

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025*

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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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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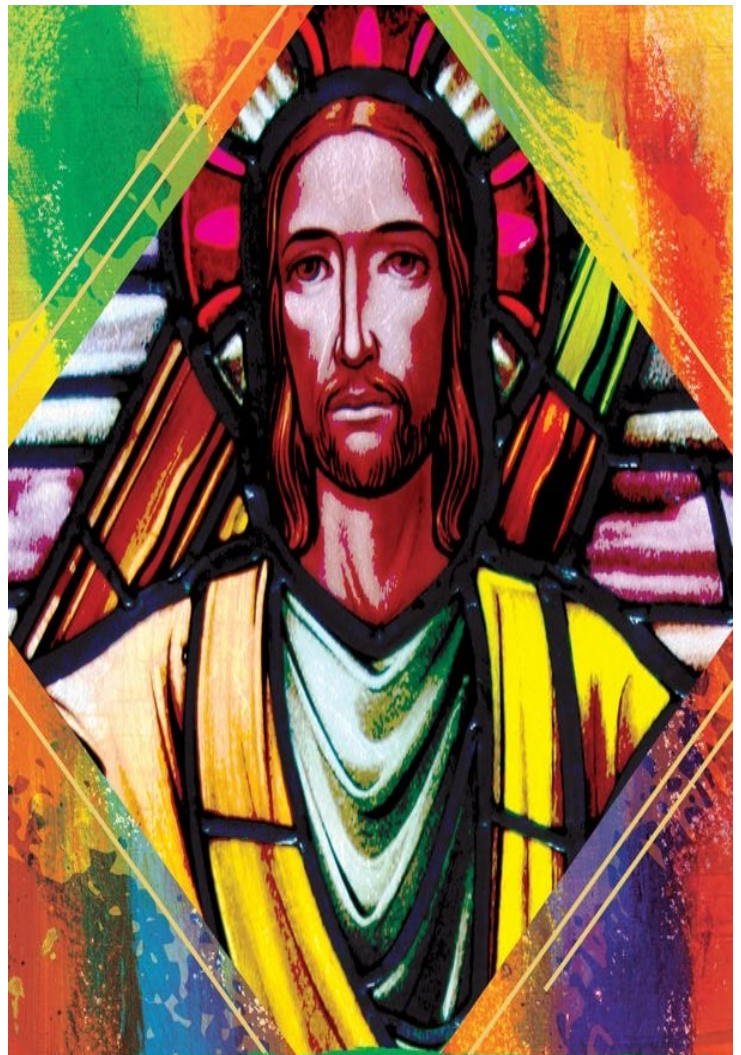
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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **"When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table"** (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

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ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have **Confessions on Thursday, September 4th** 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, September 5th** 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.



August 10, 2025

WELCOME

William Stuart Morris



August 16, 2025

WELCOME

Clayson James McDonald



Prayer for Humility

Dear God, Mold my heart after Yours. Help me to see myself as You see me: surrounded by Your love. Help me to see others as You see them as well. Give me knowledge of your ways, today and always.

Amen.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Which grotto located in France is visited by millions of pilgrims every year?



Answer: Lourdes.

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PARENTING POINTERS Give your child the gift of a quiet space and time each day. Maybe after dinner, before bed, whatever. Whether done as a family or individually a reflective pause during the day can set a foundation for a meaningful life.

September 2025

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. 	2 Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch, VG	3 Rev. Vincent Cieslewicz	4 Rev. David Perry	5 Rev. Stephen Collins	6 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw
7 Rev. John Hindman	8 Rev. Richard Toohey	9 Rev. Edward Walk	10 Rev. Cory Pius	11 	12 Rev. Gregory Passauer	13 Pray for Consecrated Life
14 Rev. Joseph Petrone	15 Rev. John Beal	16 Rev. Walter Packard	17 Rev. Stephen Schreiber	18 Rev. Christopher Beran	19 Rev. Thomas Tyler	20 Rev. Christopher Wheeler
21 Rev. Luke Daghir	22 Rev. Benjamin Daghir	23 Pray for Vocations	24 Rev. James Piszker	25 Rev. Msgr. Richard Siefer, EV	26 Rev. Robert Manning	27 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski
28 Rev. Thomas Trocchio	29 The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico	30 Rev. Philip Pinczewski				



Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, September 11th @ 6:00 pm In Ritchie Hall

Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 17th @ Noon
(See below)

K of C #403 : Tuesday, September 9th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 24th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm

Finance Council: Wednesday, September 17th @ 4:30pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, September 10th @ 11 am in Ritchie Hall

Liturgy Committee: TBA

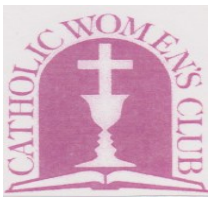
Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 14th @ 10am
Mass—Communion Breakfast to follow @ Togi's Blue Room
Officer Installation/New member Introductions (See below)



**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 9th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Milestone Anniversary Celebrations: Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are still welcome to receive a certificate mailed to you. Registrations will close on Thursday, September 11. Couples and/or Parish staff may complete the 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.



