

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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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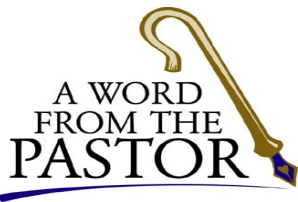
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St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new commandment:
love one another." - Jn 13:34a



We are going to struggle mightily to meet our Catholic Services Appeal goal this year. Why? Where does the money we donate go? Doesn't it all just go to Erie?

If you recall, the Diocese sponsored the Confirmation Retreat at Pitt Bradford campus this past November. Hundreds of students came from all across the thirteen counties – but the Faith Formation office footed the bill – funded by the Catholic Services Appeal.

This coming Friday, the Bishop will ordain two young men to the priesthood to serve the Diocese for many years to come. Their education and formation were funded by the Catholic Services Appeal. We also have other seminarians and deacon candidates preparing for future ministry.

We have a Catholic Charities office here in town (as does St Marys, DuBois, Meadville, Sharon, and other locations across the diocese). You guessed it, funded by the Catholic Services Appeal.

Some of our parishioners have been aided in adoptions, marriage preparations, and faith formation. Our parish is aided by a diocesan structure and personnel who are available to assist us – under the leadership of Bishop Persico, the vicars, and their support staff. We couldn't have these without our Catholic Services Appeal.

"It's a tax," folks say. True enough, but taxes repair roads and provide many other services to our community, such as police and fire protection. Faith Magazine, family services, religious communities (like the Sisters of St Joseph), outreach to the poor – all of these receive monies.

Catholic Charities counseling services have expanded their outreach with more telecommunications (using computers to reach people even in our rural areas with personal attention). Another innovation funded by our Catholic Services Appeal.

Our parish "fare share" in making this happen is in the neighborhood of \$94,000 this year. But we've collected only about \$41,000 as of this writing. Any shortfall will come from our general funds. Please help, if you are able.

Fr John

MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE VISIT & COLLECTION (May 17th & 18th)

From the very beginning, the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists) have been engaged in a wide variety of apostolic works. All that advances the coming of the Reign of God has always been deemed worthy of our apostolic energy. It's a preference for poor, in response to the Gospel and to the Church calling us today to be on their side. For us too, it's a consequence of our own vow to live as poor men. Some will dedicate themselves full-time to this work: with marginalized people of every kind, in hospitals and in prisons, "worker priests" or volunteers in different organizations...But all of us try to live in union with the poor, because "the poor will always be with us", because the poor are too often neglected even within the Church. This is a bias that the Assumption encourages. Our Province of North America is specifically responsible for the missions in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania), Mexico and the Philippines. We provide personnel and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain our charitable works (schools and nurseries) and formation programs for both laity and clergy in these countries. Many of our apostolates in these countries specifically work to better the living conditions of the impoverished brothers and sisters we live with and minister to. In the Philippines, we sponsor education and aid programs for underprivileged villages both in the Manila area and in other mission centers. Our parish in Orizaba, Veracruz Mexico ministers to an underserved indigenous community.

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God His Excellency
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie cordially invites
the Reverend Diocesan and Religious Clergy, and the Faithful
of the Diocese of Erie to

The Presbyteral Ordination of

THE REVEREND MR. BRANDON MATTHEW FEIKLES & THE REVEREND MR. MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER SCANGA

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025
7:00PM AT ST. PETER CATHEDRAL
230 W. 10th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Installation of Officers, Wed., June 11th @ 5:30 pm @ The Bradford Club

Widow's Group: Wed., May 21st @ Noon in Chapel (See Below)

K of C #403 : Tuesday, June 10th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, June 18th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, June 17th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Wednesday, July 23rd @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, June 11th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm

Rosary in the Church/Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall (See Below)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—Tuesday, May 20th, Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Church followed by an Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. All are invited. There will be a brief meeting of the Club to conduct the final approval of the new Board.

ATTENTION WIDOWS! On Wednesday, May 21st, we will meet in the Divine Mercy Chapel for Rosary at Noon. Then we'll meet in the Social Hall—bring your own lunch! All widows are welcome!



Rosary Altar members will hold their Installation of Officers on Wednesday, June 11th at the Bradford Club at 5:30 pm.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In today's gospel, Jesus tells us: **"Love one another."** Love is the glue that holds a family together. It's not the activities a family engages in that make it exceptional, but the love they share for one another.

Bright Alternatives kicked off its annual "Baby Bottle" fundraiser last weekend. The **Knights of Columbus** handed out bottles to those wishing to contribute to this most worthy cause. If you didn't get a bottle see a K of C member. Baby bottles will then be collected on Father's Day weekend, June 14-15. Please give as generously as you can!

CONFIRMATION Practice is on Saturday, May 31st at 10 am. Confirmation takes place on Sunday, June 1st at **2 pm**. Reception to follow in Gallina Hall.



**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 June 10th** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



THANK YOU FROM PRIESTS Last weekend, our parish took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing to the 2025 Good Shepherd Collection for Erie Diocesan retired Priests. If you would you like to add your support to this collection, you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd in upcoming collections or drop at the Parish Office. You may also send to Office of Finance for the Diocese of Erie, please make notation for Good Shepherd Collection on the check or envelope. Online contributions can be made from the Diocesan webpage <https://www.eriercd.org/Good-Shepherd-Collection-materials.html>.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What is another name for a priest's sermon?

