

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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.

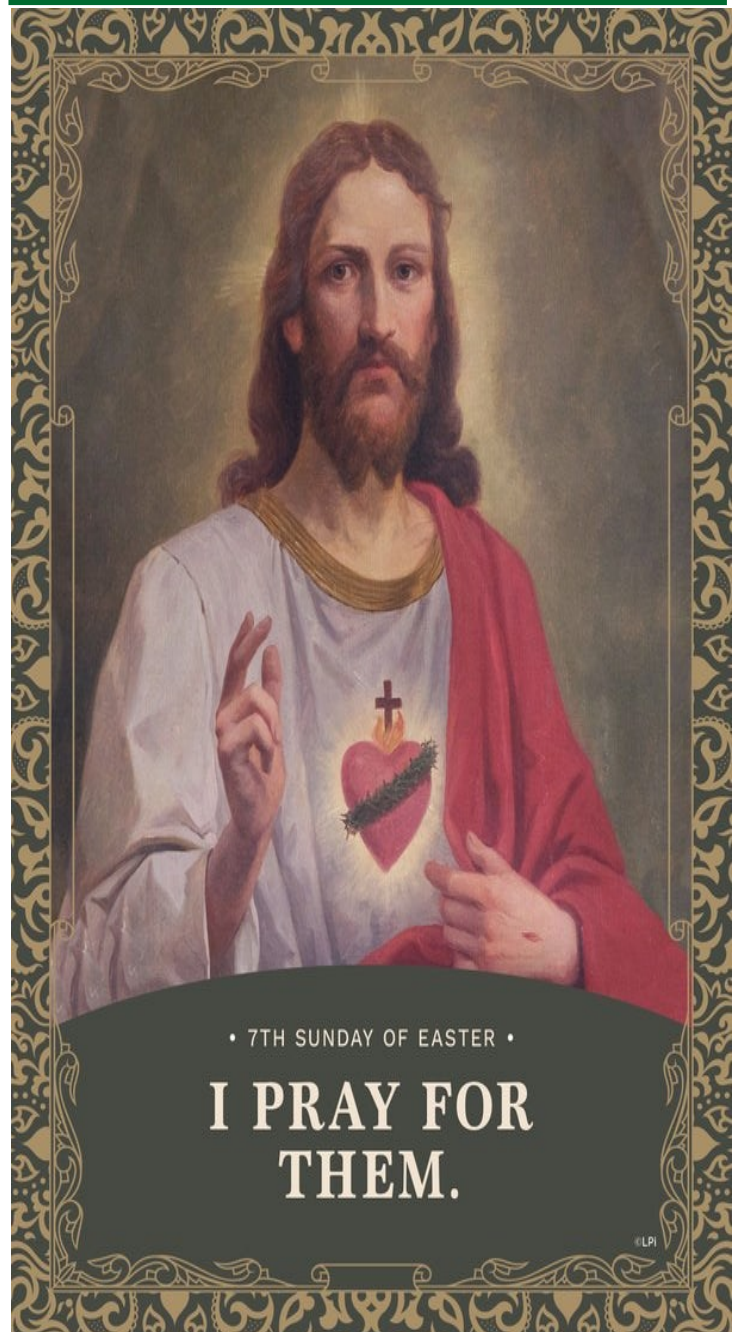
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



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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• 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**I PRAY FOR
THEM.**

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

I hope you're able to get to some good reading. Here are a couple of new suggestions ...
A good book by Fr Richard Rohr was recommended to me: *The Universal Christ* (2021). In this volume, he helps us see that our understanding of the human Jesus, the man from Galilee, grew upon his resurrection into the Messiah (the Christ) which includes cosmic dimensions. Rohr believes we are held back in our comprehension of the saving actions of God until we can appreciate and embrace this bigger, wider implications. His refutation of the traditional "why did Jesus have to die?" teaching, espoused by St Anselm, is on target, but I have my own explanation, which I think is easier to grasp than his.

A fellow priest sent me a copy of the thin volume *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* (2002) by Fr. Jacques Philippe. He found it quite good and so did I. The author underscores the importance and prioritization of preserving inner peace – and his references to a type of prayer that borders on the contemplative – which has been my practice since seminary days (cf. Thomas Keating and Martin Laird, among others). It was also reinforcing what I had been reading in the next book, which I'd been reading at the same time.

