water are allowed. No pets or outside food will be allowed on festival grounds.

More details at oleanceltic.com

**PASTORAL STAFF**Rev. John 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**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



**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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AUGUST 24TH-AUGUST 30TH

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

Monday, August 24th

SBC 9:00 am Judy Freaney (John Freaney)

SBC 12:10 pm Shirley Anne Lerch (Family)

Tuesday, August 25th

SBC 9:00 am Richard Cavallero (John Freaney)

Wednesday, August 26th

SBC 12:10 pm Mary Pecora & Richard Wareham
(Jeanne Herold)

Thursday, August 27th

SBC 9:00 am Steubenville High Class of 1976
(Patricia Demjan)

SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

Friday, August 28th

SBC 12:10 pm Anna Mae Place (John & Debbie Place)

Saturday, August 29th

SBC 9:00 am Ralph & Judy Rose (Kelly Rose Platko Family)

SB 4:00 pm Patrick Geary (Bob & Jan Geisler)

Sunday, August 30th

SBC 8:00 am Vivian Bottorf (d) (Cindy Greek)

SBC 10:00 am Michael J. Zurat (Lisa Zurat)

SBC 11:30 am Irene Onuffer (Greg Ulyan)

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



MASS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 29TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Tammy Black

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson



AUGUST 30TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Lynne Kuntz

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

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jody Randolph

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **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, 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, 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, Suzie Sperry, 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 August 23rd



Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27