

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 13, 2025*

*Rev. John Jacquel
Pastor*

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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

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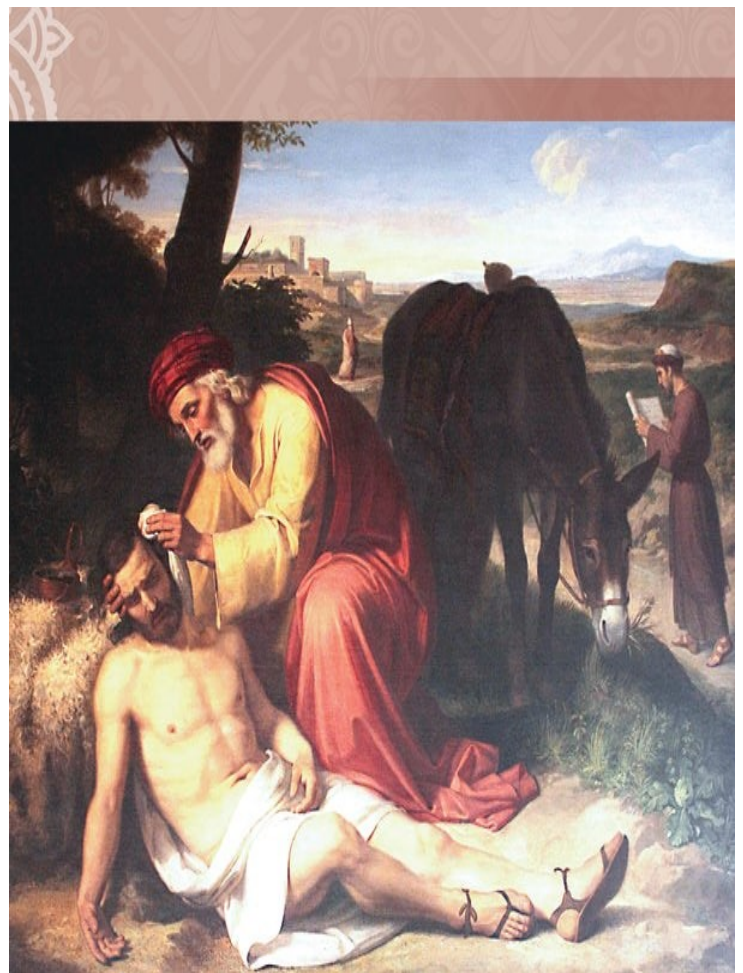
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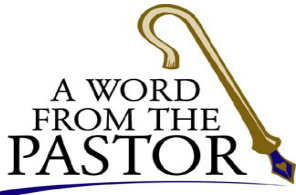
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15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33



America magazine recently had a thoughtful article exploring infertility and Catholic approaches to help. While many couples would jump to invitro fertilization (IVF), the Church has objected to how the semen is collected (masturbation) and especially to the fertilization of several eggs and the discarding of many embryos. There's a chilling "judgment" of which ones to inject into the uterus, in the hopes that one or more would implant and come to term. If you decide to freeze the other viable ones, how long should they be kept? These actions border on "playing God," to which the Church, of course, objects.

But the Church has only recently begun to provide support and resources for couples experiencing infertility. What options are there? Adoptions can cost from \$20,000-45,000. There are a few other modern approaches.

Natural procreative technology (NaPro) is one form of restorative reproductive medicine (RRM), which seeks to heal the causes of infertility and conceive naturally. Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM) and NeoFertility are two others.

Currently 29-66% of couples who employ these means result in having a live birth. But these methods have not been as exhaustively studied as IVF, and generally take longer. They include careful attention to diet and more detailed menstrual cycle charting, among other factors. IVF can cost between \$15,000 and \$150,000, and requires powerful medications. The natural methods are much more affordable and avoid potentially damaging meds.

God wants us to use the brains we've been given – not only to discover new technologies, but to avoid the ones that will get us into moral trouble. Next week (July 20-26) is Natural Family Planning Awareness week.

Fr John

The Bradford Catholic Community is invited to join in fellowship on **Saturday, August 23rd in Gallina Hall** following the 4 pm Mass. We will be observing the **Patronal Feast of St. Bernard** as well as taking the opportunity to celebrate and welcome back our REP students and staff as they begin a new Religious Education year. At the doors you will find reservation forms (blue) which we ask that you return no later than August 10th. They can be dropped in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office.

Every year, the **Catholic Foundation** gives parishes the opportunity to apply for grants. In the Spring, Father John, Cindy Greek, Dave White and Gina Davidson collaborated and came up with a project to improve one of the classrooms in the rectory, into a more welcoming and functional meeting space. REP classes, RCIA classes, and other meetings will be held there. St. Bernard was awarded \$4000 to go towards these renovations.



"The path to true happiness is found in selflessness and service to others. Let love be the driving force behind your actions."



Pictured left to right: Ken Kane, Foundation Board Chair; Lisa Louis, Executive Director; Gina Davidson, Business Manager; Cindy Greek, REP Coordinator; Fr. John Jacquell, Pastor.



June 20, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice, both around the world and here at home.

