The Catholic Community of Bradford

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 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
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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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From the Pastor

We are “on track” to further consolidate our parish assets with Bishop Persico’s decree relegating St Francis Church from “sacred” to “profane but not sordid” use. With this stipulation, we may proceed to judiciously locate a buyer and be released from maintenance, utility, and repair costs that have begun to be quite burdensome. Even a liturgical arts dealer who has inspected the church said that it has lived out its expected lifetime – requiring expensive overhauls in order to be fully operational again.

We are planning to celebrate our last Mass at St Francis on Sunday, December 6, at 11:30 am. That’s in two weeks. We’ll transfer the 11:30 Mass from St Bernard to St Francis on this day – as we did for the Feast Day (October 4). But since we are scheduling this during Advent (Second Sunday), we will forego having a reception since everyone will be a bit busy.

As we conclude this Mass, we’ll again offer prayers at various “stations” in the church – the baptismal font, the ambo, the reconciliation room, and the altar. We can take our leave by bowing before, or placing our hands on, the altar and then solemnly departing with some of the appointments (such as the beautiful processional cross and chalices) which we will use at St Bernard’s.

This is a very solemn moment in the life of the Bradford Catholic Community. St Francis Parish was known for not only its beautiful church (built with the literal help of many parishioners) and rich liturgical life, but also for the socials and faith formation opportunities that made such a difference. And the chocolate that helped make some of it possible. The impact on our history is priceless. There have been and will be a few tears.

Fr John



Blessing for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gifts of the season.
We ask Your blessing upon this Thanksgiving meal.
Bless each of us gathered,
hold the prayers we carry within us,
anoint our conversations and company with
Your light and hope.
Amen. ©LPi

Readings of the Week

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: **TBA**
Widow's Group: **TBA**
K of C #403: Tues., December 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., January 6th @ 11:00am
Pastoral Council: Thurs., December 10th @ 6pm
Finance Council: Tues., December 1st @ 4:30pm
SF 50+ Club: Wed., December 16th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: **TBA**
Catholic Women's Club: Tues., December 15th Holiday Dinner w/Rosary Altar at the Bradford Club. Social Gathering 5:30pm; Dinner 6:00 pm. Price per dinner $25. Call Alicia Hill (814) 598-5076 for reservations. Donations requested for YWCA Victims' Resource Center.

The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.com
Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Gallina Hall.
Please Note: Next meeting on December 8th. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

ATTENTION!

Eucharistic Minister Schedules and Lector Workbooks are available for pickup in the Sacristy.
Also, if you requested a copy of your Mass Intention sheet it's available for pickup at the office.
If you ordered photos from Francine Long, they are available for pick up at the parish office.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: $ 9,270
November 15 ..... $ TBA
Local Needs..... $ TBA

2026 Combined CSA Assessment $ 99,059
2026 CSA Collected $ 69,763

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
Marisa Funari



Marriage Moment

Those of a certain age remember where they were on November 22, 1963 – the day Kennedy was assassinated. His famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country" can be applied to marriage also. "Ask not what your beloved can do for you, but what you can do for your beloved." Answer the question today.

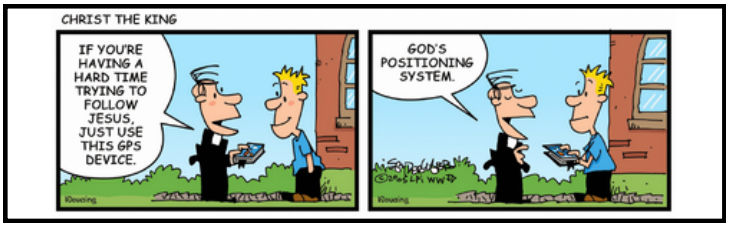
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE

We anticipate falling $31,000 short of our goal for the 2026 CSA. Last year some folks used required retirement account disbursements and we more than made up the difference. We are hoping that will happen again this year. The Appeal wraps up at the end of January – when we prepare to launch the next year's efforts the following month as Lent begins. We are hopeful that year-end giving can help us meet and ever supersede this effort.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

MAMA JANE'S EATERY

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: On Thursday, October 22nd, Fr John gathered with Doug Kuntz, Harry Solarek, Jeff Hilzinger, Karen McClain, Dave Geitner, Jean Truman, Cindy Greek, Natalie Marasco, Mark Frisina, Joan Yohe, Lynne Kuntz, Mike Salerno, and Fr Ed Walk to discuss the following: After Dave's prayer, Fr John spoke of the St Francis relegation process (and coverage in the Era), Diocesan coverage of our St Francis feast day & pet blessing, Fr Monti's funeral at St Bonaventure and upcoming Veteran's Lunch & Parish Response Team training. Cindy reported on Religious Education start-up, Confirmation retreat, several adult Bible studies, and compliance with Child Protection. Karen said that Rosary Altar cleaned St Francis Church in preparation for feast day and organized lunch with the Knights' hot dogs. Lynne reported that Catholic Women were preparing spaghetti and other projects. Knights were looking toward Trunk or Treat at Open Arms on Halloween. Cindy reviewed finances, including report and budget - investment funds have been reviewed. Security Committee meets monthly. Next meeting, Thursday, December 10th at 6 pm.





