

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of The Universe
November 23, 2025*

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Parochial Administrator
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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, 11:30 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 Saturday — 9:00 am

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all. I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise." He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me." That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love. What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Answer: Disciples are "called," and apostles are "sent."
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MARRIAGE MOMENT Hopefully your spouse is never physically or emotionally abusive to you. If you don't feel safe, however, and there is a violent pattern, get counseling or make an escape plan. If it's non-violent and only occasional, look for what's out of balance in your beloved's life.



Christmas Flower Envelopes—

The envelopes are in your November envelope packets. If you include more than 5 names, please write the names on a piece of paper and put in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"—you do not need to use the envelopes provided. **The last day for names to be included on the lists for the bulletin is December 10, 2025.**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development— Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The funds collected will support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

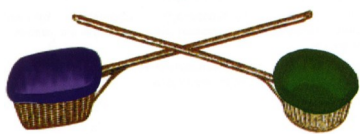


Front row-left to right: Addison, Cindy Greek, Bella Davidson/Back row-left to right: Amelia Lama, Caleb McAndrew, Max Gow, Owen Strotman, Sue Lee.

Our confirmation candidates attended a retreat at Gannon University hosted by Damascus Ministries. There were approximately 400 students from all around the Diocese in attendance. The day was full of fun, faith and fellowship culminating with students praising Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and in celebrating the Holy Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding.



**Bradford Area Ministerium
Community Thanksgiving Service**
Tuesday, November 25th - 7:00 p.m.
Hill Memorial Church
44 Kennedy Street



SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR LOCAL NEEDY

All pastors in the Diocese received a letter from Bishop

Persico recently giving us the option of taking up a special collection for those locally who are suffering from the ongoing Federal and State budget impasses. While we have already solicited both financial and food support, we think it would be wise to ask again for financial support from those who have not had the chance to give previously. As stated, all this money will be used locally, and as future needs continue to arise. **This collection will be taken up at all the Masses on Thanksgiving weekend.**

CANTORS AND SONG LEADERS—We are in need of Cantors and Song Leaders for the Sunday Liturgies. The Cantor leads the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. The Song Leader leads the singing of the hymns. If you could help at the 4 pm, 8 am or 11:30 am Masses please see Brother Michael. If you would like to help with music at the 10 am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi. Thank you.



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall)
Monday, **November 24th**
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

Searching for Director, Community Life Center (CLC) of Grace Lutheran Church—Part-time hourly position to start in late Fall 2025 or early Winter 2026. Must be a responsible and self-motivated Christian, with social, leadership, and organizational skills. Must have a passion to work with children and a desire to make a positive difference in their lives. Successful candidate will be working with children from 1st to 12th grades in a social Christ-centered setting, providing a safe environment while encouraging growth of social and developmental skills, and providing spiritual guidance. Hours of operation are 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Remainder of the hours are flexible. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: Search Committee for CLC Director, c/o Grace Lutheran Church, 79 Mechanic Street, Bradford, PA 16701. Or drop off at the church office, M, T, H, F, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus, I see the kingdom you love,
the one full of the broken and forgotten.

I see the crown you wear — thorns out
of love for me.

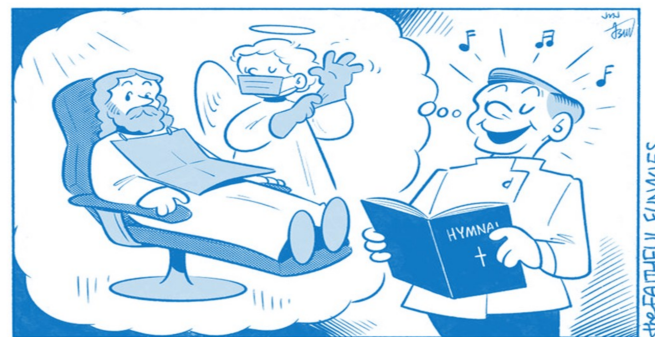
I pick you as my King.

Mold my heart to be a worthy member
of your kingdom.

Amen.

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"What is a dentist's favorite hymn?"



"Crown Him with many crowns!"



The feast of "Christ the King" was instituted in 1925, a reminder that Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

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Pew-Mentos (Ornaments made from the oak pews installed in St. Bernard Church in 1938). There are some additional ones available in the Parish Office for \$5 each. They will also be available at the Fabric Garden on Main.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, December 9th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 7th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, December 16th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, January 22nd @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, December 10th @ 11:00 am (SF)

Liturgy Committee: TBA

Catholic Women's Club: (With SF Rosary Altar) Christmas Party @ Bradford Club—Thursday, December 11th, 5:30 pm Social Gathering, 6:00 pm dinner. Reservations to Alicia Hill at 814-598-5076.



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 December 9th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Give the Gift of a Strong Marriage This Christmas

Planning a wedding in 2026? Celebrate the season of love and hope by giving yourselves—or a couple you cherish—the gift of **Engagement Encounter**. **Next retreat:** February 6-8, 2026 at *St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie*. This weekend retreat fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes **Catholic and interfaith couples**. Call the Family Life Office at **814-824-1261** or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Register online: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> Make this Christmas truly meaningful—invest in a love that lasts.

NOTICE: The new Lector Workbooks are ready for pick-up in the sacristy. The Liturgical schedules (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers) for 2026 are ready for pick-up as well.



