

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*The Exaltation of
The Holy Cross
September 14, 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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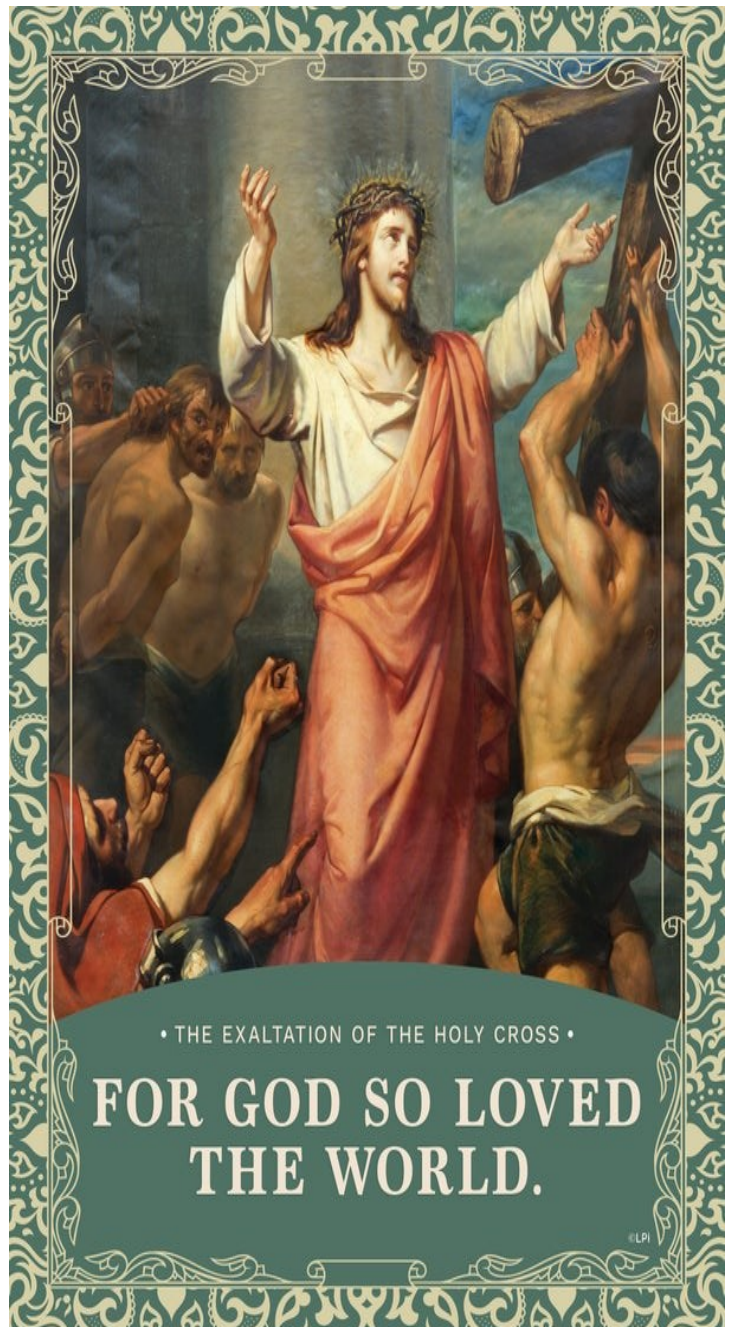
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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed. Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which unbaptized adults or those baptized in other Christian traditions are fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's a journey of faith, study, and sharing within the Catholic community. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, classes begin on September 16 at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's Conference Room. Please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible study will begin on

September 24 at 5:30 pm for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, or for more information contact the Parish office. Feel free to bring your bibles and a snack to share. *Donation of \$30.00*, you will receive a full color workbook and *Bible Timeline®* Chart.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION—Next weekend is the 2025 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education program would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

PRAYER OF LOVE

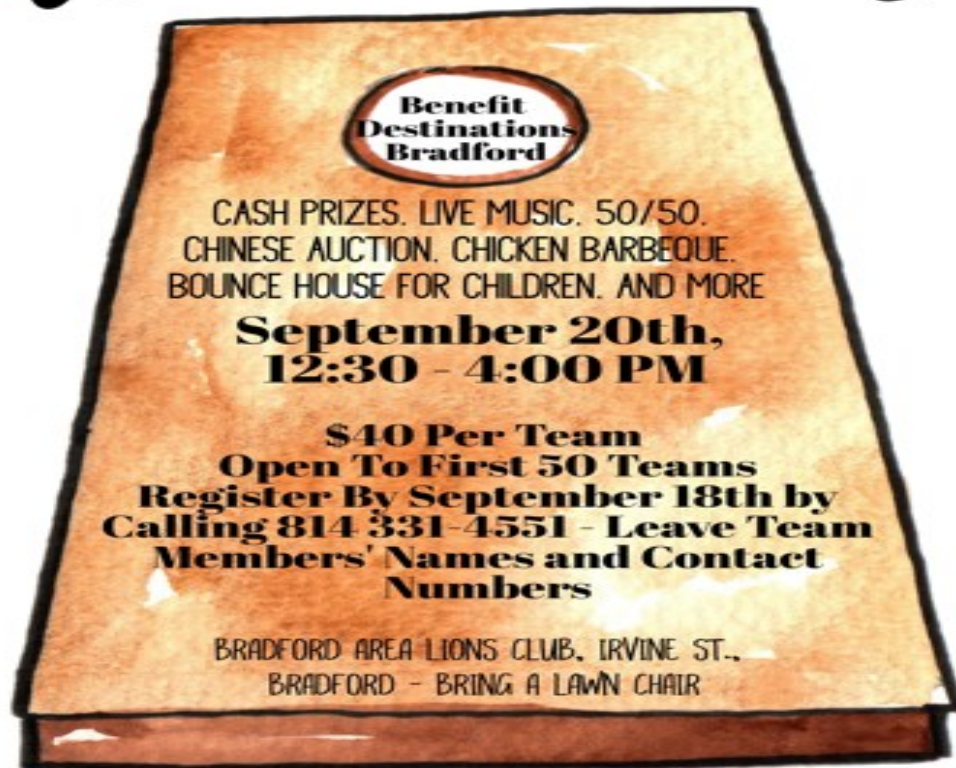
Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love.

