

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*First Sunday of Lent  
February 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.*

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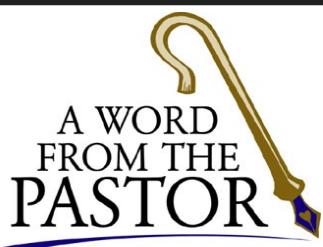
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Here are a couple of books I consumed while on sabbatical. Since Lent is here, it might be good to refresh some spiritual reading.

C.S. Lewis' memoir "**Surprised by Joy**" (1955) I found very interesting. It's about his move from atheism and agnosticism to Christianity – so is akin to St Augustine's *Confessions*. It took some wonderful faith-filled professors, including J.R.R. Tolkien to help him experience this grace – and of course, he became one of Christianity's champion authors. I found it providential in the naming of his memoir. Years after this he became infatuated (and married) an American woman who opened him to a world of emotion. Her name was Joy.

I learned a lot about Thomas Berry during these days – the comparative religions professor who became such an environmental scientist and advocate. The book, edited by Ann Lonergan, "**Thomas Berry and the New Cosmology**" (1987) was very enlightening, as well as Mary Evelyn Tucker (and others), "**Thomas Berry: A biography**" (2019). Did you know he was a Catholic priest – member of the Passionist Community – and thus taught in seminary as well? He was no relation to Wendell Berry, the Kentucky farmer and author, who had parallel convictions.

A great book I hope to order is "**Simpler Living Compassionate Life**" (1999), a book edited by Michael Schut. There are many articles that make you think about what you're doing and some perhaps you ought to stop doing. I'll try to look this over again now that it's Lent.

And, what's life without fiction? I finally read Charles Dickens' "**The Old Curiosity Shop**" (1841) which follows a girl named Nell and her grandfather who are traveling to find a better life after the store has to close up due to debts. What an adventure! Dickens can always provide that! Hope you find some good, inspiring reading for this Lent.

Fr John

#### Lent: A Time of Preparation, CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-1](http://crsricebowl.org/week-1) to read this week's Story of Hope.



JOIN US FOR THE  
**STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM



A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your faithful commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Together, *In Christ, We Are One*. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. There are extra envelopes in the back of the church if needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over goal remains in our Parish. **Please be sure that checks are made out to St. Bernard Church, not CSA.** Thank you!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: TBA

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

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: TBA

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, March 11th @ 11:00 am

Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, March 17th @ 6:00 pm

Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



**Catholic Women's Club:** will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall. Save the date and watch for more details.



**The Bradford Council #403 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on March 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**PARENTING POINTERS**—Lent is not just about “giving up” but also humbling oneself in the service of others. Even children can serve by cleaning up, letting someone else go first, even smiling instead of smirking. Being a willing servant is different from being a slave. “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt. 20:16)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

February 15..... \$ 6,212

**2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059**

**2025 CSA Collected (Final) \$113,589**

**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 Derek & Brenda Thorne**

Sanctuary Candles are \$15 each. Call the office if you're interested in reserving one. Reservations go quickly.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15) Feb 22nd & March 8th (First Reconciliation-Gr 2)

**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm) Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only— Letters to the Bishop & March 1st

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## MARSHALL INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

### 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026. Mark Your Calendars!



## COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Cafeteria (Gallina Hall) Monday, **FEBRUARY 23RD** 12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

**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.



HAND BELL CHOIR—Practices resumed on Monday, February 9th and will continue on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Church. New members are welcome!



**WELCOME**  
February 15, 2026  
*Collin James Wolfe*

**When you  
have the  
opportunity  
to do good,  
do not  
let it go by.**

St. Polycarp



February 23rd

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that it is not enough to provide only physical nourishment for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let us be "led by the Spirit" to discover new ways to be moral guides for our children.

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—What is your marriage founded on? When George Washington became our first president he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Let a penny be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."