Catholic Women's Club will meet at Togi's Blue Room on Sunday, September 14th following the 10 am Mass. (We would like to sit together at Mass) Following the brunch will be Officer installation and

New Member introductions with a brief meeting. The cost of the brunch is \$18 and if you haven't paid dues yet, you can do that as well. Please RSVP to Alicia Hill before Tuesday, September 9th at 814-598-5076.

ATTENTION WIDOWS! We will meet in the Divine Mercy Chapel on Wednesday, September 17th at Noon for the Rosary. We will then go over to the Social Hall for a meeting. Bring your own lunch. All widows are welcome.



PARISH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE—with the talents of Francie Long of Long Art Photography and other local resources, we are looking to form a committee of parishioners to organize and create a Parish Picture Directory in 2026. This will be the first parish directory created since the consolidation of our parishes back into one. And we plan to do everything locally. **Please contact the parish office by September 2nd if you are interested to help with this exciting project!**

Walk for Life 2025

Saturday, September 13th
10am to 1pm



Click to donate
or register for a team

Allegany River Park
23 W Union Street
Allegany, NY 14706

All are welcome!
Free food and games
Raffle baskets - Cash only

Please register online at <https://brightalternatives-bloom.kindful.com/walk-for-life-2025-2025> if you would like to walk. Any questions call the Bradford Office at 814-368-3388. NOTE: Joyce Geis will be participating in the Walk for Life—if you would like to sponsor her please give her a call at 814-362-6117. She also has the names of other parishioners participating so call her for more information.



We have a number of left over school desks free for the asking. If interested in one (or more) desk call the parish office. Must pick-up, no deliveries.

MASS CARDS—If you need a Mass card please stop in between 12 and 4 pm. (3 pm on Fridays) Mornings at the Parish Office, especially Mondays, are our busy times. We appreciate your patience!

Parish Care and Concern Ministry Presentation

Parish Care and Concern: Are you looking to start or breathe new life into your parish social ministries and connect with fellow parishioners in renewed service? Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites you to attend an information session to learn more about how Parish Care and Concern can help you use your gifts and talents as a parish family to serve your neighbors in need. On Thursday September 18th at 12pm, there will be a presentation at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie and an opportunity to attend virtually. Register at <https://bit.ly/PCandC> or contact Diane Gallagher at dgallagher@ccincerie.org or 814-824-1251 for more information. All are welcome.

FRIDAY HOURS—During September the office will be closing at 3 pm on **FRIDAYS ONLY**.

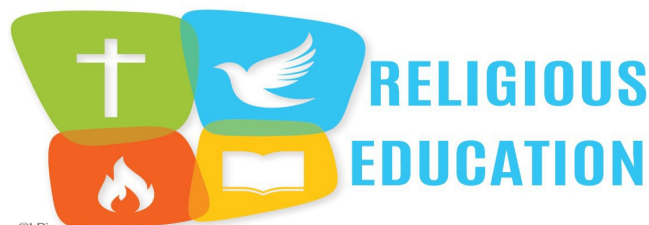
Please check your offertory envelopes before sealing. We're averaging one a week that has no money inside. Thanks!



If we accept the invitation to prepare the place of communion with God and among ourselves, we will discover we are surrounded by signs, encounters and words that guide us towards that room, spacious and already prepared, in which the mystery of an infinite love, sustaining us and always preceding us, is celebrated unceasingly." **Pope Leo XIV**



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Kevin O'Donnell



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 7 & Sept. 28.

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Sept. 14 & Oct. 5

(Full schedule in packets.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE A well-lived family life affirms Jesus' words in today's gospel: "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty, and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.



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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

August 24.....\$ 6,986
Church in Latin America.....\$ 2,206

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414
2025 CSA Collected \$ 56,094

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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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

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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 3:00 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! Registration packets for the 2025-2026 year are available in the back of the church, the parish office and online at www.stbernardcatholic.org. Signed forms and payment may be turned in to the office or the offertory baskets. Please return paperwork **before** the first class begins.



**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.

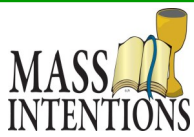
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 SEPTEMBER 1ST-7TH. All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) (SB) Indicates Church

Monday, September 1st LABOR DAY

SBC 9:00 am BCCHS Class of 1967 (Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, September 2nd

SBC 9:00 am Karen Benedict (Bob & Jan Geisler)

Wednesday, September 3rd

SBC 8:00 am Marg Vincenzo Vigliotta (Rosa Vigliotta)

Thursday, September 4th

SBC 8:00 am Shirley Lerch (Family)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, September 5th FIRST FRIDAY

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

SBC 12:10 pm Steve Falconi & Deceased Family Members (Ron & Shirley Lerch)

Saturday, September 6th

SBC 9:00 am Jean Everett (Rita Stark)

SB 4:00 pm Vickie Girard Cotillion & Son Joe (Girard Family)

Sunday, September 7th

SB 8:00 am Laurence Freaney (Richard & Ann Cavallero)

SB 10:00 am Patrick Haas (Susan Haas)

SB 11:30 am Nancy O'Donnell (AR & Angela Nelson)

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



Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 4:31-37



Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14-17 (1)/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Jim Long

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

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey

EM: Joan Yohe **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Teri Everett/Lynn Hogue

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Sue Lee **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Carol Vinca

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, Elizabeth Lindemuth, 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, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, 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, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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