

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA

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.

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ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm

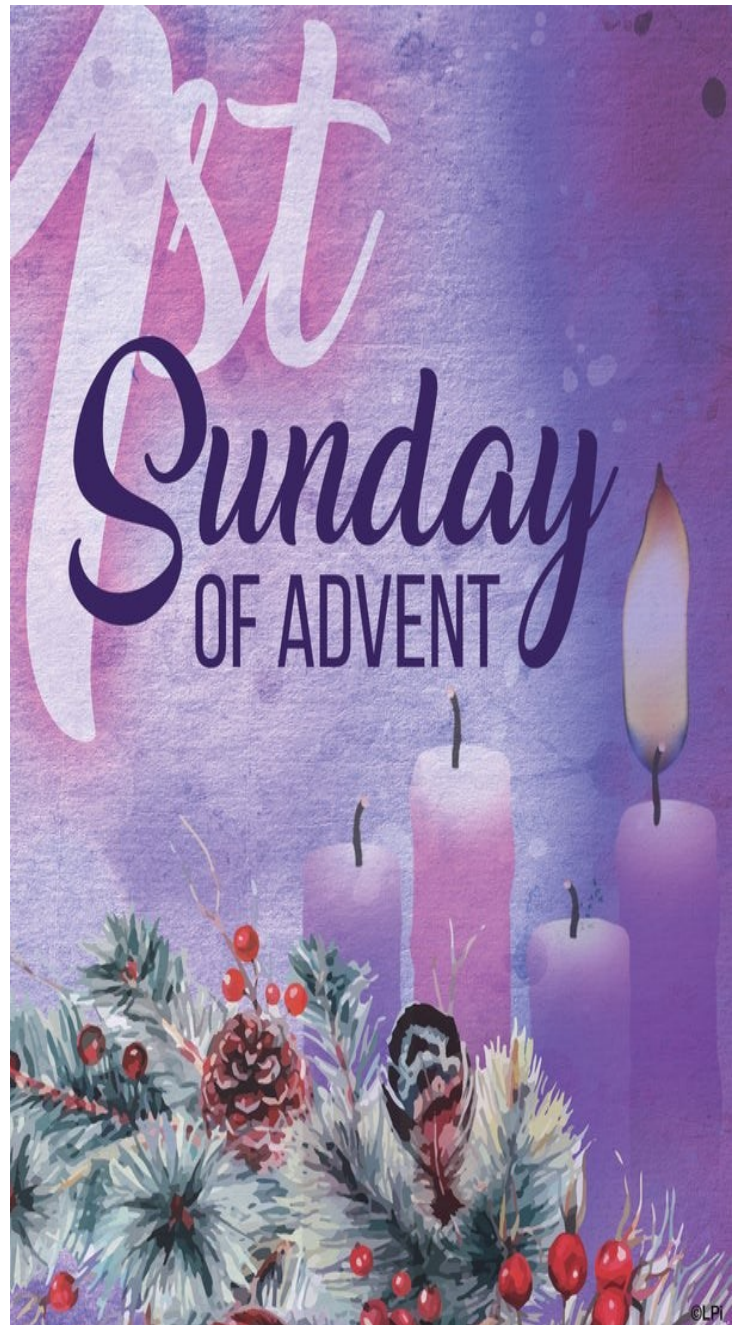
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive. That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



MARRIAGE MOMENT In Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus. How do you prepare for the coming of your spouse after an absence? Do you have any customs that help you reunite at the end of the day or a longer time apart? Anticipation is important.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What dog breed is named after a saint?

Answer: St. Bernard.

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Christmas Flower Envelopes—

The envelopes are in your November envelope packets. If you include more than 5 names, please write the names on a piece of paper and put in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"—you do not need to use the envelopes provided. **The last day for names to be included on the lists for the bulletin is December 10, 2025.**

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP: O Almighty God, Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. May we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ. For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. (Happy 75th Birthday (November 21st) to Bishop Persico!)

