

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026*

*Rev. John Jacquell
Pastor*

*Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate*

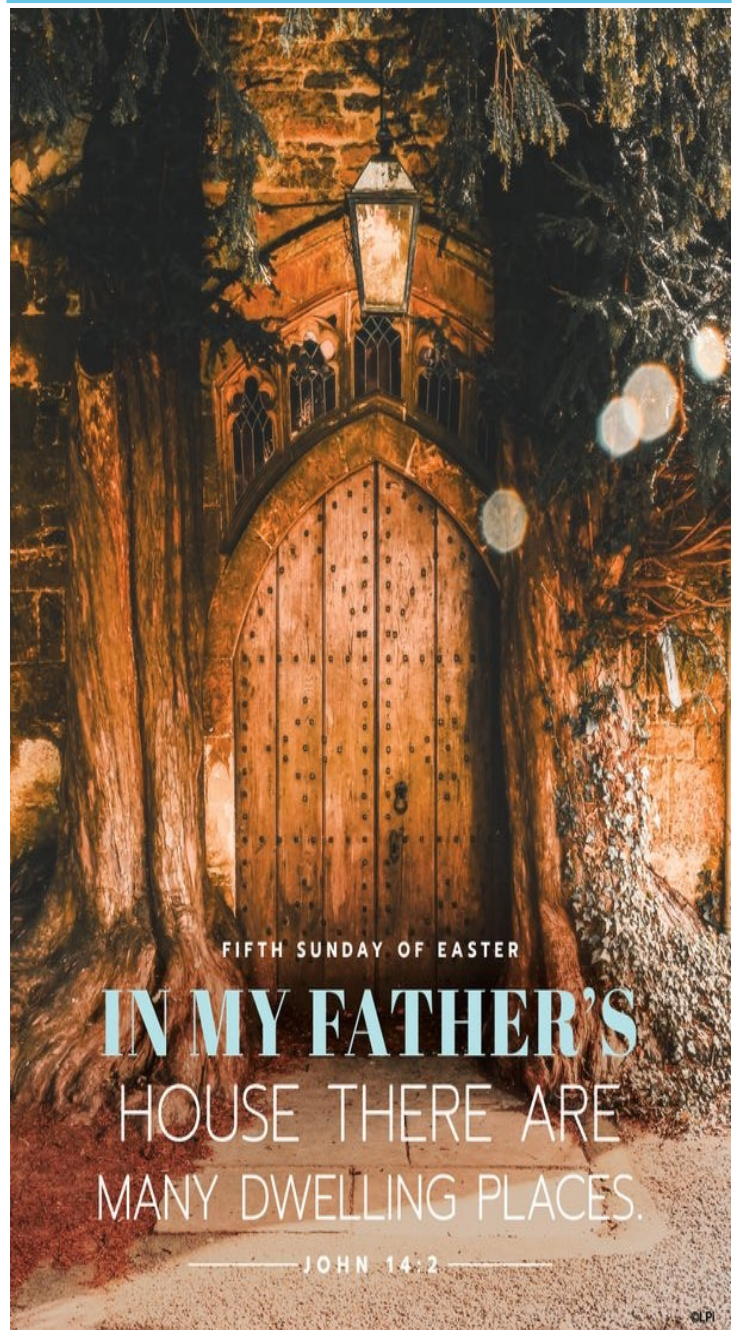
Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.


St. Bernard of Clairvaux
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



	St. Bernard Masses
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
	Divine Mercy Chapel Masses
Monday & Thursday	— 9:00 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday	— 9:00 am
Wednesday	— 12:10 pm
Friday	— 12:10 pm
Saturday	— 9:00 am

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**A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR**

I've been asked to comment on some of the interior features of St Bernard Church, so let's get started.

The **stained-glass windows** are priceless and unlike anywhere else. First, notice the simple colored windows on the east and west walls of the nave. It is believed that these are original to the 1892 "new" church. Our renovation committee noticed that there was a blue common to most every window, thus the selection of the carpet color. There are also windows near the top of the walls with symbols, some are old and some (likely due to damage) are newer – including the parish and diocesan seals.

But the ones that catch your attention most are the four "saint" windows. Bernard is above and behind the altar, the only man. Why is he holding a church? He's a defender of the faith, a pivotal reformer and Doctor of the Church, and founder of numerous monasteries. The Annunciation (right as you face the altar) has the Blessed Mother receiving the message from the angel Gabriel. Cecelia is featured above the organ loft (facing north) and is the patroness of music – normally pictured with instruments (as here), but more accurately singing God's praises *a capella*. Margaret Mary Alacoque (left as you face the altar) is at prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (in the monstrance) with a vision of the Lord Jesus directly in front, pointing to his Sacred Heart, a devotion she championed. Focused prayer can lead to amazing visions, for sure.

