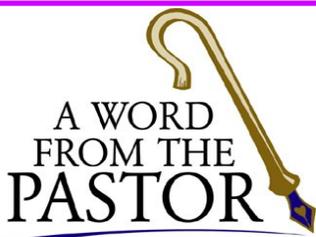




PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b



Can you believe it? Hosanna! We've arrived at Holy Week. And spring has surely been knocking on our door.

As we prepare to celebrate these days, it's good to remember what all is happening. This **Monday**, the Bishop (and priests of the diocese) will gather for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. Not only are the holy oils blessed and consecrated – for catechumens, for the sick, and for Confirmation/Baptism/Ordination – but the bishop and gathered people receive the

priests' annual recommitment to the vows made at their own ordination. The Mass begins at 1 pm at St Peter's (10th & Sassafras Streets, Erie) – all are welcome.

The Way of the Cross will be prayed together on **Wednesday** evening in church at 5:30 pm. On **Holy Thursday**, our normal two Masses will be combined into one at 5:30 pm at St Bernard Church. Remembering the Last Supper, and taking the reserved Blessed Sacrament in solemn procession across the street to the Divine Mercy Chapel, we will keep vigil there. Come early. Come late. Just come and spend some time in quiet with our Eucharistic Lord. We close with Night Prayer at 10 pm.

On **Good Friday**, we will host the first station of the Cross Walk, with fellow Christians of the Bradford region at St Bernard, beginning at noon. After a hymn, Scripture, and reflection, we follow the cross to First United Methodist, then to the Presbyterian Church, then to Open Arms, Ascension, B-Free, and Hill Memorial United Methodist. Meanwhile, the Catholic Liturgy commences at 2 pm in St Bernard's with the Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Getting hungry on this fast day? Fish Dinner begins at 4.

On Saturday all is quiet and still as we remember the time Jesus remained dead in the tomb. After sunset, we gather to begin the **Solemn Easter Vigil** in St Bernard's, beginning at 8:30 pm. All lights are extinguished, an outdoor fire is lit and blessed, and the Paschal Candle leads us all into the dark church where we listen to many Scripture texts and are enlightened by the gospel of Jesus' rising from the dead. One person is baptized, three received into the Church, and with two others, all six receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this highest feast day, who all receive their First Holy Communion also. What great blessings await as we enter the Season of Easter!

Fr John

CROSSWALK 2026

MAIN THEME: The Way of the Cross

SUBTHEME	TEXT	SPEAKER	TIMES	HYMN	CHURCH LOCATION
Condemned for Us	Luke 23:13-25	Rev. John Kearns	12:00 – 12:20	Lord, Let Me Walk	St. Bernard's Church
The Weight He Chose to Carry	John 19:16-17	Rev. John Jaquel	12:25 – 12:45	#297, Beneath the Cross of Jesus	1 st United Methodist Church
Love that Meets Us on the Road	Mark 15:21	Cpt. Mike Smith	12:50 – 1:10	#225, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	1 st Presbyterian Church
Crushed, Yet Faithful	Luke 23:27-31	Pastor Homer Williams	1:15 – 1:35	Jesus Paid It All	Open Arms Church
Stripped and Lifted Up	John 19:23-24	Pastor Rick Nelson	1:45 – 2:05	#168, O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded	Church of the Ascension
It is Finished	John 19:23-24	Rev. Matthew McDonald	2:15 – 2:35	Via Dolorosa	B-Free Church
Waiting, Hope and New Life	Matthew 27:57-66	Rev. Zoe Hatcher	2:40 – 3:00	#288, Were You There	Hill Memorial Church

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, April 9th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: No March meeting due to Lenten Schedule
K of C #403 : Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: TBA
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, April 16th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, April 8th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: TBA
Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



**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. **Next meeting on April 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND—See Bishop Persico's letter insert in the bulletin. We will be taking up this collection on Good Friday. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: Lenten Mass schedule will continue after Easter. Details to come. **Reminder:** during the week church is open between 11:00 am & 1:00 pm for prayer & reflection. Chapel is open 6:30 am until 4:00 pm during the week.



Catholic Women's Club will be hosting a Women's Retreat, "Covenant Love" on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Join us in discovering the beauty of covenant relationships as reflected in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Featured Speaker will be Lin Gabriel, former St. Bernard Youth Minister and former Director of Faith Formation at Edinboro University. Lunch will be provided. For reservations call the Parish office by March 26th. (814) 363-6825. \$10 donation appreciated.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: In addition to St. Sebastian, who is the patron saint of police officers?