The **Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year the weekend of July 19 and 20, affords the opportunity for Catholic communities, who have the means, to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- **The Catholic Home Mission Appeal** impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses.
- **The Black and Indian Mission Collection** helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaska 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 home mission dioceses. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 19 and 20. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home and be greatly appreciated. Be assured that you and your family remain in my prayers.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

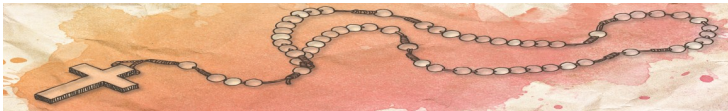
+Lawrence T. Persico

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS**Rosary Altar:** Summer break until September**Widow's Group:** TBA**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, August 12th @ 7:00 pm**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, July 30th @ 11am**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, August 5th @ 6PM**Finance Council:** Wednesday, July 23rd @ 4:30 pm**SF 50+ Club:** Summer break**Liturgy Committee:** TBA**Catholic Women's Club:** Summer Break til August Picnic

Prayer for Charity Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity. Amen. ©LPi



NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK (July 20-26). The national educational campaign is promulgated by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to highlight the anniversary of Humane 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. Natural Family Planning—supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. For more information: <https://www.eriescd.org/chastity>



**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 12th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

FEAST OF ST. BONAVENTURE—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.

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION (CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL, BLACK & INDIAN HOME MISSIONS) 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.

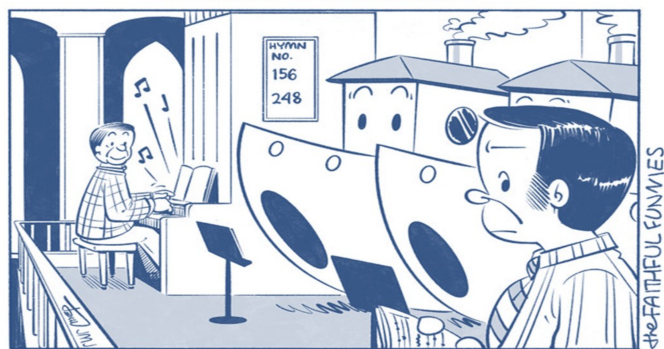
MARRIAGE MOMENT If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy. Pick a specific, regular time to pray for your spouse each day, such as, "Dear God, bless ____ today." It might be when you start the car, wash your hands, brush your teeth, etc. It doesn't take much time, just extra awareness of your beloved and entrusting him or her to God's care.



FEED THE HUNGRY

We have a temporary unit in the vestibule of the church to serve as a food pantry until a permanent cupboard is finished. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** items only. Cans with easy open lids are appreciated. There are bins at the bottom where you can deposit **SMALL** toiletries, if you wish, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, etc. Please **NO LARGE ITEMS**. Thank you! **If you know a family in need, please feel free to take advantage of this cupboard.**

"What type of boats are the music minister's favorites?"



"WorSHIPs!"



Music ministers guide the faithful in prayerful song. At a church you might see them leading a choir, singing hymns of praise to God, or playing an organ or piano to guide worship.

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Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2025 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at 3:00 p.m.

Couples and/or Parish staff may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, calling their parish office or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until **July 24** for the Erie celebration, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Which Old Testament prophet foretold the Virgin Mary and her conception of Jesus?

Answer: The Prophet Isaiah.

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*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Kevin McNearney*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or avoiding them like the Levite in today's gospel? Frequently, it's more important to be concerned about what your children observe in your actions than what they see on TV or tech. Reflect on that.



PARENTING POINTERS "It's not only a matter of what screen-based media promotes, but what they prevent." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) All of us like to veg out occasionally but too much screen time robs kids of time to play outside, be artistic, create their own games and fun. Limit screen time.

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PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

June 29.....\$ 8,253

Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 2,768

Thank you for your generosity!

July 6.....\$ 8,979

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 51,388

Thank you to all those who have turned in their CSA pledges.

Remember, checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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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: 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.

REP NEWS! Cindy Greek will be the new REP Director
 going forward. Kim VanHorn was brought on by Fr Ray,
 after St. Bernard school closed, to keep the Religious
 Education Program going. Kim has done a wonderful job to
 ensure the Bradford Catholic Community continues to have
 a program that serves children. We thank Kim for her time
 and dedication! And welcome Cindy!



**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.

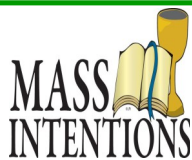
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 JULY 14TH TO JULY 20TH
Please note that all daily masses are in
the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Monday, July 14th

SBC 8:00 am Mary Lou & Larry Woods (Geraldyn Woods)

SBC 9:00 am Jack Crum (Ron & Shirley Lerch)

Tuesday, July 15th

SBC 9:00 am Souls That Are Most Forgotten (Ron & Shirley Lerch)

Wednesday, July 16th

SBC 8:00 am Mary Martha McGrath Ryan (Anne L. Smith)

Thursday, July 17th

SBC 8:00 am Francis Thomas Barry (Virginia Barry)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, July 18th

SBC 12:10 pm Manning Family (Bill Manning)

Saturday, July 19th

SBC 9:00 am Marie Borsa (Helen Carroll)

SB 4:00 pm Dominic, Bella & Dom Iaderosa (Mary Lou & Vince Iaderosa)

Sunday, July 20th

SB 8:00 am Dan Hillard (Sue & Family)

SB 10:00 am Kenneth Jadowiec (Kathy & Peter Casartelli)

SB 11:30 am Barb Sankner (Nellie Vecellio)

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



JULY 19TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Jean Truman

EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

JULY 20TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Dave White/Suzie Sperry

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxon Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

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

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, 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, Lisa Komidar, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Tina Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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

Readings for the week of July 13, 2025

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
(see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/
Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42