The **pieta** on the right side of the sanctuary is perfectly placed between the Stations of the Cross. #13 reflects on Jesus dying on the cross and #14 focuses on his being placed in the tomb. His mother cradling his dead body would happen between these moments of his passion.

The four **medallions** on the walls of the sanctuary surrounding the altar offer the symbolic representations of the Gospels – while the two **murals** in the transepts depict Bernard contemplating the Blessed Mother (of Perpetual Help) and Francis experiencing his version of Christ's Passion – the stigmata. We'll look at the statues next week. *Fr John*




May Crowning
Thursday, May 11th
at 6pm
in the Divine Mercy Chapel

All are welcome



Happy Mother's Day Sale
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
10 AM - 2 PM
20% OFF ONE DAY ONLY STOREWIDE SALE
THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP
139 CHURCH ST., ST. MARYS



Bright Alternatives have kicked off their annual "Baby Bottle" fundraiser. The Knights of Columbus will hand out the baby bottles Mother's Day weekend, May 9th & 10th, to those wishing to contribute to this most worthy cause. If you don't get a bottle at Mass see a K of C member. The bottles will then be collected on Father's Day weekend, June 20th & 21st. Please give as generously as you can!

St. Bernard Bell Choir Spring Fundraiser
Win a beautiful potted floral arrangement!

You will have two chances to win with each ticket purchased as there are two separate pots to be given away. The cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased from any Bell Choir member or at the church office.

The pots will be created by Graham's Greenhouse and Landscaping — a \$60 value!

The winner will be chosen on Sunday, May 24, 2026. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for general repair and maintenance of the bells.

Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA
Widow's Group: Wednesday, May 20th @ 12:10 for Mass in the Chapel and then out for lunch. Summer break until September.
K of C #403 : Tuesday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 20th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: TBA
Finance Council: Thursday, June 18th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, May 13th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, May 12th @ 6:00 pm
 Rosary in Church followed by Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. **All are welcome!** Final vote to confirm Officers & new Board members for 2026-2028.



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Karen Benedict



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 May 12th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

ALLEGHANY WOOD MOLDINGS

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION: This weekend, all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired priests. This collection assists those priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplemental assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care. Your generosity honors the faithful service of our priests. Please use the special collection envelope or clearly mark your gift "Good Shepherd Collection."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – Question: What is the first of the Sorrowful Mysteries?

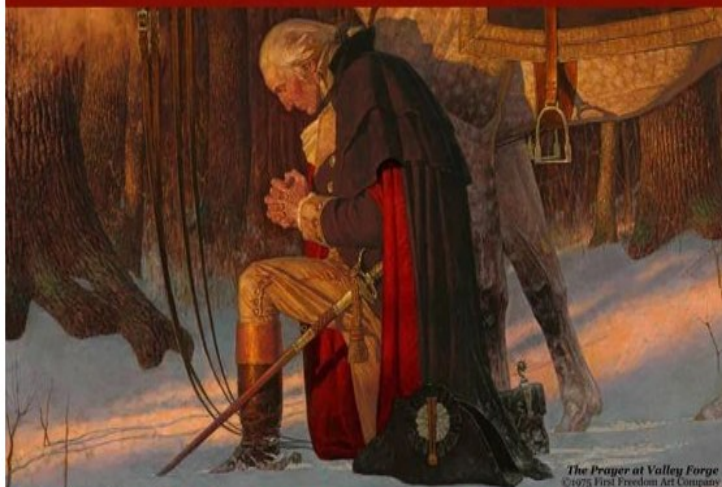
Answer: The Agony in the Garden.

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COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732
 April 26 \$ 6,793
2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected \$ 42,799
Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.
Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS



The Prayer at Valley Forge
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SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS
 I CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

75TH



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

12:00 PM at Veterans Square, May 7, 2026.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sponsored by the Bradford Area Ministerium. Join us for a time of Prayer, Music, and Thanksgiving as we gather with Communities around the Nation as we pray for:

- Our Families and Our Children
- Our Businesses
- Our Local, State, Federal, and International Governments and Leaders
- Our Area Houses of Worship and the Ecumenical Body of Christ
- Our First Responders, Medical Personnel, active and retired Military members, both here and abroad.
- Our Students, Teachers, Administrators, and our Area Schools
- Our Media and Media resources
- Our Hometown Community, Outreach programs, and families here in Bradford.

All are welcome to attend. Live Music will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



St Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

Good Seeds

Monthly REP News

"Humility is the mother of salvation." - St Bernard

April 2026



Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit!

Congratulations to Addy, Bella, Max, Amelia, Caleb and Owen on their Confirmation on April 19th!

Together with Fr. Ed Walk and Sue Lee, I had the privilege and joy of preparing these young folks to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and I could not have been more proud of them when I saw the Bishop confer the sacrament on them!



They certainly are the light of the world and our hope for tomorrow!

My prayer is that God will continue to bless and strengthen them on their journey of faith. Please join me in that prayer!

