

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

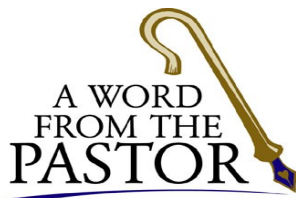


## EASTER SUNDAY

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They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

- Lk 24:2



You cannot really appreciate spring unless you had winter. And what an “old fashioned” winter we had this year! And the same could be said about the Paschal Feast. You cannot fully appreciate Easter without the Passion. Holy Week is essential to our complete joy.

This pattern is so frequently encountered. When a joint is replaced, such as my own right hip, you become incapacitated for a while, but after recovery you resume more activity than you were able to do prior. Same with a dental issue – we all try to avoid that dentist chair, but days later feel so much better and can enjoy eating again.

Jeremiah, on the eve of exile, looked to the years when the people will return in words recorded in chapter 31. After they dwelt in the valley of despair, God proclaims “Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion, they shall come streaming to the Lord’s blessings, the grain, the wine, and the oil, the sheep and the oxen ... I will turn their mourning into joy, I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.” (vv. 12a, 13b).

What makes Friday so Good is that God has chosen to unite completely with us – to give us a share of divinity in our humanity – by volunteering to die a most horrific death. What makes Easter so much better, is that God shows that nothing is impossible.

From all of us – priests, support staff, and leadership here at the Bradford Catholic Community – to all of you – “He is Risen!”  
Happy Easter!

*Fr John*



**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 only, Saturday — 9:00 am

Please note: Intentions originally scheduled for the 8:00 am Mass on Friday transfer to the 12:10 Mass.



**PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND** Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27th) parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to this collection. Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived. Thank you.

**SCHEDULE—DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL**  
 1:00 - Exposition  
 2:00 - Confessions Available (until 2:45)  
 2:30 - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 3:00 - Benediction and Conclusion

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**


**Rosary Altar:** TBA  
**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, April 23rd @ Noon (See below)  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, May 13th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, May 7th @ 11:00 am  
**Pastoral Council:** TBA  
**Finance Council:** Wednesday, May 7th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, May 14th @ 11 am (RH)  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm  
 Rosary in the Divine Mercy Chapel followed by Ice Cream Social—See Below

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**—Tuesday, May 20th, Rosary at 6:00 pm in the Chapel followed by an Ice Cream Social in Gallina Hall. All are invited. There will be a brief meeting of the Club to conduct the final approval of the new Board.

**ATTENTION WIDOWS!** We will meet in the Chapel for Rosary at Noon on Wednesday, April 23rd. Afterwards we will go out for lunch. All are welcome!

**PLEASE NOTE: ST. FRANCIS CHURCH** will now be open **ON FRIDAYS ONLY** from 8 am until 3 pm for visitation and prayer.

**FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, Sunday, April 27th in Father Gallina Hall from 9 am to 1 pm. Includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee & juice. Adults & Children over 10—\$10.00 Children 10 years & under FREE.

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**  
 Question: What does the word "deacon" mean?  
 Answer: Servant, minister, and/or messenger. ©LPi

**DAILY MASS ATTENDEES — COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**




Coffee & Lite Breakfast after the 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday & Thursday Only in Gallina Hall. Enjoy refreshments with your fellow parishioners.

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 **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 May 13th**  
 Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



**GRADES 9 ONLY** will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, April 27th at 5:45 pm.  
**NOTE: All students who took Rice Bowls, if you haven't returned them yet, please do so this week.**

 **First Communion** practice will be Saturday, May 3rd @ 10:00 am in the church. Please allow an hour for practice. First Communion will be held Sunday, May 4th at 10:00 am in St. Bernard Church. Following Communion there will be a reception in Gallina Hall. All are invited.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: **"Mary told Peter" and "they believed."** Faith is passed from one person to another; it is caught, not taught, and parents are the most effective at passing faith to their children.

**ST. BERNARD CEMETERY**—please note all flowers, pots and ornamentations, real or plastic, can now be placed (end of March). All must be removed by the second Monday in October (Columbus Day) of each year.

The **Southern Tier Symphony** Board of Directors welcomes back our audiences for the 2024-2025 season with our program, "The Sky." **Our concerts will be performed on April 26th at Olean High School at 7:30pm and April 27th in Blaisdell Hall at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford at 3pm.** Tickets are \$20 each and all students of any age are **FREE!**

# Bus Trip

May 6th - 7th, 2025

Join us on this special two-day adventure to celebrate the  
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE!



