

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4, 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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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10am

Youtube.com

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab



From the Pastor

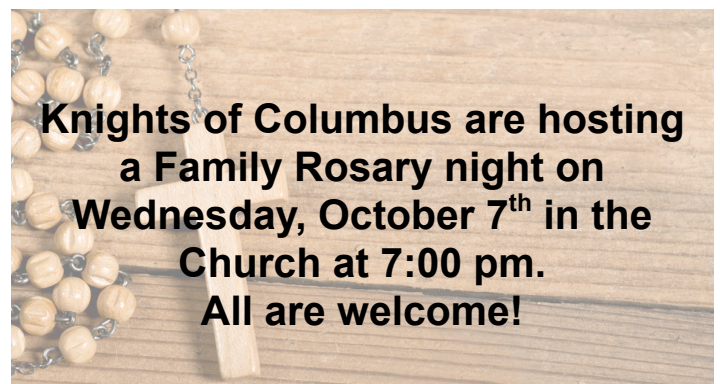
Last December, in writing out Christmas cards, I came across the name, “Fr Damien Kwashie.” He lived in Liberia. While serving at St Francis Church, Clearfield, it was my duty to pick up our weekend missionary at the bus stop. Damien and I hit it off immediately as he described listening to Simon & Garfunkel on the plane coming over from Africa. I had several albums (vinyl, imagine!) and spent Saturday recording them on cassette tapes for him to take with him.

Come to find out, he grew up in Ghana (and became a missionary to Liberia) and I had a friend there whom he knew. We exchanged a letter or two, but it tapered off. When I visited Ghana a couple years later, I asked my friend, Fr John Appiah Poku, if he knew him. “Yes, and he was killed.” Apparently, Liberia (northwest of Ghana) had experienced an uprising and insurgents burst into the house where Damien was and shot everyone inside. His brother, Cosmas, was not with him and survived.

This came to mind now as we celebrated the feast day of the twin martyrs, Cosmas and Damien, (d. 300) last week. They were twin brothers, apparently doctors, in Syria and during the Roman persecution under Diocletian, they were put to death. In addition, a Belgian priest sent to Hawaii, Fr Joseph de Veuster, had taken the name of “Damien” as he entered his religious community. He served the exiled lepers on Molokai and was the only missionary to succumb to the disease.

Also, if you recall, St Francis of Assisi (800th anniversary of his death today!), worked to restore the little parish chapel of San Damiano at the outset of his own ministry. It’s a small world – and we are connected with saints!

Fr John



**Knights of Columbus are hosting
a Family Rosary night on
Wednesday, October 7th in the
Church at 7:00 pm.
All are welcome!**

Readings of the Week

SUNDAY:	IS 5:1-7/PS 80:9 AND 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/PHIL 4:6-9/MT 21:33-43
MONDAY:	GAL 1:6-12/PS 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 AND 10C/LK 10:25-37
TUESDAY:	GAL 1:13-24/PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15/LK 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY:	GAL 2:1-2, 7-14/PS 117:1BC, 2/LK 11:1-4
THURSDAY:	GAL 3:1-5/LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/LK 11:5-13
FRIDAY:	GAL 3:7-14/PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6/LK 11:15-26
SATURDAY:	GAL 3:22-29/PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/LK 11:27-28
NEXT SUNDAY:	IS 25:6-10A/PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20/MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., October 8th @6:30
Widow's Group: Wed., October 21st, Mass in the Chapel @ 12:10 followed by lunch out after-wards. All widows are welcome!
K of C #403: Tues., October 13th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wed., November 4th @ 11am
Pastoral Council: Thurs., October 22nd @ 6:00pm
Finance Council: Thurs., November 19th @ 4:30
SF 50+ Club: Wed., October 14th @ 11:00am
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm
Catholic Women's Club: Tues., October 20th @ 5:45pm Board Meeting, Regular Meeting @6:30
 "Rim to Him" presentation by Lynne Kuntz

Mass Book 2027

The 2027 Mass Book will be opening soon. Mass request sheets are **pink** and are located in the back of the church. You may drop off your completed request sheet beginning **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**. Please be sure to include payment-masses will not be scheduled until payment is received. If you have any questions, please call the office.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please do NOT combine mass intention payments with sanctuary candle payments. Also, please do NOT combine 2nd collection contributions with regular offertory contributions.