Fr Ronald Rolheiser has given us many wonderful spiritual books, and among them is *Sacred Fire* (2014). While he mentions that his earlier *Holy Longing* (1999) was a kind of introduction to spirituality, in this book he explores the tasks of life in an encompassing way. We long to get our lives together in our younger years, to give them away in later years, and to give away our death in our last moments. His examples to illustrate these themes are very thoughtful, including the radical choices one may make near the end of life. His quotes of various masters (including so many contemporaries) help the reader to grow leaps and bounds in understanding. I was so glad our paths crossed frequently during my sabbatical at the school where he teaches.

I also recently finished John Berendt's novel, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* (1994). I was surprised to learn that this is non-fiction and that Berendt's visit to Savannah, Georgia, was primarily investigative and he tells the stories in a most engrossing way. The cast of characters include "stranger than fiction" folks who live in and around this city I've visited a few times on business. I heard the movie wasn't as good as the book.

Fr John

JOIN **ARTS** THIS SEASON



AMERICA250

FEATURING SOUTHERN TIER BRASS

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7 P.M.

BROMELEY FAMILY THEATER

PUBLIC \$20 | STUDENTS \$5

VETERANS & ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS \$15



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St. Bernard Bell Choir Spring Fundraiser

Win a beautiful potted floral arrangement!

Two chances to win with each ticket purchased. There are two separate pots to be given away. Cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased from any Bell Choir member or at the church office.

The pots will be created by Graham's Greenhouse and Landscaping — a \$60 value!

The winner will be chosen on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for general repair and maintenance of the bells.

Thank you for your support!



Since next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday perhaps you might lean toward wearing red and/or white to enter into the festivity of the Church's birthday. Pentecost is known as the "birthday of the church" and commemorates the Holy Spirit's arrival, allowing the Apostles to spread the gospel. Red is commonly used in churches to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA
Widow's Group: Wednesday, May 20th @ 12:10 for Mass in the Chapel and then out for lunch. Summer break until September.
K of C #403 : Tuesday, June 9th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, May 20th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, June 16th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, June 18th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Summer Break

Women's Weekend: Conference/Retreat at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, June 5-7, 2026.
 Theme: Glory 2026: Women's Gathering
 "Graves into Gardens"
 A weekend of worship, rest, and connection.
 If interested, contact Lynne Kuntz or call the parish office (814)362-6825.



You're Invited!
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
RECEPTION
 IN HONOR OF

ALTAR SERVERS

RECENT CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

TO A
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 & Recognition Ceremony

MAY 31ST
 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Recognition Ceremony begins immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

— FATHER LEO GALLINA HALL —

ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST!

Featuring:
**PANCAKES • SAUSAGE
 SCRAMBLED EGGS**
Come hungry and enjoy a great meal!

BREAKFAST PRICING

\$10 ADULTS AND CHILDREN
OLDER THAN 10 YEARS OLD

FREE CHILDREN
10 AND UNDER

FUNDRAISER FOR **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
 + COUNCIL 403 +

Come enjoy good food, great fellowship, and celebrate their achievements!



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of Bill & Mary Lou Cauley



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



BRADFORD ECUMENICAL HOME, INC.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – Question: Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

Answer: On their forehead, lips, and chest (near their heart).

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NOTICE: If you didn't get a baby bottle for the Bright Alternatives fundraiser there will be some at the Parish office for pickup. The bottles will be collected Father's Day weekend, June 20th-21st.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,454
 May 10..... \$ 8,309
Good Shepherd Collection (Final) \$ 4,832
2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059
CSA 2026 Collected \$ 47,899

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Plase do not COMBINE other payments with CSA or second collections.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



“Preserving Human Voices & Faces” Pope Leo XIV’s message highlights the necessity of ensuring technology—specifically AI—serves human dignity rather than replacing it. The day emphasizes critical thinking, ethical AI use, and combating disinformation.

Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus, On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone. May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love. May we bring your blessing wherever we go. Amen. ©LPi

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK BLOOD DRIVE

ST BERNARDS CHURCH
 IN THE CAFETERIA
MONDAY, MAY 18TH
12:00PM-5:00PM

Donate in May and be entered to

WIN A GRILL!



