The Catholic Community of Bradford

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

Rev. John Jacquel
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.

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ST. BERNARD MASSES
SATURDAY 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES
MONDAY & THURSDAY--9:00 AM & 12:10 PM
TUESDAY-9:00 AM WEDNESDAY-12:10 PM
FRIDAY-12:10PM SATURDAY-9:00 AM

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From the Pastor

Our retreat leader two weeks ago was Fr. Doug Grandon. His story is far from ordinary. He grew up in a single-parent household; his mother married and divorced six times. They were completely unchurched and atheistic. As a teen, his mother's fifth husband adopted him, before she left him yet again.

As a teen, he was attracted to an evangelical church where he joined, was baptized, and became absorbed in studying the Bible and Protestant theology. Ordained a minister, he later became an Episcopal priest because he needed more sacramentality. He married, but then it dawned on him that the Episcopalians didn't have the apostolic succession he sensed was needed for authentic Eucharist and joined the Catholic Church. He was accepted for seminary and ordained a Catholic priest, remaining married, serving in the Archdiocese of Denver, where he is friends with my colleagues there, Msgr. Robert Amundsen and Fr. Thomas McCormick.

Now, he's the national chaplain for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and his story doesn't end there.

"I wished I'd known," was the common theme of his talks to us. First, about God's grace – it is freely bestowed and abundantly at that. Second, how much he would have to suffer (in his personal life, in the testing of his convictions, and even from various Church leaders). But he credits grace as bringing forth many blessings as a response. This would compare to the stories of Joseph (son of Jacob) in Genesis, and Saul/Paul in the New Testament to name just two examples. We too, if we are believers, should expect suffering and waiting in our growth as disciples and as the spiritual gift of hope.

One more thing Fr. Doug explained: that heaven and earth overlapped at the beginning of creation (where God and the first humans had such access to each other in Eden – cf. Genesis) and that's the way it will be at the end (the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21). The new heavens and the new earth will be as it was in the beginning – what goes around comes around. Our sinfulness thwarts this initiative but cannot stop the culmination that God will bring about. That's great news! It was an enlightening retreat.

Fr John

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thurs., November 12th @ 6:30
Widow's Group: Wed., November 18th meet for 12:10 Mass. Meeting after in the Hall. Bring your own lunch. All Widows Welcome.
K of C #403: Tues., November 10th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: **TBA**
Pastoral Council: Thurs., December 10 @ 6pm
Finance Council:Tues., November 3rd @ 4:30pm
SF 50+ Club: Wed., **TBA**
Liturgy Committee: Wed., November 18th @ 6:30pm
Catholic Women's Club: Sun.,November 8th@ 11am in Gallina Hall: Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon (Patriotic Rosary @ 9:30am before 10:00 am Mass) Upcoming: Tues., November 17th "Paint & Praise" w/Kathleen Shay. Board Meeting @5:45pm Regular Meeting @6:30pm.

The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus
www.koc403.com
Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Gallina Hall.
Please Note: Next meeting on November 10. Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

You already love each other. Have you ever considered extending that love to a child in need of a permanent home? Adoptive parents are "real" parents just as much as those who have biological children. Every child deserves to have a "real" family.

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: $ 9,270
November 1.....……..…….... $7,312

2026 Combined CSA Assessment $ 99,059
2026 CSA Collected $ 67,896

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

Thank you for your contributions!



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in memory of

Nancy Sposato



COLLECTION FOR LOCAL NEEDS

Next weekend, November 14-15, our parish will participate in the annual Collection for Local Needs. This collection offers us an opportunity to put our faith into action by supporting local organizations working to address the root causes of poverty and injustice. Rather than simply providing temporary assistance, these organizations empower individual and communities to create lasting change. Every dollar contributed stays within the Diocese of Erie, making a difference right here in our communities. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important collection next weekend.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

J. A. LUCIANO & SONS BUILDERS

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

November is designated National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, a critical time to raise awareness about the challenges facing young people experiencing homelessness. Annually approximately 1.2 million children under age 6 and 4.3 million youth and young adults experience homelessness. Youth without stable housing face a high risk of trauma, violence, substance abuse, sex trafficking and mental health issues. Homeless high school students were nearly twice as likely to consider suicide and over three times as likely to attempt it compared to housed students. You can help by supporting local shelters, outreach programs and advocating for policies that protect vulnerable youth. For more resources visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.

ATTENTION REP FAMILIES

Sunday, November 15th is our Family Advent Wreath event. This is a wonderful way for the entire family to join together to make a family Advent Wreath. Please come to join your REP student at Gallina Hall at the second half of their call time. The students will join their families at 11:45am so you can all make the wreaths together. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

Annual Hollyday Faire

Saturday November 21, 2026
9-3pm
Hill Memorial Church
44 Kennedy St, Bradford
Luncheon 11-2pm

Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale, Chinese Auction,Handcrafted Items, Tupperware, Novelty Items, Handmade Jewelry, Crocheted Items, Baked Goods, Candy



St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club of Bradford invites all Veterans, their families & parishioners to attend a Patriotic Rosary at St. Bernard Church on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30 am (prior to 10am Mass). Followed by a Veterans' Luncheon in Fr. Gallina Hall featuring soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages. Please join us as we honor our Veterans! All parishioners & guests are welcome!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Sunday, November 15th Grades 1-5 Advent Wreath Sponsored by Catholic Women's Club @ 11:45 am in Gallina Hall.