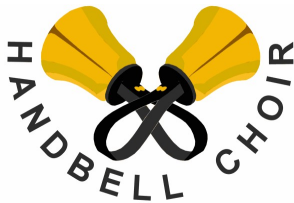
The parade this year is on Friday, December 6th at 6 pm. Following the parade there will be a Christmas tree lighting in the square. St.

Bernard will again have a float in the parade and we're looking for **donations of "small pre-packaged candy canes" (no large ones please)** which will be passed out during the parade. You may bring to the Parish Office. If you would like to help assemble the float the first session will be Monday, December 1st at 6 pm in St. Bernard rectory garage, and each successive night until the float is finished (anticipated for Wednesday).

PARENTING POINTERS As families travel and reunite over holidays like Thanksgiving, it can be a happy but stressful time. Remember the wisdom that Jesus told Martha as she complained about having to do all the work while Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening, "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things...It is Mary who has chosen the better part." (Lk 10:41-42)



Catholic Women's Club will be making wreaths with the REP Class, Grades 1-5, on Sunday, November 23rd from 11-11:45 am in Gallina Hall. Following, the Christmas Choir will be having their first practice session. This Choir will perform on Christmas Eve, directed by Ryan Cannon and assisted by Nancy Vinelli and Lynn Kuntz.



Handbell Choir concert on Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in St. Bernard Church followed by a reception in Gallina Hall featuring cookies & coffee. All are invited!

Keynote Chorus presents

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Free admission. Donations are appreciated.

December 6, 2025 at 3:00 pm
Univ. of Pitt Bradford
Harriet B. Wick Chapel
Bradford, PA

December 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm
Allegany Baptist Church
3236 Maple Avenue
Allegany, NY

This Keynote Chorus Concert is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION—Four seats are up for election this year on the Pastoral Council. The term is for 3 years. The seats are currently held by Craig Cuthbertson, Kimberly Ditz, and Kim VanHorn. A fourth seat is currently vacant. Craig and Kim VanHorn have opted not to run again for re-election. Kimberly Ditz will run for re-election. Bill Leven, Mike Kozminski, and Cindy Greek are ex-officio members of the Council and are therefore not eligible to be nominated. **Nominations for Pastoral Council were held the weekend of November 15/16th. Nomination slips were due to the Parish Office no later than the 17th. The election for Pastoral Council will take place on the weekend of December 13th/14th.** The top four vote winners will either be installed or reinstalled during the February 2026 meeting. Please pray for those who will be elected and those who are already serving on the Pastoral Council. Thank you for your participation!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Honor of
Anne Reed*



Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am-12:15)
Nov. 23rd(Advent Wreath Making) &Dec. 14th
Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
Dec. 7th & Dec/ 21st

REP EXPANSION We are excited to offer, beginning in 2026, a spiritual mentorship program for our post-confirmation students! If you would be interested in being a spiritual mentor to our young adults, age 15-18, please email us at StBernardREP@outlook.com. The Diocese is hosting online training sessions this January. The registration is due by December 19, 2025. If you are a young adult age 15-18 who would like to continue to enhance your faith walk and would like to have a spiritual mentor, please contact us at StBernardREP@outlook.com. To both potential mentors and mentees - note that the time commitment will be flexible and not too demanding, but the spiritual rewards promise to be great! For our young adults, your participation can help equip you to become a spiritual mentor in the near future to other young adults! Let us pray that the Lord will call many of our parishioners to take part in this exciting new journey of faith formation!


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**WRIGHT MONUMENTAL WORKS
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor, and love of one's enemy.

PLEASE USE CAUTION when exiting Masses. Crossing the street to the office/parking lot side means navigating East Corydon St, a main road. Traffic just passing through may not pay attention to parishioners leaving the church. As Mass lets out, especially after the 11:30 Mass, when REP may be letting out at the same time, this area can get very congested with pedestrians and cars! Your alertness can help avoid any mishaps. Thank you!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

November 16\$TBA
Campaign for Human Development.....\$TBA

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$ 70,511

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



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PASTORAL STAFF:

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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.



**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.

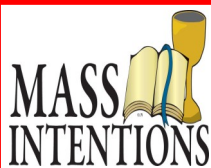
BAPTISM: Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed 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 NOVEMBER 24TH—30TH

All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy
Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) Weekend
Masses in the Church

Monday, November 24th

SBC 8:00 am George Santora (Kathy Symington)

SBC 9:00 am Josephine McNamara (Family)

Tuesday, November 25th

SBC 9:00 am Vogg Family (Dan & Tammy Beeman)

Wednesday, November 26th

SBC 8:00 am Barb & Dick Keverline (Rosemary Burke)

Thursday, November 27th

SB 9:00 am All Parishioners (Thanksgiving) In Church

Friday, November 28th

SBC 12:10 pm Thomas Behan (Kevin & Jan Behan)

Saturday, November 29th

SBC 9:00 am Tony Reese (Keith & Mary Anne Stauffer
& Cauley Family)

SB 4:00 pm Gannon-Haas Family (Susan Haas)

Sunday, November 30th

SB 8:00 am George "Butch" Matto (Angela & AR Nelson)

SB 10:00 am Jack Mongillo Sr. (Beth Mongillo)

SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Ann Cavallero)

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

P R A Y E R



Readings for the week of November 23rd



Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/

Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



NOVEMBER 29TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Tammy Black

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion

EM: Dave White **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Cindy Greek

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Sue Lee **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Carol Vinca

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, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, 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, Judy Mazzeo, 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.