**Cantors and Hymn Leaders**—Looking for volunteers for the 4pm, 8am, and 11:30 am weekend Masses to be cantors or hymn leaders. If you are interested please see Bro Michael. If you are interested in helping with the music at the Sunday, 10am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi. Thank you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Church is now open weekdays from 11 am to 1 pm for prayer and reflection. Wednesdays during Lent Church will be open 11 am until conclusion of the Stations of the Cross. Divine Mercy Chapel is open prior to Masses and afterwards until 4 pm during the week.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: According to the Acts of the Apostles, who was selected to replace the Apostle Judas?

Answer: St. Matthias.

## LENLEN PRACTICES 2026

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER**, **FASTING**, and **ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On those days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

**22:32 MEN** *Strengthen Your Brothers!*

**2026 CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7th**

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

*All Faiths are Welcome!*

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER  
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IN CHRIST!

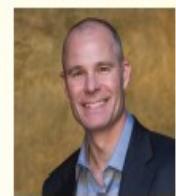
\$20 Adult Early Registration  
(before February 1st)  
\$25 Adult Registration  
(after January 31st)  
\$20 Group of 8 or more  
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY  
High School and College Students - FREE  
Please register beforehand.



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU  
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.  
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,  
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."  
LUKE 22:32



FATHER  
MATHIAS THELEN



MATTHEW LEONARD

*Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.*

[www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com)  
[info@2232Men.com](mailto:info@2232Men.com)  
for more details and to register.

**LENLEN SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**  
8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM  
ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**MONDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
12:10PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**TUESDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:10PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH  
5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**THURSDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
12:10PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**FRIDAY**  
12:10PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**SATURDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
4PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**22:32 MEN 2026 CONFERENCE**—Just two more weeks until 22:32 Men—Register now! Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 13th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers—Fr. Mathias Thelen and Matthew Leonard. Conference is held on Saturday, March 7th, 8:30-1:00 pm, and you may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie;
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on our website, [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com)
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is just \$25 and there are discounts for groups. High School and College students are FREE. For more information and to register, visit [www.2232men.com](http://www.2232men.com) or call (814) 455-7364.



# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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## PASTORAL STAFF

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## LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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**FACEBOOK:** St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa

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## OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm**

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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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.

## STEWARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

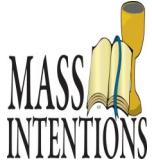
### Liturgical

#### *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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**FEBRUARY 23RD-MARCH 1ST** Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend Masses in the Church (See Lenten Schedule)

**Monday, February 23rd**

SBC 9:00 am Rita Verolini (Estate)  
SBC 12:10 pm Leroy, Pauline & Connie Dunson (Ken & Lynn Hogue & Family)

**Tuesday, February 24th**

SBC 9:00 am Kenneth Luke (The Stauffer Family)

**Wednesday, February 25th**

SBC 12:10 pm Julia Vecellio (Nicholas Pingie Estate)  
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, February 26th**

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners  
SBC 12:10 pm Mary Karrasch (Giselle Magnella)

**Friday, February 27th**

SBC 12:10 pm Zachary Vigliotta & Robert Herzog (Family)

**Saturday, February 28th**

SBC 9:00 am Fred & Steffie Eaton (Marlene Eaton)  
SB 4:00 pm Kathy Campbell (Ron & Kathy Symington)

**Sunday, March 1st**

SB 8:00 am Richard Cavallero (The Kerr Family)  
SB 10:00 am Julius Doriguzzi (Family)  
SB 11:30 am Marie & Vincent Cipriano (Angie Cipriano)

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



**FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Peggy Johnson

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

**Servers:** **VOLUNTEERS**

**MARCH 1ST, 2026**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Lynn Kuntz

**EM:** Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Greg Ulyan

**EM:** Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/VOLUNTEER

**Servers:** Luke Erickson

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Craig Cuthbertson

**EM:** Carol Vinca **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Karen McClain

**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, 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, Janet Goebl, 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, 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, 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.**



**Readings for the week of February 22nd**



**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/

2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9