Sanctuary Candle reservations will open with the Mass book. Church & Chapel Sanctuary Candles are both available. No more than two Sanctuary Candle requests per family.
Cost is \$15.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,973
 September 27..... \$ 7,366

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
 2026 CSA Collected \$ 63,909

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
 Deceased Members of the
 Doriguzzi Family*



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 October 13. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grades 1-5 meet Sunday, October 25
 from 11am-12:15pm in Gallina Hall

Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, October 4 from
 5:45pm-7:15pm in Gallina Hall



***Don't Forget!!!

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
 Saturday, November 7

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

www.eriecd.org/faithformation/

November 7 | Clarion University | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

YOU + HUNDREDS OF TEENS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE
HIGH-ENERGY SPEAKERS, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
POWERFUL PRAYER, ADORATION & MASS WITH THE BISHOP
FOOD, FRIENDS, LAUGHS & MEMORIES
DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE & GROW IN YOUR FAITH

SCAN HERE!

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

BRADFORD MANOR

Newly
Baptized



September 27, 2026
Tycen James McCammon
Gavyn John McCammon

Join Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie for the **Helping Hands Gala on Thursday, October 15**, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Yehl Ballroom at Gannon University. This special fundraiser supports programs and services that bring hope, healing, advocacy, and compassionate care to individuals and families throughout our communities. This year's honorees are Helping Hands of Justice: Father John Jacquel and Helping Hands of Service: Joe and Rhonda Schember. Tickets are \$100 or \$750 for a table of 8. For more information, visit our website: <https://ccincerie.org/hhgala26>.



Question:

What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?

Answer: The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ

"What did the birds say to St. Francis on Halloween?"



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

"Twick-or-Tweet!"



FUN FACT!
St. Francis of Assisi is often depicted with birds, a nod to his witness of preaching God's goodness to all creation.

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Grades 6-12!

WORD MADE FLESH

Altar Server Retreat

Come encounter Jesus Christ.
FREE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Tobias Church, Brockway

ATTEND
Be a part of this day!
Students **grades 6-12** are **FREE** to attend.

SCAN HERE

FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

SUPPORT
Your gift to the Altar Server Retreat helps keep retreats and faith formation opportunities free for young people across the Diocese of Erie. **Scan the QR code to learn more and make your gift online**, or contact Toni Hess at: 814-824-1259 for more information.

SCAN ME!

ErieRCD.org

Meet religious brothers & sisters † Adoration with Bishop Persico † Relics for viewing



THE FEAST OF
FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th. The 11:30 Mass will be at St. Francis Church followed by a simple picnic style meal provided by K of C. Desserts by Rosary Altar. Pet blessings at 1:30 in the parking lot. We will celebrate with "All Creatures of our God and King". Come join us!

NEW SHOW — NEW SONGS — NEW STORIES

FACING UNBEATABLE ODDS? AN ADDICTION? A MOUNTAIN IN YOUR LIFE?

THE STORY TOUR

A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE HURTING AND STRUGGLING



ENCOURAGING MUSIC OF
ALLAN SCOTT BAND



GOD STORIES
FROM ACROSS THE U.S.A.



SPEAKER & EX-DRUG ADDICT
ALLAN SCOTT



MUSIC OF
JOE LANGE



TESTIMONY OF EX-DRUG ADDICT
AARON CROSSON

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026
BRADFORD PA - BRADFORD AREA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Sponsored by:



GET TICKETS AT: THESTORYTOUR.ORG
HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL (570) 506-8100

Parenting Pointers

October is Respect Life Month. As a parent, I assume you speak respectfully to your children and they to you. Respecting life also means valuing all human life and creation – especially the lives of the weak, the vulnerable, the unborn, the poor, even those we disagree with. During this political season of campaigning, no matter how strongly you feel about a candidate or issue, let your children hear you speak respectfully about opponents. Support candidates who speak respectfully and honestly.