The office will be closed
November 26
and
November 27

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends!

SCAM ALERT: 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 from the FTC. https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams

A Family Perspective

Jesus assures us that whatever we do for others, we do for him. What have you done for someone, in your family or beyond, that Jesus would recognize as an act of love offered to him?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 6th Grades 1-5
11-12:15pm

Sunday, November 22nd
Grades 6-9
6:45-7:15pm in Gallina Hall



Catholic TRIVIA

Question:
What prayer does a congregation recite at Mass before the priest gives the Nuptial Blessing?

Answer: The Lord's Prayer/Our Father

LOCAL NEEDS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Local Needs Collection (formerly Catholic Campaign for Human Development). This collection supports those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online.



Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten. I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me. I pick you as my King. Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom. Amen.
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Parenting Pointers

Thanksgiving is a family holiday but sometimes not everyone can make it home. If you have far flung relatives, consider mailing them a memory. Perhaps e-mail a photo of a past Thanksgiving or a favorite family recipe. Even if they don't make the dish, they can include the symbol on their table that day. Our own family Facebooks/Teams absent members.

THE SALVATION ARMY

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY
Canned fruits and vegetables (cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, pumpkin, etc.), gravy, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, french fried onions, vegetable oil, egg noodles, walnuts, applesauce, flour, apple juice, cereal bars, brownie mix.
Please drop donations off in the parish office.
DEADLINE TO DROP OFF FOOD
DECEMBER 4

COMMUNITY
Thanksgiving
WORSHIP SERVICE

Bradford Area Ministerium
Community Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday,November 24th - 7:00p.m.

Open Arms Church
71 Congress Street



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 25. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS!



Planning a wedding in 2027? Celebrate the season of love and hope by giving yourselves—or a couple you cherish—the gift of Engagement Encounter.
Next retreat: February 5-7, 2027 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie.
This weekend retreat fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes Catholic and interfaith couples.
Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Register online: https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/
Make this Christmas truly meaningful—invest in a love that lasts.



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Live streaming Sunday 10 am
You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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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. or email Cindy at StBernardREP@outlook.com



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.

Order 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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MASS INTENTIONS

November 23rd-November 29th
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, November 23rd
SBC 9:00am Ann Miller (Ron & Kathy Symington)
SBC 12:10pm Dale Campbell (Family)

Tuesday, November 24th
SBC 9:00am Gibb Family (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

Wednesday, November 25th
SBC 12:10pm Ralph & Judy Rose (Kelly Rose Platko & Family)

Thursday, November 26th THANKSGIVING
SBC 9:00am All Parishioners

Friday, November 27th
SBC 12:10pm Vogg Family (Dan & Tammy Beeman)

Saturday, November 28th
SBC 9:00am Dick Cavallero (John Freaney)
SB 4:00pm Deceased Members of the Farrell & Sapko Family (Marty & Kris Sapko)

Sunday, November 29th
SB 8:00am Diane Zehar (Jim & Gigi Carroll)
SB 10:00am Sandy Remington (Jim & Gigi Carroll)
SB 11:30am Nellie Vecellio (Marcia & Pete Lindstrom)

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



STUDENT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Choir will sing at the early Christmas Eve Mass. Practice will be held on Saturdays at 1:30 pm in the Church with Bro. Michael.
Practice dates:
Dec 5th, 12th & 19th

Congratulations

The Bradford Central Christian Charitable Trust is honored to announce the recipients of our Inaugural Scholarship. Each of the five recipients has been awarded a $5,000 scholarship toward their higher education. Congratulations!
Matthew Galbraith, Daniel Marasco, Madison Vinelli, Peyton Haight, Cooper Haight.
Applications for next year's scholarship will be available in late spring.
Watch the Bulletin for further details.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 28, 2026 ©LPi

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm
LECTOR: Peggy Johnson
EM: T. Black **CUP:** D. Williams/C. Pehonsky
Servers: VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am
LECTOR: Lynne Kuntz
EM: C. Pehonsky **CUP:** S. Sperry/C. Greek
Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am
LECTOR: Jody Randolph
EM: VOLUNTEER **CUP:** L. Hogue/G. Scarano
Servers: VOLUNTEERS

St. Bernard 11:30 am
LECTOR: Carol Vinca
EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** Craig C./K. Ditz
Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick or suffering.

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Bonnie Birkis, Jonas Birkis, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, 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, Fr. Jim Gutting, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Chris Hannon, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Pat Kulba, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Judy Reese, 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.