

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Rev. John Jacquell
Pastor

Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate

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.

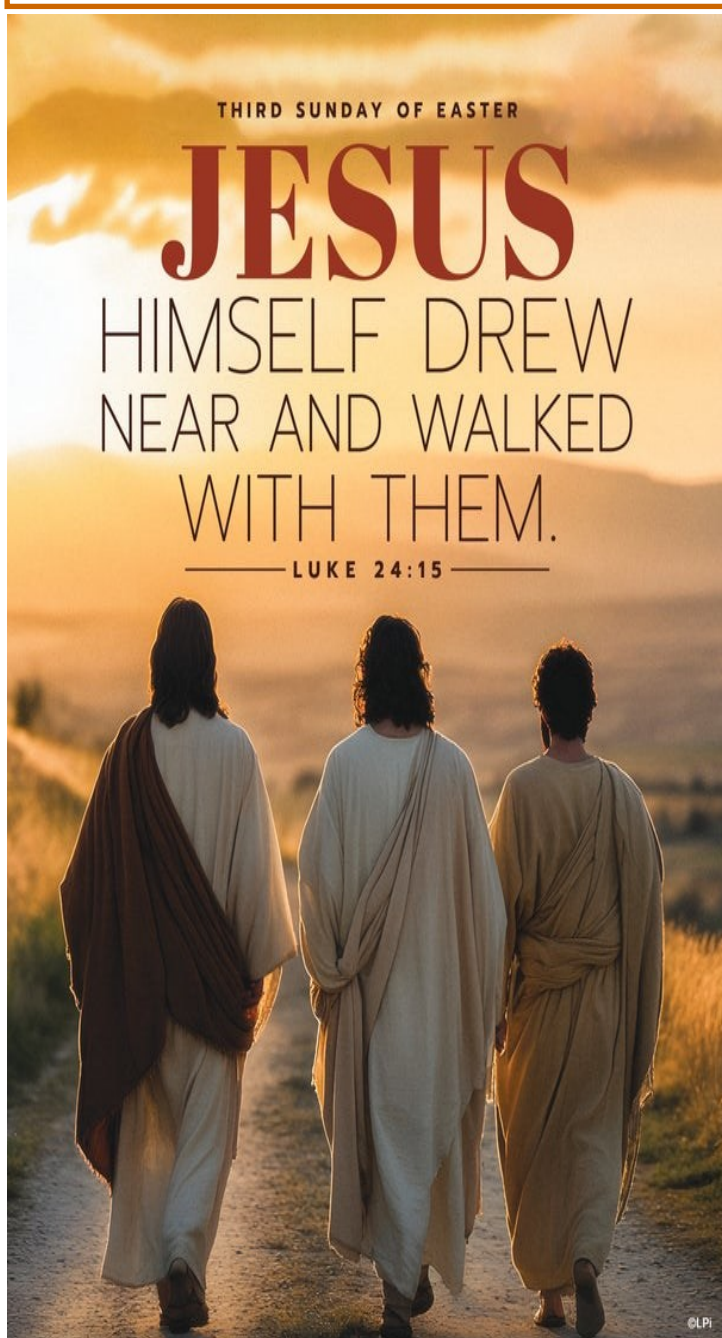
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394




St. Bernard Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses
Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm
Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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**A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR**

A little over a month ago, the Day of Reflection for priests focused on our need to work more actively for vocations. We were met by Rhonda Gruenwald, from Houston, who directs Vocation Ministry (www.vocationministry.com). She was invited to start a parish vocation committee in 2015 – not long after she became a Catholic, and her small group exploded into a national office. Everyone as a vocation. First of all, there is the universal call to holiness (the Scriptures echo throughout the Vatican II teachings). The Church is the place to remind us and nurture that calling to sainthood.

Then there are those called to what she terms “big V vocations:” religious life, priesthood, and matrimony. The Vocation Committee is to brainstorm ways for all of us to be conscious of these and help people recognize they may well be drawn to these (and other) lifestyles which will maximize their lives, their joy, their purpose in life. This is optimally done from cradle to grave.

It is not meant to add pressure or stress to people’s lives, but to help each person listen to their heart about what they could do to pursue happiness. God isn’t failing to call, but people might be too distracted to really listen – and this intentional effort is meant to help improve that situation.

In 2041, we could have 143,000 Catholics in the Erie Diocese and only 43 active priests. In order to have 64 priests, we’d need to add about 5 seminarians each year – a very do-able goal. And the situation with religious life is even more dire. And, have you noticed how the number of weddings has drastically decreased as well?

Now, there are people also called to a single life, or consecrated virginity, or other such particular vocations – but we would do well to focus efforts on improving the long-term committed lives that will serve the church, since they have been somewhat neglected in years past.

Teri Everett and Tom Podlewski have stepped forward to engage in the 1-day training sessions in Erie and DuBois, respectively. I’m hoping you will help them and even consider joining the committee once we get it set up.

Fr John



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE THE

Sacrament of Confirmation

Adison Butters
Isabella Davidson
Max Gow
Amelia Lama
Caleb McAndrew
Owen Strotman

Sunday, April 19, 2026
2pm
St. Callistus, Kane, PA



It's the
EASTER
Season!