Cemetery News

All grave decorations must be removed from graves by **October 12**. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after **November 1**.

SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



**FOOD DUE FOR
THANKSGIVING BOXES:
NOVEMBER 6**

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



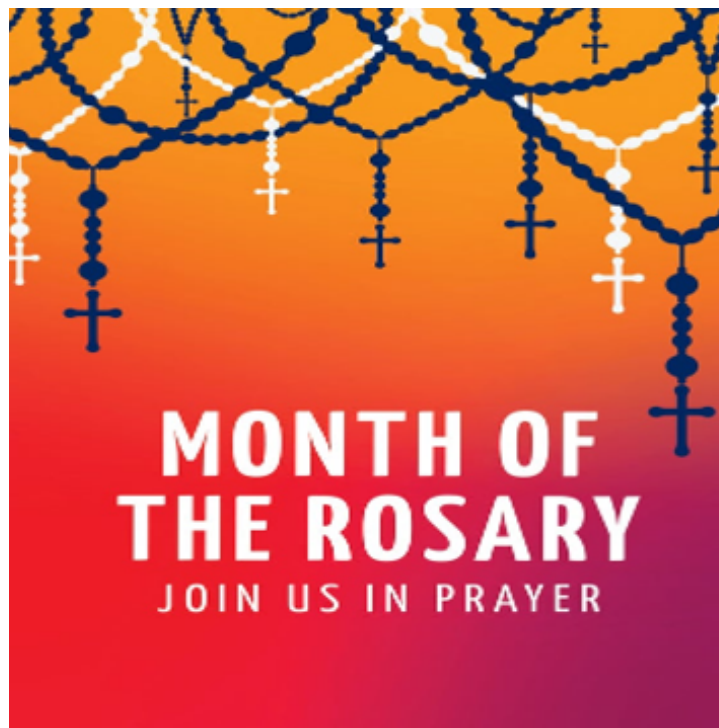
Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Wednesday, October 21st. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



A very sincere thank you to all who donated to the Destinations food & hygiene drive! The response was overwhelming and much appreciated!

You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Clarion University

There is still time to register for the diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico alongside hundreds of teens from across the Diocese of Erie. The day is designed to help students preparing for Confirmation grow in faith while having fun and building community. Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we're able to offer this retreat once again for free. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! Registration closes on September 30. Learn more at <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>.



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

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Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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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.

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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October 5-11
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, October 5th

SBC 9:00am George & Helen Platko (Rosemary Slotter)

SBC 12:10pm Neil Wolcott (St. Bernard Church Choir)

Tuesday, October 6th

SBC 9:00am Lorie Forness (Grant & June Smith)

Wednesday, October 7th

SBC 12:10pm Judy Freaney (Brent & Nancy Jones)

Thursday, October 8th

SBC 9:00am Rudy Passauer (Mary Jane Carson)

SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, October 9th

SBC 12:10pm Lea Miller (Bonnie Miller)

Saturday, October 10th

SBC 9:00am Fred Salerno (Cathy Chiarenza)

SB 4:00pm Fr James Vacco (Brother Bob)

Sunday, October 11th

SB 8:00am Vivian Bottorf (b) (Cindy Greek)

SB 10:00am Ann Mongillo (Cindy Greek)

SB 11:30am Jude Luke (Keith & Mary Ann Stauffer)

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



OCTOBER 10, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: C. Pehonsky **CUP:** T. Black/P. Johnson

Servers: **VOLUNTEER**

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

EM: J. Yohe **CUP:** D. Woodley/D. White

Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: B. Mongillo **CUP:** T. Everett/L. Hogue

Servers: Caleb & Carter McAndrew

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson **CUP:** C. Vinca/K. McClain

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by
Catholic Women's Club

Saturday, October 24th
5-7pm

Fr. Gallina Social Hall, St. Bernard

Dine in or Carry Out

Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs, Salad,
Bread, & Assorted Desserts

Adults- \$15
Children (under 12)- \$8
Under 5- FREE

50/50 Raffle

*Proceeds will be used toward the continuation
of the St. Bernard History Project.*

Prayer REQUESTS

*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, 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, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Kessler, Mary Kessler, 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, 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, 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.