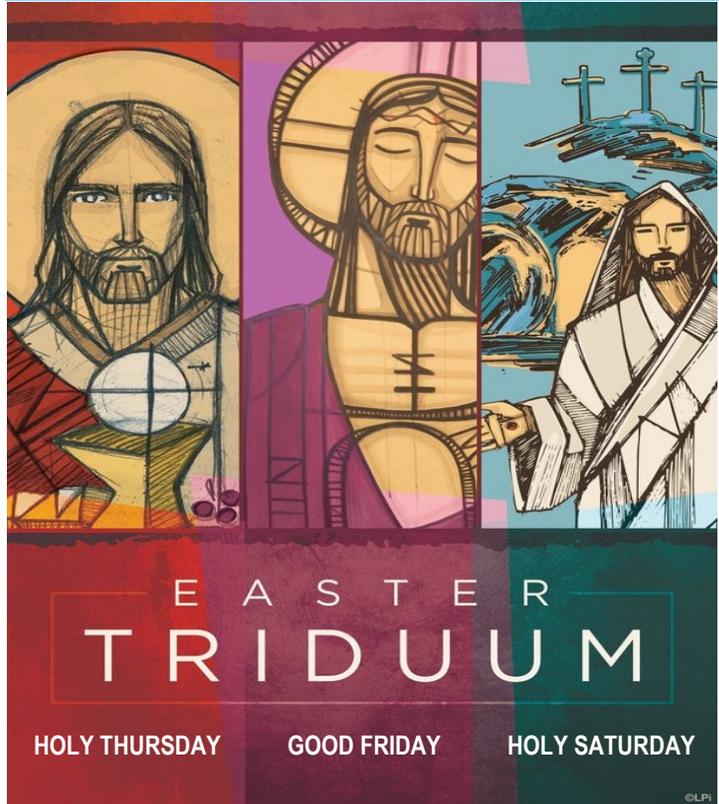
Answer: St. Michael the Archangel



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
 Candle will be burning this
 week in Memory of
 Tom & Don Girard*



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)
 April 26th (Last Class-Year End Party)
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
 April 12th & April 18th (Confirmation Practice
 @ 10 am in Church)



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732

March 22..... \$ 6,911

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected \$ 35,452

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



CHURCH CLEANING—There will be a special deep cleaning of the church, in preparation for Easter, on Saturday, April 4th at 9:45 am. All volunteers welcome & appreciated! Report to the church that day. *Many hands make light work.*

Register today for the 11th Annual 1:38 Women’s Conference! Enjoy a dynamic experience with women from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 11th Annual 1:38 Women’s Conference will be held on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You may attend as follows: Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie. Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at www.138women.com. Live-streamed to your home. Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring talks from two national speakers and opportunities for Reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart! The conference is just \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

CATCH OF THE DAY
 Deep Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner
 Includes baked potato, slaw & dessert
\$17
 February 20
 March 6
 March 20
 April 3
 From 4pm-7pm in Gallina Hall
 Eat in, take out or delivery!!!
 Call (814)362-6825 after 3:30pm to place your order. Please do not leave a message.
 Proceeds benefit the Bradford Catholic Community.



2026 BCCHS CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The BCCHS Charitable Trust is now accepting applications for its 2026 Scholarship Program. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 based on financial need, academic commitment and service. Eligibility: Registered Members of the Catholic Community of Bradford; Graduating high school seniors or current college/trade school students; Enrolled for the Fall 2026 semester. **Deadline: June 1, 2026**
 How to Apply: Complete the online application: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/umL5rEzEK6>



Questions? Contact the Scholarship Committee: 814-598-8151

Say Yes!
 to the Eleventh Annual
1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Registration and Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Cost: \$25

College and High School students & Religious - FREE!
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle & Book/Media Sales

SPEAKERS: Jeff Joaquin with his message of Mercy and Paula Umana with her message of Hope
ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home


 JEFF JOAQUIN




 PAULA UMANA

MORE INFO
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
ALL FAITHS WELCOME!




WELCOME
 March 14, 2026

Emma Mary Lama

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Marriage can be like Holy Week. One day it’s Palm Sunday and everyone is singing your praises. But the one closest to you can betray you. All seems lost. It’s not easy but faith reminds us of forgiveness and sacrificial love, resurrection is possible. Can you believe it?



WELCOME
 March 22, 2026

Salvatore Bruno Salerno

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The cruel death of Jesus shows us that bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also reassures us that God is present during our suffering. While bad things happen, God never abandons us.

