


# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*



• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

**BLESSED IS  
THE KING!**



**A WORD  
FROM THE  
PASTOR**

In 1995 and 1999, I was blessed to have joined in pilgrimages to Israel. The first one I helped to promote and shared the trip with some folks from Clearfield County (I was stationed at St Agnes, Morrisdale, at the time). The second trip was organized by a parishioner from Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro, and included the wonderful Fr James Peterson, with whom I shared a room and opportunities for daily Mass.

I cannot encourage you enough to see the places Jesus walked and lived and ministered. When you hear the Gospels, you begin to really picture those sites and you can recall the smells and land and sea. In Nazareth, where Gabriel appeared to Mary, in Capernaum where Jesus had his "home base," on the Sea of Galilee where he and the apostles crossed on boats, and in Jerusalem where he taught, died, rose, and ascended to heaven. We also visited Mount Tabor, said to be the place of the Transfiguration (and also the battle where the judge Deborah was leader of Israel). And so many other places, such as Mount Carmel.

Of course, it is unsafe to visit this area presently, due to Israel's war in the Gaza Strip. Some groups who had been on pilgrimage during the October 7, 2023 attack had to be quickly and safely evacuated, cutting short their own experience.

Many people here provide hospitality and make articles for sale to the pilgrims (who are not tourists – there's a big difference), and they have been struggling to make ends meet. Also, the Franciscans, who had been given charge of these sacred sights centuries ago, have not had visitors (or generous donations) to continue to keep these places open and accessible.

Thus, we have this special collection – on Good Friday – (but you can contribute on Easter, too) – in order to help sustain this critical and priceless ministry. I will be generous myself, since I've seen firsthand all that they do to keep these holy places open. If you lost the envelope in your packet, just use a plain envelope specially marked. Thank you for helping to keep these places open for generations to come.

*Fr John*




**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX  
EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 13**  
8am, 10am 11:30am

**Holy Thursday, April 17**  
5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in the Divine Mercy Chapel until 10pm

**Good Friday, April 18**  
Crosswalk 12pm-3pm  
2pm Veneration of Cross and Communion  
Fish Dinner in Father Gallina Hall, 4:00pm-7:00pm

**Solemn Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19**  
8:30pm

**Easter Sunday, April 20**  
8am, 10am 11:30am

## 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: Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm

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: Sunday, April 13th, Meeting @ 11 am followed by Easter Bag Project with REP @12:10 pm

**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!



The Catholic Women's Club, with the help of the REP students (Grades 1-5), will pack all the goodies donated into gift bags on Sunday, April 13th at 12:15pm in Gallina Hall, for delivery just before Easter! Students and parents are invited to join in!

**PLEASE NOTE: ST. FRANCIS CHURCH** WILL NOW BE OPEN **ON FRIDAYS ONLY** FROM 8 AM UNTIL 3 PM for prayer or visitation.

**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.



Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #403.

**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!**



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.

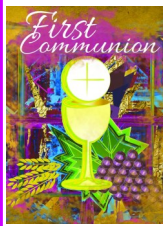


**GRADES 1-5** last class will be on Sunday, April 13th. Immediately following class at 12:15 Catholic Women Club would love to have students & parents come to help assemble the Easter Gift Bags to be delivered to the area nursing homes and shut-ins.

**First Communion students** please bring your completed First Communion posters to class on April 13th.

**GRADES 9 ONLY** will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, April 27th at 5:45 pm.

**NOTE: All students who took Rice Bowls, please place them in the offertory basket during Holy Week.**



**First Communion** practice will be Saturday, May 3rd 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.

**PARENTING POINTERS** As our children get older, they start to turn the tables on us. They reflect back to us both the good qualities we modeled for them and the gruff words we said in anger. They may teach us the ways of the modern world as we continue to try to teach them age old wisdom. It's a two way street. What has your child taught you today?

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** Today, Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves." By accepting the palm branch today, you publicly reaffirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service is what defines a family as truly Christian.



**HOLY THURSDAY**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

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**GOOD FRIDAY**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.

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**CRS RICE BOWL:** Holy Week, a sacred time in 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 the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit [crs-ricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crs-ricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

**UNFAILING Love**

GOOD FRIDAY

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**Prayer for Holy Week:** Dear Lord, I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross .... and to a victorious hope. Amen.

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**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.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL VIGIL ON THE EVENING OF HOLY SATURDAY MARKS THE END OF HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM.

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**THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER CLEANING CREW** will be meeting on **Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 am** to make sure the Church is ready for Easter services. If you would like to help please meet at the Church. You can also reach out to Craig Cuthbertson at 814-558-1785. Thank you!

**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!



**APRIL 14th-APRIL 17th** Today is the last day of our Lenten journey. For the past 40 days, we have walked together through prayer, fasting and giving. Now, we rejoice in the Resurrection! But the journey doesn't end here—our faith calls us to live out what we have learned beyond Lent. What has this Lenten season taught you? Have you deepened your faith? Will you continue to walk with Christ beyond Easter? Let's commit to keeping the spirit of Lent alive in our daily lives.

**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 year's 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!

**St. Bernard Church Fish Fry**



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: True or False: St. Peter's Basilica stands taller than the Statue of Liberty.

Answer: True

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*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of William "Bill" Douglass*

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**  
 April 6.....\$ 8,736  
**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**  
 2025 CSA Collected \$ 29,918

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED IN THEIR CSA PLEDGES. THERE'S STILL TIME**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



**Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

**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!

**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**

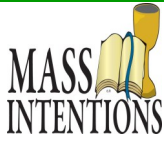
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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 14TH—APRIL 20TH**

See Inside Cover of Bulletin for Holy Week Service & Mass Schedule

**Monday, April 14th**

SBC 9:00 am Beverly Hull (Mary Sue Yablonski)  
SB 12:10 pm Frances Arrowsmith (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)

**Tuesday, April 15th**

SBC 9:00 am Ryan Parisot (Symingtons)

**Wednesday, April 16th**

SB 12:10 pm Ralph & Judy Mongillo (Jim & Gigi Carroll)  
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday**

SB 5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Community

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Divine Mercy Chapel until 10:00 pm

**Friday, April 18th Good Friday**

12 pm-3 pm Crosswalk  
SB 2:00 pm Veneration of Cross & Communion

**Saturday, April 19th Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**

SB 8:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Community

**Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday**

SB 8:00 am Gino Carloni (Carloni Family)  
SB 10:00 am Donna Whitford (Family)  
SB 11:30 am Henry & Rose Vecellio (Family)

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

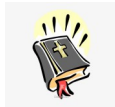
**Readings for the week of April 13 2025**

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

**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:** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17- 18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/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 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 19TH, 2025**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL**

**LECTOR:** Mary Anne Stauffer

**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Dick Williams

**Servers:** Sean & Aiden Kramer

**APRIL 20TH, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY**

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

**LECTOR:** Anne Frownfelter

**EM:** Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** M. Kozminski/Patty Colosimo

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Jody Randolph

**EM:** Teri Everett **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Gloria Scarano

**Servers:** Abigail Carlson/Jaxon Eckstrom

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Craig Cuthbertson

**EM:** Sue Lee **CUP:** Kim Ditz/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, 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.*