Grades 6-9 meet Sunday, November 22nd 6:45-7:15pm in Gallina Hall





Question:
What musical instrument is more commonly found inside churches than not?

Answer: The organ.

Parenting Pointers

Custom has it that Friday the 13th is an unlucky day. If your kids complain about having bad luck (on a test, in friends, after an accident…) you might respond with something like, "Yes, sometimes we truly are unlucky, just as sometimes we luck into things we don't fully deserve. Hopefully these times balance out in life. But sometimes bad "luck" follows bad choices. Good choices increase your odds of good luck."

A Family Perspective

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were deemed 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts that keep the flame alive in all your relationships.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 –1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.



November is Vocation Awareness Week. Remember to visit the whiteboard in the Church vestibule and pray for our priests and the opportunity for others to join the vocation.



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due by Wednesday, November 25. Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.

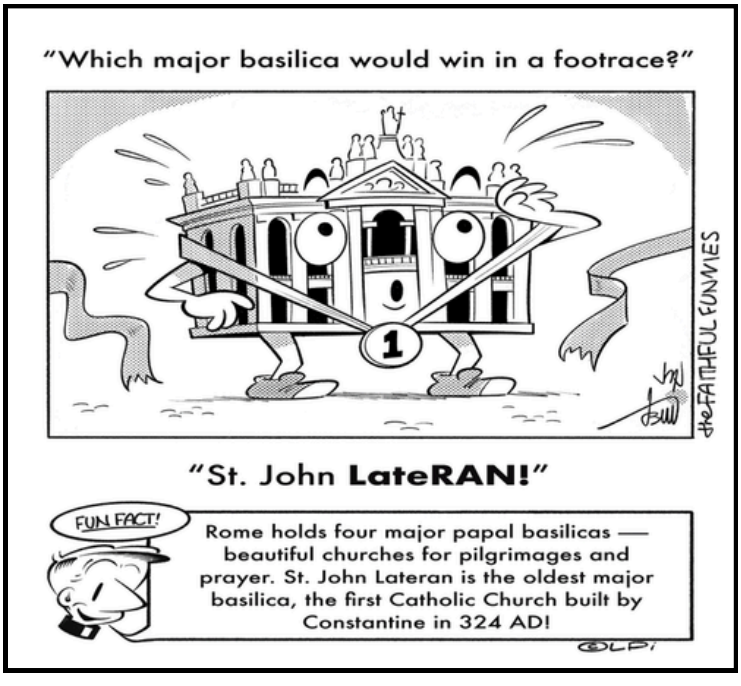
THIS WILL BE THE LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

THE SALVATION ARMY

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY
Canned fruits and vegetables (cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, pumpkin, etc.), gravy, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, french fried onions, vegetable oil, egg noodles, walnuts, applesauce, flour, apple juice, cereal bars, brownie mix.
Please drop donations off in the parish office.

DEADLINE TO DROP OFF FOOD:
DECEMBER 6





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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 814-362-6825.**

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 at StBernardREP@outlook.com



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 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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (814)598-5565

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MASS INTENTIONS

November 2nd-November 8th
Daily masses are in the
Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, November 9th
SBC 9:00am Nancy Sposato (Family)
SBC 12:10pm Dean R. Place Jr. (John & Debbie Place)

Tuesday, November 10th
SBC 9:00am Mr & Mrs Joseph Piersimoni (Joyce Schamng)

Wednesday, November 11th VETERANS DAY
SBC 9:00am Living & Deceased Veterans

Thursday, November 12th
SBC 9:00am Gerard Branconnier (Fr Ed)
SBC 12:10pm All Parishioners

Friday, November 13th
SBC 12:10pm Neil Wolcott (Pehonsky Family)

Saturday, November 14th
SBC 9:00am Thomas Platko (Rosemary Sloter)
SB 4:00pm Mary & Nick Schiappa (Family)

Sunday, November 15th
SB 8:00am Richard Cavallero (Brent & Nancy Jones)
SB 10:00am Ann Mongillo (Kris & Marty Sapko)
SB 11:30am Patrick Geary (Tom & Sue Morris)

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





WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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NOVEMBER 14, 2026
Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm
LECTOR: Mary Anne Stauffer
EM: C. Pehonsky **CUP:** T. Black/P. Johnson
Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am
LECTOR: Mike Kozminski
EM: D. Kozminski **CUP:** C. Greek/C. Pehonsky
Server: Ally Graham

St. Bernard 10:00 am
LECTOR: Jim Colligan
EM: G. Scarano **CUP:** T. Everett/B. Mongillo
Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am
LECTOR: David Ditz
EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** K. Ditz/Sue Lee
Server: Dan Cuthbertson



Prayer REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick or suffering.

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Bonnie Birkis, Jonas Birkis, 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, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Chris Hannon, 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, 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.