

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

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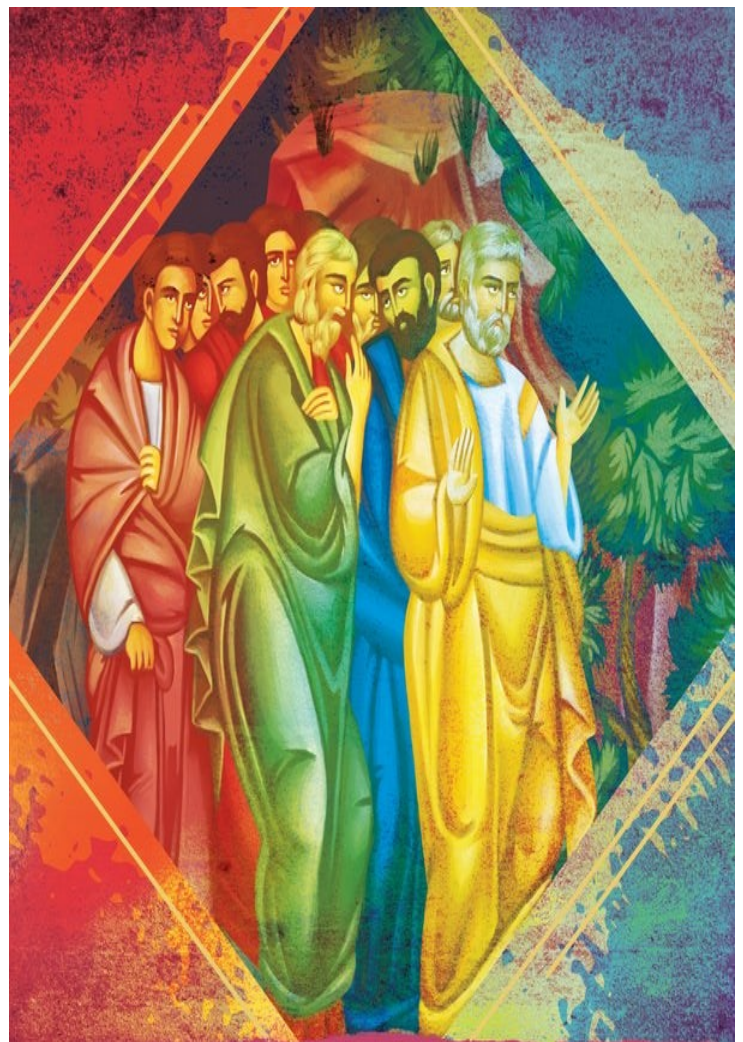
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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
- Lk 17:5-6

GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

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ST. BERNARD CEMETERY NEWS All grave sites should be cleaned up by Columbus Day, October 13. **Fall clean-up will take place the following day and items will be disposed of.** Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after November 1st. A list of rules can be found on our website. Thank you!



St. Francis Rosary Altar Society will be having a rummage sale at Ritchie Hall, St. Francis Drive, on Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 2 pm. Items can be dropped off on Thursday, October 16th and Friday, October 17th from Noon to 4 pm. Please no TV's, large exercise equipment, big furniture items, heavy to lift items, or clothing.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which unbaptized adults or those baptized in other Christian traditions are fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It's a journey of faith, study, and sharing within the Catholic community. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, classes began on September 16 at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's Conference Room. Please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible study began on Sep-

tember 24 at 5:30 pm for 8 weeks. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, or for more information, contact the Parish office. Feel free to bring your bibles and a snack to share. *Donation of \$30.00*, you will receive a full color workbook and *Bible Timeline®* Chart.



On Sunday, October 5th at 1 pm at St. Francis Church there will be the Blessing of the Pets. Bring yours to receive a special blessing!



CAUTION: Starting early October the repointing of brickwork on the Church will begin. There will be equipment in the parking lots and around the outside of the Church during this project. We anticipate the work to take about a month. Just be aware of your surroundings when entering and exiting the church.



St Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

Good Seeds

Monthly REP News

"O sweetest Jesus, what riches Thou has stored up in Thy Sacred Heart!" - St Bernard

September 2025



What a great start we had to the 2025-2026 Religious Education Year!

Grades 1-5 had their 1st class on 9/7, which coincided with the canonization of two young Saints - St Pier Giorgio Frassiti and St Carlo Acutis. Both Saints had a great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The day also fell on the 50th anniversary of the canonization of St Elizabeth Ann Seton – patron of Catholic education. Let us ask all these saints to pray for a blessed and fruitful REP year!



Grades 6-9 had their 1st class on 9/14 which coincided with the 70th Birthday of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, our first American born pope.

Perhaps these events were coincidence... perhaps Divine Providence. Hmmm 🤔

God's Peace and Blessings to all,

Cindy Greek – REP Coordinator

What we are learning

Grades 1-5 worked on Bible wheels reflecting the stories of Creation and Noah's Ark. Gospel Weeklies have arrived and are ready for our next class.

Edge – Grades 6-8 had a social night filled with many games and activities to get to know each other and build on relationships as they prepare to study the sacraments in the first part of the year.

Purpose – Confirmation – an insightful night with parents and students discussing what they appreciate about each other and why they want to be confirmed. The night ended with the "Signing of the Senses" – a beautiful prayer to prepare for confirmation where parents mark their children with the sign of Christ's cross as a reminder of the mark received on the day of baptism.

Parents – you are always welcome to attend a class with your child to see first-hand the good seeds we are sowing!

Meet Brenda Brandon – 1st Grade Catechist

Brenda is the Executive Assistant at the Catt County campus of JCC. When not working or teaching REP, Brenda teaches clogging! She has been tap-dancing since the age of three! Brenda has been teaching REP for 24 years and has taught every grade up to Confirmation. She loves introducing our faith to our young people and seeing them get excited to learn about God and his teachings! Brenda is very thankful that you have entrusted your children's spiritual journey with her.

Brenda really has her hands full this year as the number of 1st graders has increased from the prior year of 4 to 12!

We thank God for Brenda and for all those 1st grade REP students! Please keep all of them in your prayers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm (RH)
Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, November 5th @ 11 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm

Finance Council: Tuesday, October 21st @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 8th @ 11 am (RH)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, November 11th @ 6:00 pm
 in Gallina Hall (Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting)



**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 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

St. Bernard's Catholic Women's Club is planning a trip to St. Mary's Church in Sartwell on Sunday, October 19th to attend 9:00 am Mass and hear a historical presentation . If interested, contact Martha Rhodes @ 814-598-4676.



Collection of Rosaries for Distribution to Middle East Catholic Communities. There is a basket in the back of the Church to deposit Rosaries which will then be shipped out. There is a letter next to the basket explaining the program.



September 28, 2025

WELCOME

Adam Erick McCauley

DIOCESE OF ERIE CELEBRATES CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

MONTH— Each October churches around the country observe Clergy Appreciation Month, a time to pause and reflect on the incredible gift of our clergy. The Diocese of Erie joins the faithful across the nation in honoring the priests, deacons and bishops who dedicate their lives to Christ and to his church. These men walk with us through the many seasons of life, baptizing our children, celebrating the Eucharist, witnessing marriages, comforting the sick and offering prayers at the hour of death. They bring Christ's presence to our parishes and communities, often in unseen and sacrificial ways. Clergy Appreciation Day, observed on the second of Sunday of October, offers a special moment for the church to come together in thanksgiving. As we celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month, let us thank God for the priests, deacons and bishops who guide us in faith. Let us continue to support them not only with words and gestures but also by fostering a culture of vocations in our communities. May our gratitude encourage those who already serve and inspire new generations to answer God's call.