SCAN TO SCHEDULE:



WALK-INS WELCOME

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

COMPLETE QUICKPASS



FILL OUT DAY OF DONATION

1ST
Marriage Banns

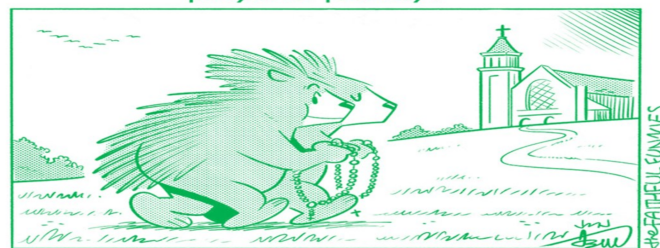
EMILY BARNETT & JACOB BLEIER

MARRIAGE MOMENT Has life handed you a set back? No matter how bad the situation, don’t take it out on each other. Face it side by side, not pointing a finger at each other. Find something to learn from your mistake or predicament.

Shiloh IVF Ministry is a new outreach ministry with the mission to offer companionship and practical steps to help discern how to care for embryonic children, and to offer overall healing in the aftermath of IVF. Shiloh IVF Ministry offers one-on-one mentorship, Scriptural meditation, education, testimonies, honoring for embryonic children, and more. Learn more and begin your post-IVF healing journey at www.shilohivf.com.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—Fr. Justin Pino is hosting a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for the Eastern Vicariate this summer. We are grateful for the way he has stepped in to help honor and recognize our diocese’s milestone anniversary celebrants in a meaningful way. Parishioners from the entire Eastern Vicariate are welcome to attend an in-person celebration at St. Leo Parish, Ridgway on Sunday, August 30, beginning at 2:00 pm. Registration links and details will be shared shortly. Save the date!

“Did you hear about the porcupines’ prayerful journey?”



“They were on a quill-grimage.”



A “pilgrimage” is a special journey to a spiritual location with the purpose of thanking God, carrying a prayerful intention, and growing deeper in faith.

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May 5, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the worldwide Catholic family, we can be proud of the Church's outreach to our fellow brothers and sisters of the human family. Believers and non-believers alike know first-hand of the generosity of Catholics the world over. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be. The Church has been doing this work for centuries, and today I ask your assistance so that it may continue.

The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of May 23-24, offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands. It is actually a combination of three national collections.

- It provides aid to Catholics in the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** to help build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- It also helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation through **Catholic Relief Services**, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor.
- It provides needed assistance to the **Church in Africa**, a rapidly growing and vibrant Church which is rich in vitality but poor in resources.

I ask for your generous response to the Collection for International Needs on May 23-24. Just as important is your prayer for those in need, whether here in the Diocese of Erie, or across the globe. Please know that your gift is appreciated. You and your family remain in my prayers.

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.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF
 Rev. John 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*

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

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 Doug Kuntz

Catholic Women's Club Joan Yohe

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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MAY 18TH-MAY 24TH Daily masses
are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.
Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, May 18th

SBC 9:00 am Kathleen Brown (Peggy Pyle)
SBC 12:10 pm Kathleen M. Brown (Dan & Cindy
Songer)

Tuesday, May 19th

SBC 9:00 am Bob McCann Jr. (Paul & Char Lerch)

Wednesday, May 20th

SBC 12.10 pm Shawn Taylor (Rita Stark)

Thursday, May 21st

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
SBC 12:10 pm Hazel Malas (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

Friday, May 22nd

SBC 12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory (Melanie Luther Shay)

Saturday, May 23rd

SBC 9:00 am Louise & Edward (Family)
SB 4:00 pm James "Tubby" Maduri (Family)

Sunday, May 24th

SB 8:00 am Wilma, Steve, Carl & Bernie White
(Dave White)
SB 10:00 am Beeman Family (Dan & Tammy Beeman)
SB 11:30 am Jude Luke (David & Lisa Dey & Family)

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



MAY 23RD, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson
EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky
Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**



MAY 24TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter
EM: Joan Yohe **CUP:** Deb Woodley/Dave White
Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

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

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson
EM: Kim Ditz **CUP:** Sue Lee/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, 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, 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
May 17th**



Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23