

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 27, 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 E. Corydon Street, PO Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



ST. BERNARD MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES
MONDAY & THURSDAY--9:00 AM & 12:10 PM
TUESDAY-9:00 AM WEDNESDAY-12:10 PM
FRIDAY-12:10PM SATURDAY-9:00 AM

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31



From the Pastor

Life has sure “cranked up” lately. When I think about our week-long celebration of our 150th Anniversary, it was plenty enough. But the weekend following the Bishop’s Mass, I went to Emporium to join the celebration of good friend, Fr Paul Siebert, as he celebrated 40 years of priesthood.

The weekend after was a two-day immersion in the anniversary of Young People Who Care in Frenchville (their 50th Anniversary), and Fr Paul joined us on Saturday for that. I stayed to celebrate the Sunday Mass – since I knew so many of the long-term volunteers from my 45-year association. I arrived there in 1981 as a seminarian to assist in the summer youth program, which included work-retreat weeks. A couple of the attendees asked about Kim Little (from St Bernard’s, whom I had met here in my first “tour” 1983-84) since she had become a volunteer with YPWC. The closeness and the mutual esteem of the “old hands” were very intense and rich as we reminisced with one another.

I got back that weekend in time to share a nice picnic with all my siblings at Lake Erie in North East. That included a 2nd cousin, Vernon Jacquel (“VJ”) who survived a stroke over 4 years ago. What a nice opportunity!

Then, last weekend was the Men’s Cursillo – sharing the grace of God’s love and presence with 17 men from around the diocese (including one from Shinglehouse and another from DuBois). Powerful and profound moments are the norm – and this weekend did not disappoint.

Upcoming will be First Friday in October, followed by our St Francis Feast Day on the 4th. After this, I leave for a one-week vacation touring Crater Lake (Oregon), Lassen Volcanic National Park (California) and Lake Tahoe (California / Nevada). Which will be followed by an award at the Catholic Charities “Helping Hands” Gala in Erie. When the call came to inform me, I told them “I can think of five people who more deserve this award.” It is humbling. I just hope I’ll be able to survive all of the excitement.

Fr John



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our eternal Priest. Amen.

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., October 8th @6:30
Widow's Group: Wed., October 21st, Mass in the Chapel @ 12:10 followed by lunch out afterwards. All widows are welcome!
K of C #403: Tues., October 13th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., November 4th @ 11am
Pastoral Council: Thurs., October 22nd @ 6:00pm
Finance Council: Thurs., November 19th @ 4:30
SF 50+ Club: Wed., October 14th @ 11:00am
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm
Catholic Women's Club: Tues., October 20th @ 5:45pm Board Meeting, Regular Meeting @6:30
 "Rim to Him" presentation by Lynne Kuntz

Mass Book 2027

The 2027 Mass Book will opening soon. Mass request sheets are **pink** and are located in the back of the church. You may drop off your completed request sheet beginning **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**. Please be sure to include payment-masses will not be scheduled until payment is received. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Please note there will be no Blood Mobile in Gallina Hall this Monday. The Blood Mobile will return on Monday, October 26TH -- NOON TO 5 PM

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend's Collection. If you were unable to give, there is still time to help sustain faith formation and educational ministries in our parish and diocese. Use the envelope provided in your packet or at <https://eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you for your support!

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly:	\$ 8,546
September 20.....	\$ 6,732
Catholic Education.....	\$ 2,381

2026 Combined CSA Assessment	\$ 99,059
2026 CSA Collected	\$63,909

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

Thank you for your contributions!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle
 will be burning this week in
 Memory of
 Vivian Bottorf*



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 13. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, September 27 from 11am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall

Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, October 4 from 5:45pm-7:15pm in Gallina Hall



***Don't Forget!!!

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
 Saturday, November 7

CONFIRMATION RETREAT



www.eriercd.org/faithformation/

November 7 | Clarion University | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



YOU • HUNDREDS OF TEENS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE
 HIGH-ENERGY SPEAKERS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
 POWERFUL PRAYER, ADORATION & MASS WITH THE BISHOP
 FOOD, FRIENDS, LAUGHS & MEMORIES
 DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE & GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SCAN HERE!

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES



FOOD & HYGIENE DRIVE FOR DESTINATIONS

FOOD

- Mac N Cheese
- Canned fruit/vegetables
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Snacks
- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Ramen noodles
- Canned soup
- Instant Rice



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide fresh meals and groceries to those who need it most.

HYGIENE

- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap
- Bar soap
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Razors
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush



*Non-Perishable Food Items ONLY
*Please no expired food

DROP OFF LOCATION:

St. Bernard Parish Office
Monday-Friday, 8:30-4pm

Last day to drop off donations is
September 25



Respect Life - Abortion Pills after Dobbs

"While the Dobbs decision gave states the freedom to pass pro-life laws and protect preborn children, these laws are now being undermined by a proliferation of abortion pills. The Food and Drug Administration, a government agency responsible for protecting public health, has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telemed appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up opportunities for further exploitation by their violent partners or human traffickers."

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Question:

What was the relationship among the three children who witnessed Mary's apparition at Fátima?



cousin.

Answer: They were a sister, a brother, and a

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Before you say, "I do," take time to focus on what truly matters—your future together. Engagement Encounter offers a meaningful weekend of reflection, connection, and preparation. The retreat is scheduled for February 5-7, 2027 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie, PA. All engaged couples are welcome. Call 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Details and Registration:

<https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/>. Make this investment in your relationship, your future deserves it.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus asks, "What is your opinion?" We often mistake our opinions for dogma or fact, but they are merely our perceptions or feelings about a situation. Arguments over opinions can cause significant divides in families. Tread lightly on the opinions of others; the heart you break may be your own.