ENDS MAY 24TH-
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA
 Widow's Group: TBA
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 20th @ 11:00 am
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm
 Finance Council: TBA
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, May 13th @ 11:00 am
 Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
 Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
 Candle will be burning this
 week in Memory of
 Brandon Shurilla*



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)
 Confirmation @ St. Callistus Church, Kane
 Sunday, April 19th @ 2:00 pm
 April 26th (Last Class-Year End Party)



**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 May 12th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

Donate in April and be entered to

WIN A GRILL!

Prize includes a blackstone grill, cover, bbq tool set, cleaning kit, & a griddle conditioner

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BLOOD DRIVE

ST BERNARDS CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH

12:00PM-5:00PM

Walk-ins Welcome

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

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DONORS MUST:

- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- No tattoo or piercings in past 3 months
- Be in general good health and eat before donating
- **PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

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WELCOME
 April 11, 2026
Logan Clement Kyser

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732

Holy Land Collection (Final).....\$ 1,321
 April 5 (Easter Final)..... \$ 8,481
 April 12 (Weekly)..... \$ 8,631

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected \$ 39,654

**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 is the name of the Jewish feast day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on?

Answer: The Passover Feast

JUBILEE YEAR OF
**St. Francis
 of Assisi**



JAN 10, 2026 – JAN 10, 2027

In a world where “the virtual takes over the real, disagreements and social violence are part of everyday life, and peace becomes more insecure and distant every day, this Year of St. Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ,” the decree states. For the Order of Friars Minor, this time is also an opportunity for the faithful to become “models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.” On the occasion of this anniversary, Pope Leo XIV addressed a letter to the ministers general of the Franciscan Family Conference in which he emphasized that “in this era, marked by so many seemingly endless wars, by internal and social divisions that create distrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.” In this regard, he highlighted that St. Francis reminds us that “peace with God, peace among people, and peace with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.”

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Marriage is a commitment in which we chose to forego other choices. This “lack of freedom,” however, can free us to stop searching, to stop putting up a front, and to risk being our truest, best self because we are loved unconditionally.

PARENTING POINTERS

Is your child NDD (Nature Deficit Disorder)? Continue the spirit of Earth Day by doing something outside with your child this weekend. Perhaps take a walk or hike together. Take along a bag and pick up litter as you go. Make it into a contest.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
 Child Abuse Prevention Month- Report Child Abuse:**

It is every adult’s moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. According to the latest Pennsylvania statewide report in 2024 there were 5,214 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,693 or 32.5% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse and 1,410 substantiated reports were physical abuse. 61.4% of child abuse victims were female. Mother and Father remain the person most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

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PHIL 4:6

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today’s gospel, Jesus declares, “I am the way,” and warns that anyone offering “another way” to happiness is “a thief and a bandit.” These are strong words! Don’t be swayed by society’s sales pitch for happiness. Instead, look to your loved ones, where God is present, calling you by name and leading you to abundant life.



April 12, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When you look back on your life, you can easily remember times when your life was transformed by the ministry of your parish priest as he celebrated the Sacraments with you and your family. Our priests have given their lives to our Lord and to you, dedicating themselves to the celebration of the Eucharist, to ministry and to service. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude toward these priests who have served you so well over the years.

On the weekend of May 2 - 3, our annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is our opportunity to express our gratitude with a financial gift to those priests who spent their lives in service to the Church and the Diocese of Erie.

We look to you, to help with the care of those priests who are retired now, and those who will retire in future years. I thank you in advance for your generosity to our annual Good Shepherd Collection and for the support and care of our retired Diocesan priests.

If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the Good Shepherd Collection. Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you, those who have retired and those who have died.

Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that others will follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as Good Shepherds, leading you, the People of God, by their priestly ministry. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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

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

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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 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
 We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **OCIA** 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 Jacquell |

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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APRIL 20TH-APRIL 26TH Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, April 20th

SBC 9:00 am Bev Hull (Mary Sue Yablonski)
SBC 12:10 pm Ralph Rose (Tony & Pat Pascarella)

Tuesday, April 21st

SBC 9:00 am Jean Everett (Marty & Kris Sapko)

Wednesday, April 22nd

SBC 12.10 pm Frances Thomas Barry (Virginia Barry)

Thursday, April 23rd

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm David Bizzaro (Kathy Symington)

Friday, April 24th

SBC 12:10 pm Ann Mongillo (Jim & Gigi Carroll)

Saturday, April 25th

SBC 9:00 am Joe Tominez (Rita Stark)
SB 4:00 pm Tom Girard (Family)

Sunday, April 26th

SB 8:00 am Kathy (Bridge) McAndrew (Kathy Symington)
SB 10:00 am Dick & Bettie Luther (Family)
SB 11:30 am Louise & Ed Dudick (Nellie Vecellio)

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



APRIL 25TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson
EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Dick Williams
Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson



APRIL 26TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Carla Manion
EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky
Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns
EM: Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett
Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson
EM: Carol Vinca **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/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, 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, 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, Ann Miller, 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 April 19th



Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10