WEEK 1 Advent

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ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST





FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

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

December 2025

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Rev. Luke Dagher</i>	2 <i>Rev. Raymond Hahn</i>	3 <i>Rev Mark Hoffman</i>	4 <i>Very Rev. Richard Tomasone, VF</i>	5 <i>Rev David Perry</i>	6 <i>Pray for Consecrated Life</i>
7 <i>Rev. John Jacquel</i>	8 	9 <i>Rev. Kevin Holland</i>	10 <i>Rev Scott Detisch</i>	11 <i>Very Rev Brandon Kleckner, VF</i>	12 <i>Rev. John Multhaner</i>	13 <i>The Most Rev Lawrence Persico</i>
14 <i>Rev Michael DeMartinis</i>	15 <i>Rev. Robert Horgas</i>	16 <i>Rev Brandon Feikles</i>	17 <i>Rev. Joseph Dougherty</i>	18 <i>Rev Chris Hamlett</i>	19 <i>Rev. Ignatius Camello, OSB</i>	20 <i>Very Rev John Detisch, V.F.</i>
21 <i>Pray for Vocations</i>	22 <i>Very Rev Michael Ferrick, VF</i>	23 <i>Rev Jason Feigh</i>	24 <i>Rev. Casimir Wozniak</i>	25 	26 <i>Rev Daniel Hoffman</i>	27 <i>Rev. Christopher Singer</i>
28 <i>Rev. Benjamin Dagher</i>	29 <i>Rev Michael Scanga</i>	30 <i>Rev Msgr. John Herbein</i>	31 <i>Rev Joseph Petrone</i>			



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Daniel Ward*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

November 16.....\$10,013

November 23.....\$ TBA

Campaign for Human Development...\$ 2,461

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 70,511

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION— Nominations for Pastoral Council were held the weekend of November 15/16th. The Election will take place on the weekend of December 13th/14th. The top four vote winners will either be installed or reinstalled during the February 2026 meeting. Please pray for those who will be elected and those who are already serving on the Pastoral Council. Thank you for your participation!

CANTORS AND SONG LEADERS—We are in need of Cantors and Song Leaders for the Sunday Liturgies. The Cantor leads the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. The Song Leader leads the singing of the hymns. If you could help at the 4 pm, 8 am or 11:30 am Masses please see Brother Michael. If you could help with music at the 10 am Mass, see Rita Bennardi. Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, January 8th @ 6:30 pm

Widow's Group: Friday, December 12th @ noon in the Chapel for Rosary followed by lunch out.

K of C #403 : Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 7th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, December 16th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, January 22nd @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, December 10th @ 11:00 am (SF)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club & SF Rosary Altar: Christmas Party @ Bradford Club—Thursday, December 11th, 5:30 pm Social Gathering, 6:00 pm Dinner. Reservations to Alicia Hill at 814-598-5076.



**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 December 9th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

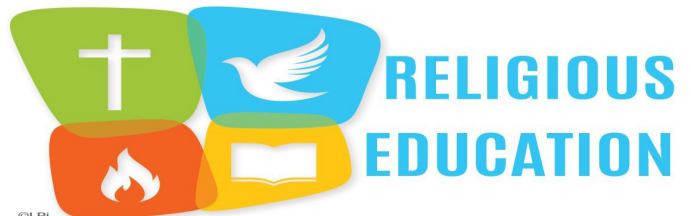
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ALLEGHANY WOOD MOLDINGS
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you! A sincere thank you to all who donated food, hygiene items and monetary donations to our recent St. Bernard Food Drive. We had an overwhelming response! Items and money were split between Destinations, Salvation Army and Friendship Table.



The parade this year is on Friday, December 6th at 6 pm. Following the parade there will be a Christmas tree lighting in the square. St. Bernard will again have a float in the parade and we're looking for **donations of "small pre-packaged candy canes" (no large ones please)** which will be passed out during the parade. You may bring to the Parish Office. If you would like to help assemble the float the first session will be Monday, December 1st at 6 pm in St. Bernard rectory garage, and each successive night until the float is finished (anticipated for Wednesday).



