The Catholic Community of Bradford

The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

November 2, 2025

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Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10.00 am, 11:30 am

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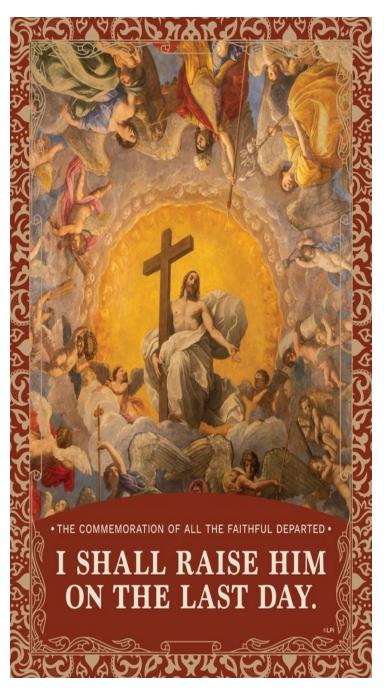
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed John 6:37-40

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

Father John Muir ©LPi



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Monday, November 17th. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory. While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering communion with God. These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death. ©LPi



On Sunday the 19th St. Bernard Catholic Women attended mass at St. Mary Mission Church at Sartwell. St. Bernard Church was originally formed as a mission Church of St. Mary of Sartwell. After mass, Tom Causer presented the early history of St. Mary's Church.

November 2025

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						ALL SAINTS DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rev. Joseph Czarkowski	Rev. George Strohmeyer	Rev. Daniel Hoffman	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw	Rev. John Malthaner	Rev. Raymond Hahn	Very Rev. Marc Stockton
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Rev.F. Thomas Suppa	Rev. Cesar Segovia	Rev. Michael Scanga	Pray for Vocations	Rev. Stephen Schreiber	Rev. Mark Hoffman	Rev. Patrick McCormick
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rev. Stanley Swacha	Very Rev. Andrew Boyd, V.F.	Rev. Dennis Martin	Rev. Jason Glover	Rev. David Renne	The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico	Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo
23	24	25	26	27	28	29/30
Rev. Msgr. David Rubino	Rev. Marc Solomon	Rev. James McCormick	Rev. John Beal	HADDY THANKSGIVING	Rev. Chris Hamlett	Pray for Consecrated Life

Prayer for the Dead, Explained—It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ. Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45). "By virtue of the 'communion of saints,' the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055). The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: "Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have Confessions on Thursday, November 6th nd beginning at 4:30 pm at St. Bernard. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. First Friday morning, November 7th we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 in the Divine Mercy Chapel. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door. 12:10 Mass will follow in the Chapel.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, November 13th @6:30 pm @ Ritchie Hall

Widow's Group: Wednesday, November 19th @ Noon in Chapel for Rosary. Meeting to follow in Social Hall. Bring your lunch.

K of C #403 : Tuesday, November 11th @ 7:00 pm Cemetery Board: Wednesday, November 5th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: TBA

Finance Council: Tuesday, November 11th @ 4:30 pm SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, November 12th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, November 11th @ 5:30 pm in Gallina Hall (Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting)



MARRIAGE MOMENT Most people enter marriage hoping it will last forever. Yet sometimes, "forever" is cut short—by death or divorce. As painful as that loss can be, many find the courage to give love another chance. A second marriage, however, often comes with added layers of complexity—especially when stepchildren are involved. If you're considering tying the knot again, do yourselves a favor: invest in a marriage preparation program tailored to your unique circumstances. It can help you navigate challenges, strengthen your bond, and save you from unnecessary tension down the road.





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

Give the Gift of Engagement Encounter
Support a couple's journey to a lasting marriage with the gift of Engagement Encounter—a weekend retreat focused on building a strong foundation for life together.

Next session: February 6-8, 2026 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. This retreat fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements. Space is limited—register early! Call the Family Life Office: 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Details and registration: https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Cabrini, Patron of All Immigrants, Movie Night—Cabrini Celebration Movie Night— Be "Keepers of Hope." Celebrate the feast day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patron saint of all immigrants, with Catholic Charities on Thursday, November 13. Showtime is 6:15pm. The Office of Social Justice & Life will host a FREE screening of "Cabrini" (PG-13) from Angel Studios at the H. David Bowes Auditorium of Cathedral Preparatory School, 250 W. 10th Street, Erie, PA. Reservations are required due to limited seating. RSVP at https://bit.ly/CCCabrini. For more details, see our website https://ccincerie.org/ or contact Elizabeth Slaby at 814-824-1254 or ESlaby@ccincerie.org. Funding provided by the Social Justice Endowment of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Today is All Souls Day. A special day when we remember and pray for all the people who have died, especially those who are in Purgatory. It's a time to think about our loved ones who have passed away and to pray that they are at peace with God. This day helps us remember that our prayers can help those who are no longer with us. Can you think of someone special who has passed away that we can pray for today?