Family Rosary Night

[A Bradford Tradition from the 1920's]

ST. BERNARD CHURCH

OCTOBER 7, 2025

7:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



Sponsored by:
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 Council #403



OCTOBER: Clergy Appreciation Month 2025

*We give thanks and
 praise to all our
 priests and deacons
 who shepherd and
 guide the faithful
 in our diocese.*



Diocese of Erie
 ROMAN CATHOLIC



Christmas Float Committee Meeting—Sunday, October 5th at 12:45 pm in St. Bernard Church (following the 11:30 am Mass). All are welcome who are interested in helping to plan and create this year's float for the Annual Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

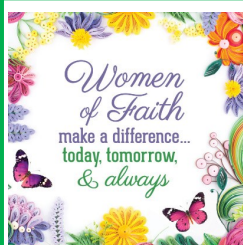


St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Jerry & Gerry Cierpiłowski



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm. Sept. 28 & Oct. 19.

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Oct. 5 & Oct. 26. (Safe Training)
(Full schedule in packets.)



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OFFERS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO THE WOMEN OF OUR PARISH!

The Catholic Women's Club, open to Catholic women over 18 years of age, has since its beginning in 1922, been motivated and sustained for the promotion of the "honor and glory of God". For 103 years, the CWC has sought to reach a deeper understanding of the Catholic religion; the growth of women's religious, social and educational lives; and has acted as a benevolent organization. All these facets of life are important to the obligation to live the Baptismal call.

Patterns of leadership, widening community interest; and a social awareness have been and continue to be the heritage and present benefits of membership in the Catholic Women's Club.

It would be our pleasure to welcome you as a member of our Catholic Women's Club! Watch the bulletin for meeting days and times.

Officers for the 2025-2026: President-Joan Yohe; Vice-President-Alicia Hall; Secretary-Kim Graham; Treasurer-Mary Anne Stauffer; Assistant Treasurer-Bunny Lent. Spiritual Advisor-Rev. John Jacquel

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel, the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children or in God? Faith helps us to overlook annoyances, forgive others, and seek forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 28.....\$ 8,246
Catholic Education Collection.....\$ 2,417

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414
2025 CSA Collected \$ 58,856

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What sin does Baptism remove?

Answer: Original Sin.

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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.

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

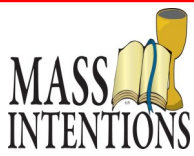
Pastoral Council Craig Cuthbertson

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 6TH—OCTOBER 12TH.

All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) SB (Indicates Church)

Monday, October 6th

SBC 8:00 am Lorraine Forness (June & Grant Smith)

SBC 9:00 am Rita Verolini (Estate)

Tuesday, October 7th

SBC 9:00 am Vivian Bottorf (b) (Cindy Greek)

Wednesday, October 8th

SBC 8:00 am Thomas Kelly (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

Thursday, October 9th

SBC 8:00 am Margaret Grassi (Bonny Steck)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 10th

SBC 12:10 pm Steven Kriz (Elenora Morgan & Family)

Saturday, October 11th

SBC 9:00 am Sandy Manning (Bill Manning)

SB 4:00 pm Diane Zeher (David Nuzzo)

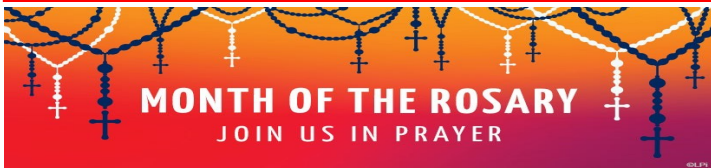
Sunday, October 12th

SB 8:00 am Bill Wilson (Julie Wilson & Family)

SB 10:00 am Sylvio & Angelina Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)

SB 11:30 am Frederick & Steffie Eaton (Family)

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



Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/

Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/

2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer

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

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

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

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jody Randolph

EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Lynn Hogue

Servers: Daniel Marasco/Caleb McAndrew

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Sue Lee

EM: Carol Vinca **CUP:** Karen McClain/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, 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, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, 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, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, 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.