Answer: Homily

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INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION Next week our

parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **Reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



May 5, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Ever since our Lord's admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need. Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world by giving generously to the International Needs Collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 24-25.

This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections:

- The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- The Catholic Relief Services Collection which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- The Support for the Church in Africa collection, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

Please give generously to the International Needs Collection on May 24-25 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the International Needs Collection. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

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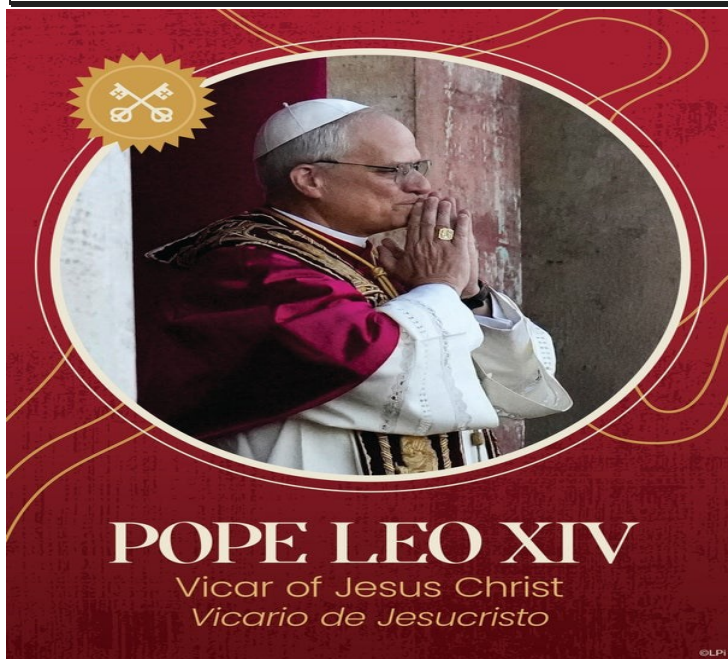


Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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





Prayer of Christian Love—Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen. ©LPi

BEWARE A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. **Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam.** You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity being impersonated by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request. Financial fraud like the Gift card scam can be reported to the FTC here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov> and to learn more read this article <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams> from the FTC.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Mona Kay Sullivan*

MARRIAGE MOMENT "Pay attention to details: Don't buy just any flowers – get her favorites. Make a point of always wrapping his gifts in his favorite color." (Gregory J.P. Godek, *1001 Ways to Be Romantic*)



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available
in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall)
Monday, **May 19th**
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

(ONE WEEK EARLY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY)

PLEASE NOTE: ST. FRANCIS CHURCH will now be open **ON FRIDAYS ONLY** from 8 am until 3 pm for visitation and prayer.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

May 11.....\$ 7,614

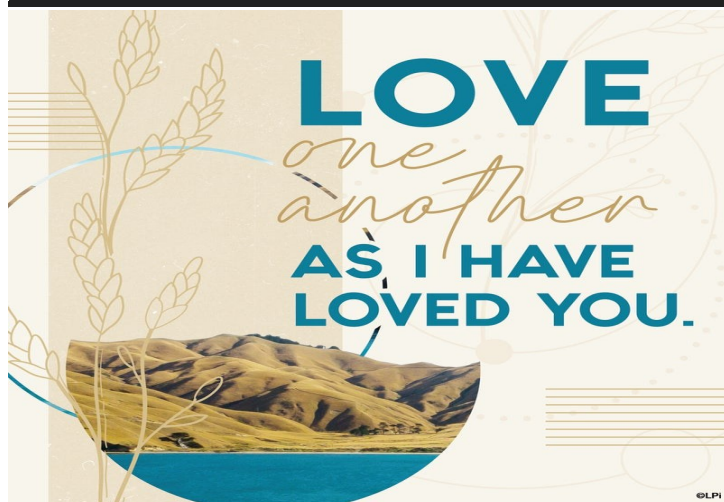
Good Shepherd Collection.....\$ 5,026

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 41,000

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED IN
THEIR CSA PLEDGES.**

**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

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394
 Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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: Kim VanHorn

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.

Nursery Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid's Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They'll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts.



**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.

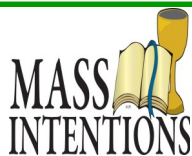
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 MAY 19TH TO MAY 25TH
Please note that all daily masses are in
the Divine Mercy Chapel.

Monday, May 19th

SBC 8:00 am Robet Enos (Mary Ann Satterwhite)
SBC 9:00 am Mona Kay Sullivan (John & Deb Place)

Tuesday, May 20th

SBC 9:00 am Shirley Lerch (Family)

Wednesday, May 21st

SBC 8:00 am James "Tubby" Maduri (Girard Family)

Thursday, May 22nd

SBC 8:00 am Fran Nickel (Kathy Symington)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, May 23rd

SBC 12:10 pm Mary Lou & Larry Woods (Geraldyn Woods)

Saturday, May 24th

SBC 9:00 am Dick Cavallero (James & Gigi Carroll)
SB 4:00 pm Louise & Edward Dudick (Family)

Sunday, May 25th

SB 8:00 am John, Margaret & Paul Andrew Platko (Family)
SB 10:00 am Jennie & Frank Ulyan (Family)
SB 11:30 am Beeman Family (Dan & Tammy Beeman)

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



MAY 24TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky

Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight



MAY 25TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

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

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Karen McClain **CUP:** Charlotte & Craig 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, Pauline Dudo, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, 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, 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, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, 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, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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



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Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/

Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/

Jn 14:21-26



Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-

13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29