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)
Dec. 14th & Jan. 11th
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
Dec. 7th & Dec. 21st

St. Bernard Hand Bell Choir Concert

December 11, 2025 - 6 PM at

St. Bernard Church

Reception to follow

**2025 - Hand Bell Choir
Fund Raiser**

Shriver's Candy Basket

\$5 per ticket

\$200 value

Raffle to follow the Dec. 11th concert



**SEE A BELL CHOIR MEMBER FOR TICKETS. ALSO
AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**



SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

St Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

Good Seeds

Monthly REP News

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary" - St Bernard

November 2025



AMAZING GRACE

Our six confirmands together with Sue Lee and I attended the Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Gannon University on November 8th. There were approximately 400 students and parish leaders from all over the Diocese in attendance.

The retreat, entitled "I am Called – I am Sent", hosted by Damascus Ministries, was a day full of fun games, fellowship, music, talks of conversion and guidance by the Holy Spirit!

The day culminated with confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and celebration of the Holy Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico.

I was moved to tears to witness approximately 300 teens go to the altar to kneel and bow in love and reverence to our Eucharistic Lord!

God's Peace and Blessings to all,

Cindy Greek – REP Coordinator

What we are learning

Grade 1 – Focus on giving thanks to God and learned grace before meals. Grade 2 – Made a handprint turkey with a special prayer of thanksgiving. Grade 3 – Discussed All Hallow's Eve & All Saints Day. Read Old Testament Covenants. Grades 4 & 5 – colored and discussed Noah's Ark Bible Wheel and read related scripture verses.

Edge – Grades 6-8 – Visited the church to see where the sacraments are received and discussed how they strengthen our faith. Learned about sacramentals and how to pray the Rosary.

Purpose – Confirmation – Reviewed the structure of the Bible and different genres of scripture. Discussed suffering and evil and how God does not desire but allows this so we may have free will and to work a greater good.

Parishioners – please pray that we find those who will participate in our new mentorship program.

Meet Pat Eckstrom – 3rd Grade Catechist

Pat has spent the last 30 years working with children with special needs both in schools and in residential programs. She has a house full of her own children and loves gardening and art.

Pat is in her fifth year of teaching 3rd grade REP and preparing our kids for the sacrament of First Communion. Pat likes to help her students have a solid foundation in the Covenants God has made with his people throughout salvation history. She feels renewed in her own faith every spring as she brings her students to the most awesome sacrament of First Communion.

We thank God for Pat and for those 3rd grade First Communion students! Please keep all of them in your prayers.

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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.



**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

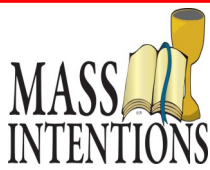
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST—7TH

All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy
Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) Weekend
Masses in the Church

Monday, December 1st

SBC 8:00 am Stephen Ackerman II (BCCHS Class of 77)
SBC 9:00 am Dr. Gerald & Beverly Hull (Ron & Kathy
Symington)

Tuesday, December 2nd

SBC 9:00 am Anthony Magnetti (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Wednesday, December 3rd

SBC 8:00 am Adolph Verolini (Estate)

Thursday, December 4th

SBC 8:00 am David Bizzaro (Angie Cipriano)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, December 5th **FIRST FRIDAY**

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
SBC 12:10 pm Marsha Hedlund (Pehonsky Family)

Saturday, December 6th

SBC 9:00 am Daniel Ward (Family)
SB 4:00 pm Tom Ackerman & Joe Wortman (Robert
Burrell "King Robert")

Sunday, December 7th

SB 8:00 am Brian Lanich (Family)
SB 10:00 am Owen & Patricia Hannon (Family)
SB 11:30 am Trudie Luke (Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kerr)

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



DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jim Long
EM: Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Chris Pehonsky
Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Martha Torrey
EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Chris Pehonsky
Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns
EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Beth Mongillo
Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue lee
EM: Karen McClain **CUP:** Kim Ditz/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, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, 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, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, 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, Linda Rabineau, 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, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

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



Readings for the week of November 30th



Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom
13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
(see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12