Amen.

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BENEFIT CORNHOLE tournament



DESTINATIONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

Thankyou

To Mark Frisina for his work in the cemetery to make an area for the Fatima Shrine.

To Wright's Monuments for cleaning and moving the Fatima Shrine to the cemetery.

To Matt Mongillo for changing the lightbulbs in the church to LED.

St. Bernard Church appreciates the time these people put into our church to make it better.



*"Let us work together to build
bridges through dialogue
and encounter, that we
may become one people,
living always in peace."*

Pope Leo XIV

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: **Wednesday, September 17th @ Noon**

K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 14th @ 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, October 8th @ 11 am in

Ritchie Hall

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 14th @ 10am

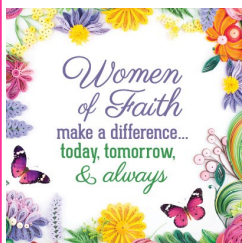
Mass—Communion Breakfast to follow @ Togi's Blue Room

Officer Installation/New member Introductions

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.



MASS CARDS—Please stop in between 12 and 4 pm. (3 pm on Fridays during September). Mornings (especially Mondays) at the Parish Office are our busy times. We appreciate your patience!



The St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club is compiling a history of the Bradford Catholic Community from the 1860's, when a priest traveled on horseback to say Masses throughout the area, to the present day. If you would like to share your stories or historical accounts, please provide your information below, tear it off, and drop in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. A Catholic Women's Club member will contact you! Thank you.

Yes, I have information I'd like to share.

Your Name

Phone #

Email



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 October 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

FRIDAY HOURS—during September the office will be closing at 3 pm on **FRIDAYS ONLY**. PLEASE NOTE: Special hours on Wednesday, the 17th will be 9am—3 pm.

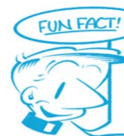


We have a number of left over school desks free for the asking. If interested in one (or more) desk call the parish office. Must pick-up.

"What does the tiger say to his friends before they go hunting for food?"



"Let us prey."



FUN FACT!
The Bible tells us to pray in every circumstance; don't forget that God is always here, listening, and loving!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is the time limit that cardinals have to elect a new pope?

Answer: There is no official time limit.

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Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. A percentage of gift card sales goes directly back to the church. This is a great way to give back! **Orders are due by Sunday, September 28th. There will be another order in November for Christmas.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church in the Middle Ages. The Servite Order, founded in the 13th century in Florence, particularly dedicated themselves to the Sorrowful Mother and promoted devotion to her Sorrows. St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) also received many revelations from Our Lady concerning her Sorrows. But what are the "Sorrows" of Mary, specifically? Indeed, she has given us **seven specific sorrows** to contemplate and meditate upon, for which she grants **many graces** in return. The Seven Sorrows or "dolors" are particular events in the life of Mary that caused excessive sorrow in her Immaculate Heart, sorrows in which she was especially united to Jesus. We are encouraged to contemplate these events daily:

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
- 4) The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Road to Calvary (John 19:17)
- 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
- 6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
- 7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning
this week in Memory of
Roseanne Giordano*



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 28 & Oct. 19.

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

PLEASE NOTE: 9th Grade Confirmation Students first class is on Sunday the 14th in Gallina Hall from 5:45-7:15. It is MANDATORY that a parent or guardian also attend! (Full schedule in packets.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Parents are like the shepherd in today's gospel; they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love offers a glimpse of the unconditional love God, Our Father, has for each of us. A parent is a window to the Divine.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

August 31.....	\$ 6,944
September 7.....	\$ 8,940
GAZA Collection.....	\$ 3,304

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:**

Rev. James Gutting, *Parochial Administrator*

Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

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Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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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! 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.

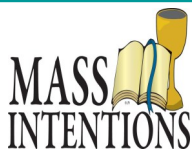
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 15TH—21ST. All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC)
SB (Indicates Church)

Monday, September 15th

SBC 8:00 am Sr. Maria Onuffer (Sisters of St. Joseph)
SBC 9:00 am Bonnie Buccolini (John & Deb Place)

Tuesday, September 16th

SBC 9:00 am Linda Monti (Mary Lou Sapko)

Wednesday, September 17th

SBC 8:00 am Sandra O'Brien (Lucille Koniak & Family)

Thursday, September 18th

SBC 8:00 am Shirley Lerch (Tom & Mary O'Connell)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, September 19th

SBC 12:10 pm Nancy O'Donnell (Rosemary Burke)

Saturday, September 20th

SBC 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Black Family (Black Family Reunion)
SB 4:00 pm Hannon & Sapko Families (Mary Lou Sapko)

Sunday, September 21st

SB 8:00 am Dennis Keverline (Joann Clark)
SB 10:00 am Earl & Marj Tischer (Darcy & Kris Goll)
SB 11:30 am Richard Newhouse (Morton Family)

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

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35



Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
(see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Jean Truman

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am



LECTOR: Jim Colligan

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Sue Lee

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, Rosanne Strotman, 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.