Rosary Altar Society will be cleaning St. Francis Church and Hall on Saturday, October 3rd in preparation for the Feast Day Mass at 11:30 am on October 4th. All volunteers are welcome! Please meet at St. Francis Church at 10am on Saturday.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**BRADFORD ECUMENICAL
HOME, INC.**





FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have confessions on **Thursday, October 1** beginning at 4:30pm at **St. Bernard**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. **First Friday morning, October 2** 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.

Knights of Columbus are hosting a Family Rosary night on Wednesday, October 7th in the Church at 7:00 pm



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

Registration for the Diocesan Confirmation Retreat closes September 30. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, this exciting retreat will take place Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Students preparing for Confirmation will experience a day filled with music, prayer, entertainment, adoration, Mass with Bishop Persico and the opportunity to connect with hundreds of teens from across the Diocese of Erie. 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! Interested? Contact your Faith Formation Leader and learn more at <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>!

Parenting Pointers

May has Mother's Day and June has Father's Day. Did you know that the 4th Monday in September (Sept. 28 this year) is Family Day? Relax, there are no gifts to buy or cards to send, simply eat dinner with your family on this day. Maybe you do this regularly anyway. Good. If not, try to do it more often. Some families have each person share a high and a low of the day during dinner.

Cemetery News

All grave decorations must be removed from graves by **October 12**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after **November 1**.

Respect Life Sunday Mass is October 4

October is Respect Life Month. All are invited to celebrate life on October 4 at 10:45am at the Respect Life Sunday Mass, with The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico presiding at St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community 147 W. 24th St. Erie. There will be fellowship immediately after in the community center. Prolife groups are encouraged to attend together. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Slaby at Catholic Charities, Office of Social Justice and Life at ESlaby@CCIncErie.org or 814-824-1254.

Pastoral Council

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(President)

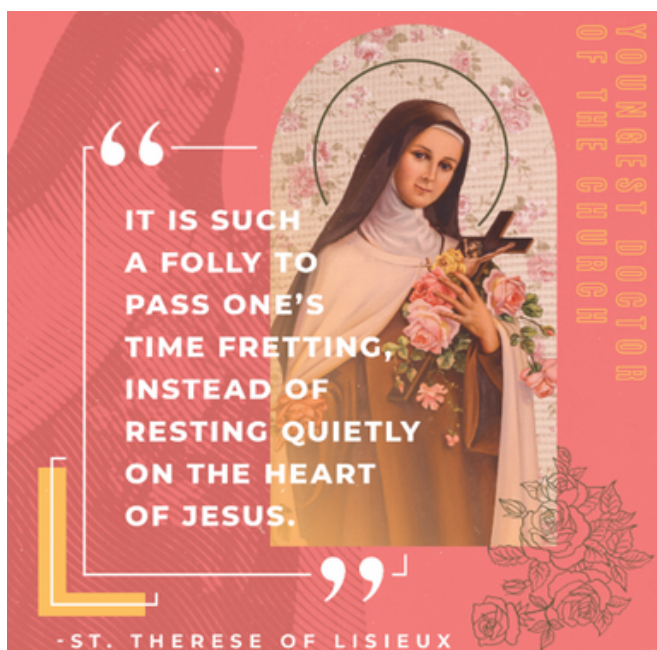
Natalie Marasco

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Live streaming Sunday 10 am

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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 814-362-6825.**

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 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
	(814)598-5565

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September 28th-October 4th
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, September 28th

SBC 9:00am Robert & Margaret Meorick (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

SBC 12:10pm Virginia O'Brien (Anita Magnetti)

Tuesday, September 29th

SBC 9:00am Julie Rossman Harrison (John & Deb Place)

Wednesday, September 30th

SBC 12:10pm Loretta DeSantis (Family)

Thursday, October 1st

SBC 9:00am Shirley, Stephen & Family (Family)

SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, October 2nd *First Friday*

SBC 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration

SBC 12:10pm Rudy Passauer (MaryJane Carson)

Saturday, October 3rd

SBC 9:00am Josephine Piersimoni (Joyce Schaming)

SB 4:00pm Pat & Mike Pehonsky (Family)

Feast Day of St. Francis

Sunday, October 4th

SB 8:00am Steve Kriz (Elnora Margan & Family)

SB 10:00am Ralph Mongillo (Gianna Carroll)

SF 11:30am Katherine Behan (Kevin & Janice Behan)

Weekly Confessions:

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



OCTOBER 3, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jim Long

EM: D. Williams CUP: T. Black/C. Pehonsky

Servers: Aidan & Sean Kramer

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski

EM: C.Pehonsky CUP: D.Kozminski/S.Sperry

Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan

EM: **VOLUNTEER** CUP: G. Scarano/L.Hogue

Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Francis 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

EM: K. McClain CUP: Craig Cuthbertson/K.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, Christine 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, 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.



FEAST DAY NEWS: We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th. The 11:30 am Mass will be at St. Francis Church. Following Mass the K of C will provide a simple picnic-type meal. Rosary Altar will provide desserts. Pet blessings will be at 1:30 pm in the parking lot. We will celebrate with "All Creatures of our God and King". Come join us!