God's Peace and blessings to all!

Cindy Greek – REP Coordinator

What we are learning

Grade 1 – Discussed Holy Week and the Triduum and watched a video about Holy week. Grade 2 – Reflected on ways to grow during the Easter season looking for signs of Spring and new beginnings. Grade 3 – made final preparations for their upcoming reception of First Holy Communion. Grades 4 & 5 – Took a year end test to assure they know all the foundational Catholic prayers.

Edge – Grades 6-8 – Focused on Divine Mercy Sunday and God's amazing love and mercy for us all.

Purpose – Confirmation – Practiced for the actual ceremony of Confirmation with instruction on the who, what, where and when. All were well prepared! We also finished our review and understanding of both the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Parishioners – please pray for our newly confirmed and our 1st Communion students.

Meet Craig Cuthbertson – EDGE Core Team Member – Grades 6-8

Craig is a full time Pharmacist at Olean General Hospital. In the past Craig has facilitated several Adult Religious Education programs in our parish but this is his first-year teaching REP students. Craig enjoys seeing the enthusiasm and inquisitiveness that the students have about learning topics of our faith.

Craig's lifelong love of Jesus and His Church and his continually active participation in many church ministries gives a perfect example to our REP students on being an active Catholic.

We thank God for Craig and our EDGE students! Please keep all of them in your prayers.

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

MAY 3, 2026



Our Mission

Help our retired priests today and for the future.

YOUR GIFT HELPS WITH

- Long-term care and assisted living needs.
- Housing and basic living expenses.
- Medical and healthcare expenses not covered by insurance...and more!



Please give generously!

ErieRCD.org/Good-Shepherd-Collection-materials.html



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS



First Holy Communion

- Isabella Cox
- Gawen Kramer
- Callan Means
- Mattie Monago
- Emily Nelson
- Scarlet Rosenberger
- Reese Strotman
- Gino Vinelli
- Bryce Yohe



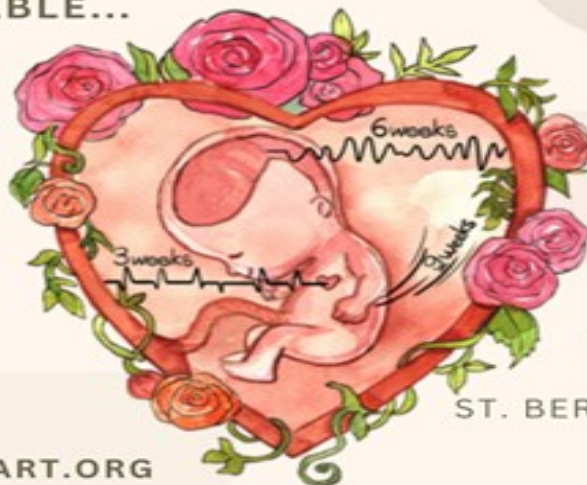
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HEART2 *fragile* HEART

THE SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO PERSONHOOD.

LIFE IS UNDENIABLE...

- HEARTBEAT AT 3 WEEKS
- BRAINWAVES AT 6 WEEKS
- SPONTANEOUS MOVEMENT BY 9 WEEKS



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HEART2FRAGILEHEART.ORG

JOIN US MAY 5, 2026
AT 7:00 PM
ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX
CATHOLIC CHURCH
95 E CORYDON ST.
BRADFORD, PA 16701



BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.

PASTORAL STAFF
 Rev. John Jacquel, *Pastor*
 Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

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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 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 Greek @ StBernardREP@outlook.com

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 **OCIA** 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

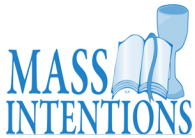
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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MAY 4TH-MAY 10TH Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, May 4th

SBC 9:00 am Cyril Leech Family (Ron Lerch)
SBC 12:10 pm Scott Rae (Family)

Tuesday, May 5th

SBC 9:00 am Bill Douglass (Rosa & Nancy Vigilotta)

Wednesday, May 6th

SBC 12:10 pm John Hayes (The Hervatin Family)

Thursday, May 7th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm Those Battling Cancer (Pehonsky Family)

Friday, May 8th

SBC 12:10 pm Jim Carroll (Helen Carroll)

Saturday, May 9th

SBC 9:00 am Anne Taylor Babasick (Family)
SB 4:00 pm James & Mary Long (Jim & Sharon Long)

Sunday, May 10th MOTHER'S DAY

SB 8:00 am Karen Benedict (Bill Benedict & Family)
SB 10:00 am Mickey McClelland (Family)
SB 11:30 am Living & Deceased Mothers

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



MAY 9TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**



MAY 10TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Joan Yohe

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Daniel Marasco/Caleb & Carter McAndrew

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Charlotte 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, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, 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, Virginia O'Brien, 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, Jan Stiles, 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.



**Readings for the week of
May 3rd**



Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

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 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21