Saint Catherine Laboure Shrine of the Miraculous Medal



Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick



Historic Saint Mary's Catholic Church



### Trip includes:

- transportation by Anderson Coach Bus
- one night at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
- attend the amazing live production of NOAH at the Sight & Sound Theatre
- lunch on Tuesday
- daily Mass
- visit three Year of Hope Pilgrimage sites
- an evening in Historic Lancaster for shopping/dining

Sign up today at [synergyff@outlook.com](mailto:synergyff@outlook.com)  
and secure your spot with a \$100.00 deposit.

Total cost is \$350 per person based on double occupancy.

Total cost with single occupancy is \$442.

Make checks payable to Holy Redeemer Church in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket at either parish or mail to 11 Russell Street Warren, PA 16365.

Can be paid in multiple installments, total due April 7th.



**PARENTING POINTERS** On Friday, April 18, Christians remember the crucifixion of Jesus. Each of us also suffers at some time in our life. Parents suffer when our children are hurting. Check out if your child might be feeling discouraged or sad this week. Offer understanding and hope.



**Prayer for Those Receiving the Easter Sacraments**  
Let us pray for our catechumens and candidates.

**Daniel Yeager, Charlotte Simmons & Matthew Simmons**  
(Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion)

**Jordan Mongillo & Devon Poe**  
(Confirmation and First Communion)

God of the Samaritan Women, the Man Born Blind and Lazarus, You show yourself in many ways. Most often in ways we cannot see until we look with eyes of faith.

Continue to bless these catechumens and candidates who will receive the Church's sacraments during the Season of Easter. Fill their lives and hearts with your unending love and grace.

Help us to continue to be models of living Christian lives and grant them the endurance to continue to race to the resurrection.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, your Son who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**CRS Rice Bowl - Happy Easter!** As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl by placing in the offering basket or dropping at the Parish Office.

**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP** The Benedictine Gift Shop, located at 139 Church Street in St. Marys, PA, is fully stocked and ready for Easter and Sacrament Season! Whether you're looking for the perfect gift for a loved one's special day or seeking religious items, we've got you covered. Stop by and discover a wide selection of meaningful gifts that are sure to inspire. We're open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Visit us today or call 814-781-1019 for more information. Your one-stop shop for all things religious!

**Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant**—It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



**Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this  
week in Memory of  
Mary Rae*



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**2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico**—Reservations will open April 27th. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, 3:00 pm. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**  
April 13.....\$ TBA  
**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**  
2025 CSA Collected \$ 33,468

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
TURNED IN THEIR CSA PLEDGES.**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

THE HOPE OF  
**RENEWAL**



**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. John B Jacquel, *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*  
Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

**CONFESSIONS:**

**St. Bernard** — Saturdays from 3:00 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: Kim VanHorn**

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.

**Nursery Program** The former Nursery Program is now a Kid's Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They'll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!



**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**

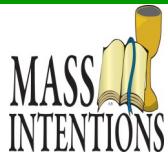
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 APRIL 21ST—APRIL 27TH**

Please note that all daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

**Monday, April 21st**

SBC 8:00 am Louis & Loretta DeSantis (a) (Family)  
SBC 9:00 am William "Bill" Douglass (Roseanne Strotman & Chris Pehonsky)

**Tuesday, April 22nd**

SBC 9:00 am Francis Thomas Barry (Virginia Barry)

**Wednesday, April 23rd**

SBC 8:00 am Rita Verolini (Estate)

**Thursday, April 24th**

SBC 8:00 am Edward C. Kemick & Family (Mike Kemick)  
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, April 25th**

SBC 12:10 pm Joe Tominez (Rita Stark)

**Saturday, April 26th**

SBC 9:00 am George Santora (David Nuzzo)  
SB 4:00 pm Tony Pascarella (Pat Pascarella)

**Sunday, April 27th Divine Mercy Sunday**

SB 8:00 am Homer & Jean Everett (Bob Burrell)  
SB 10:00 am Bill & Robbie Getz (Kris Sapko)  
SB 11:30 am Bro. James Gulnac, CSC (Joan Mongillo)

*Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.*



**Readings for the week of April 20, 2025**

**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 Lk 24:1-12

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,  
11/Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/  
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7,  
8-9/ Lk 24:35-48



**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/  
Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,  
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**WEEKEND**  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**APRIL 26TH, 2025**

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

**LECTOR:** Jean Truman

**EM:** Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Peggy Johnson

**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**APRIL 27TH, 2025**

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

**LECTOR:** Mike Kozminski

**EM:** Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Joyce Geis

**EM:** Kim Racine **CUP:** Teri Everett/Gloria Scarano

**Servers:** Claire & Teddy Henretta

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** David Ditz

**EM:** Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Carol Vinca/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, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, 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, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

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