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION—Four seats are up for election this year on the Pastoral Council. The term is for 3 years. The seats are currently held by Craig Cuthbertson, Kimberly Ditz, and Kim VanHorn. A fourth seat is currently vacant. Craig and Kim VanHorn have opted not to run again for re-election. Kimberly Ditz will run for re-election. Bill Leven, Mike Kozminsiki, and Cindy Greek are ex-officio members of the Council and are therefore not eligible to be nominated. Nominations for Pastoral Council will be held the weekend of November 15/16th. Nomination slips will be available at the doors of the Church. The slips can be filled out and placed in the collection baskets at Mass or turned into the Parish Office. Nomination slips must be turned in by the end of day on Monday, the 17th. Nominees must be members of the Parish who are in good standing. The election for Pastoral Council will then take place on the weekend of December 13th/14th. The top four vote winners will either be installed or reinstalled dur-February 2026 meeting. Please pray and discern for who you plan to nominate for this important role. And please pray for those who are already serving on the Pastoral Council. Thank you for your participation!

"Why don't skeletons play music in church?"



"Because they have no **organs!**"



Catholics remember the holy souls in purgatory every November. Take some time to pray for those who have died... and to pray with those in heaven!

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Sunday, November 9th—Veterans' Luncheon after 10 am Mass featuring soup, sandwich and dessert. Veterans and their families and Parish community are all welcome!



Note: The Patriotic Rosary will be recited at 9:30 am (before the 10 am Mass) All are welcome to attend.



St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Nancy Sposato



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00

am—12:15 pm Nov. 2nd (Safe Training)

Nov. 23rd (Advent Wreath Making)

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Nov. 8th—Confirmation Retreat, Erie

Nov. 16th

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: How many days did Jesus remain on earth after his Resurrection?

Answer: 40 days.

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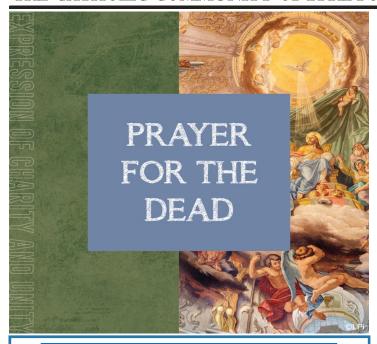
Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 61,989

Checks for CSA must be made out to <u>St. Bernard.</u> Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



PASTORAL STAFF:

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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.



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 homebound 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

Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir

God's Housekeepers

Rita Bennardi

Michael Hicks

Joan Raabe

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) Cover photos of churches by LongArt Photography



Monday, November 3rd

SBC 8:00 am William McCormack (Ron & Terri Orris)

SBC 9:00 am Mark Stom (Catholic Women Group)

Tuesday, November 4th

SBC 9:00 am Shirley Lerch (Pehonsky Family)

Wednesday, November 5th

SBC 8:00 am Lauri Morrison (O'Connell Family)

Thursday, November 6th

SBC 8:00 am Sandra Sullivan McArter (Fr. Steve, Diane & Mike)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, November 7th FIRST FRIDAY

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

SBC 12:10 pm Nancy O'Donnell (Kathy Symington)

Saturday, November 8th

SBC 9:00 am Richard Cavallero (Steven & Lyndi Ackerman) SB 4:00 pm Mary & Andy Sapko (Mary Lou Sapko)

Sunday, November 9th

SB 8:00 am Nancy Sposato (Richard Sposato)

SB 10:00 am Lou & Nita DeFrank (Gene & Helen DeFrank)

SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Shirley & Paul Madison)

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



Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11

or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 **Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/

Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Chris Pehonsky CUP: Peggy Johnson/Dick Williams

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe

EM: Deb Woodley CUP: Suzie Sperry/Cindy Greek

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Teri Everett/Beth Mongillo **Servers:** Daniel Marasco & Caleb McAndrew

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Craig Cuthbertson CUP: Carol Vinca/Karen McClain

Server: Dan Cuthbertson

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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, Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebl, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, 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, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, 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.