April 2026

PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski</i>	2 <i>Rev. Msgr. Robert Brugger</i>	3 	4 <i>Rev. Msgr. Gerald Koos</i>
5 	6 <i>Rev. Michael Scanga</i>	7 <i>Rev. Mark Nowak</i>	8 <i>Rev. Cory Pius</i>	9 <i>Rev. Christopher Beran</i>	10 <i>Rev. Walter Packard</i>	11 <i>Rev. Msgr. John Herbein</i>
12 <i>Pray for Consecrated Life</i>	13 <i>Rev. John Miller</i>	14 <i>Rev. James Piszker</i>	15 <i>Rev. Luke Daghir</i>	16 <i>Rev. Thomas Brown</i>	17 <i>Rev. Ian McElrath</i>	18 <i>Most Rev. Lawrence Persico</i>
19 <i>Rev. Philip Oriole</i>	20 <i>Very Rev. Michael Ferrick, VF</i>	21 <i>Rev. Jeffrey Noble</i>	22 	23 <i>Rev. Msgr. David Rubino</i>	24 <i>Rev. Samuel Bungo</i>	25 <i>Rev. Mark O'Hern</i>
26 <i>Rev. James Power</i>	27 <i>Rev. James Staszewski</i>	28 <i>Rev. T Shane Mathew</i>	29 <i>Rev. Edward Walk</i>	30 <i>Pray for Vocations</i>		

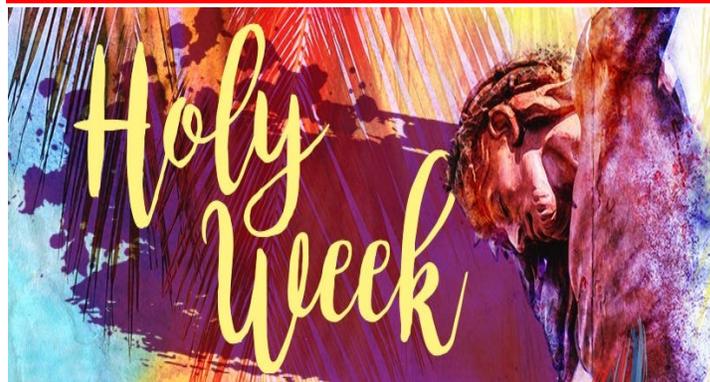
Called to Share Bread for Life, CRS Rice Bowl

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

CRS RICE BOWL—If you did not bring your rice bowl this weekend, please drop off at the Parish Office on Monday. Thank you!



SHEMBEDA FLOOR




COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK
 The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Cafeteria (Gallina Hall)
 Monday, **MARCH 30TH**
 12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

PARENTING POINTERS If you have more than one child, you are probably no stranger to sibling rivalry. It's dangerous for a parent to be the judge of who the culprit really was if you were not witness to an alleged offense. Stop any physical fight, separate the children, wait and watch. (Conflict resolution strategies to come later.)



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

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

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM
 You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

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

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394, Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

Email: business@stbernardcatholic.org

Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

Email: office@stbernardcatholic.org

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.

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

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| Organist St. Bernard | Rita Bennardi |
| | Michael Hicks |
| Resurrection Choir | Joan Raabe |
| God's Housekeepers | Parish Office |
| Liturgy | Fr. John B Jacques |

Parish Community

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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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MASS INTENTIONS  **MARCH 30TH-APRIL 5TH** Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend Masses in the Church (See Lenten Schedule)

Monday, March 30th

SBC 9:00 am Luke & Pehonsky Families (Family)
SBC 12:10 pm Samuel Slocum (Louise Stoltz)

Tuesday, March 31st

SBC 9:00 am George Schaming (Joyce Schaming)

Wednesday, April 1st

SBC 12.10 pm Kevin O'Donnell (Barb O'Donnell)
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2nd HOLY THURSDAY

SB 5:30 pm Living/Deceased Members of St. Bernard
SBC 6:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Divine Mercy Chapel until 10 pm

Friday, April 3rd GOOD FRIDAY

12-3 pm Crosswalk
SB 2:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4th EASTER VIGIL

SB 8:30 pm Living/Deceased Members of St. Bernard

Sunday, April 5th EASTER SUNDAY

SB 8:00 am Roseanne Giordano (Giordano Family)
SB 10:00 am Sandy Remington (Rosary Altar)
SB 11:30 am Angela Giordano (Kevin & Janice Behan)

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

 **WEEKEND**
MINISTRY SCHEDULE ©LPI

APRIL 4TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 8:30 pm EASTER VIGIL

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

APRIL 5TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am EASTER

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski
EM: Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Cindy Greek
Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Greg Ulyan
EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/**VOLUNTEER**
Servers: Luke Erickson

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz
EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Sue Lee
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, 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, 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, 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 March 29th



Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35