

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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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, and educational opportunities (including tuition assistance) at our Catholic School. 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.

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. 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.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES: Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OF TIME & TALENT

Religious Education: Grades 1-8, 9 am Sunday mornings at St. Bernard
Grades 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation), 5:45 pm Sunday evenings at St. Francis

Liturgical

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Music Director	Kathy O'Mara	362-2902
Folk Group	Peggy Errera	368-3024
Resurrection Choir	Mariann Pascarella	368-5356
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office	362-6825
Liturgy Committee	Fr. Raymond C. Gramata	362-6825

Parish Community

St. Bernard School	Kim Mooney, Principal	368-5302
Parish Council	George Evans	362-3094
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe	362-3929
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco	363-9110

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY NOON,
in writing, a week before insert date.**



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Father Raymond C. Gramata, *Pastor*
Mrs. Kimberly A. Mooney, *Principal*

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday - Friday: 8 am to 4 pm
Ms. Wendy Thomson, *Financial Manager*
Ms. Kathy Bryant, *Secretary*

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Saturday: Please consult bulletin.
Weekend: Saturday (Vigil): 5:15 pm,
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Holy Days: Please consult bulletin

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 8:30 am, 4 to 5 pm, Thursday before
First Friday: 4 to 5 pm. Private appointments may
be made by calling Parish Office.

ST. BERNARD ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL:

450 West Washington Street: serving students,
preschool through eighth grade. Open to
parishioners, Catholics from other parishes and
those of other faiths. Offering Extended Care
before, during, and after school. For complete
information, please call 368-5302.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

Students not attending Catholic school should be
enrolled in REP programs. St. Bernard, St.
Francis and OMPH Religious Education
programs are combining students. Grades
1 through 8 will meet on Sunday mornings at St.
Bernard Church and grades 9, 10 & 11
(Confirmation) will meet at St. Francis on
Sunday evenings. Both programs will begin in
September.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic
faith. This process begins in the fall of the year.
Please call the Parish Office for further
information.



As we celebrate the Third Sunday of the Year, we are reminded of the importance of belonging. All of us desire to belong to someone or something. Each of today's reading reminds us of the importance of belonging to God and our dependency upon Him. It reminds us of the importance of family, we have our biological family and yet we are part of the larger picture. We belong to the family of God.

In the first reading from the book of Nehemiah, the Jews were reminded that they were identified as belonging to God and what gave them their identity was the Book of the Law. That identity shaped them as a nation and also in their relationship with their God. God once more became their caretaker. The Law was not seen as a burden, but a way to celebrate their relationship with God.

From the second reading taken from Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians, all of the gifts given to the people were there to unite them and were given to benefit the whole and not divide them. These gifts were given to the people to draw them into a deeper relationship with God and truly realize their dependency upon Him. At the same time they were to realize their interdependency upon each other.

In the Gospel from Saint Luke, we read that Jesus is back in his hometown about to preach in the synagogue. Jesus' faith was shaped by Joseph and Mary and his youth growing up in Nazareth and attending synagogue services. Jesus was shaped by His heritage and His faith. So He knew the importance of family and the word of God. He used His hometown to announce the reason why He was born and the mission that His Father in heaven wanted Him to accomplish.

I know the idea that seems to be going around is that God can be worshiped anywhere - why do I need to go to Church? Let me call that "rugged individualism"; it only goes so far. It does not truly meet our needs. Each of the readings reminds us that we need to relate to one another and to our God. Picture a person in a leg cast jumping around trying to walk without accepting the crutch that he/she needs to have a stable walk. Our relationship to one another and with God is the stable walk that we need to live in harmony as one.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*



REP Grades 1-5 Recreation Night
Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center
Saturday, Jan 30 from 6 pm -7:30 pm
Games & Snack

OUR PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

*What we sacrifice and return to God through His church
will be returned to us many times over.*

January 17, 2016 Collection.....\$ 6,472
Average Weekly Operating Expenses.....\$ 10,936
FINAL 2015 CSA Pledged.....\$ 51,538
FINAL 2015 CSA Paid.....\$ 50,838

**Please do not staple or tape
your envelopes closed!**
Thank you



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: TUESDAY, Feb 9th @ 6:30
Catholic Women: March 8, 2016
Widows Group: TBA
RCIA: Classes to be held on Jan 24th & 31st
REP: Gr.1-8: Classes to be held on Jan 24th & 31st
Gr. 9-11: Classes to be held on Jan 24th

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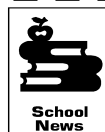
COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the internet, television, radio and in print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our (arch)diocese to support local communication needs. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise which is on Wednesday, February 3rd this year, Father will be blessing throats after the 5:15 pm, February 6th and the 8:00 am & 10:00 am masses on February 7th.



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

*Please Support St. Bernard School
with your monthly School envelope*

- ◆ Niagara Chocolate Sale Jan 25-Feb 3, 2016
- ◆ Report Cards - January 29, 2016



Catholic Schools Week: Jan 31—Feb 5

Check our website, www.stbernardschool.net

Wed, Jan 27th, 10:00 am mass: Grades 5 & 6

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

EMPTY BOWLS

University of
Pittsburgh at
Bradford

Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner

Thursday, March 17, 2016
Mukaiyama University Room
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Admission to the event is \$10.00.

Guests are served a simple meal of soup, bread, beverage and dessert and are invited to keep a ceramic bowl, basket or set of napkins as a reminder of the ongoing fight against hunger.

If you are interested in donating a crockpot of soup or a batch of cookies, please contact
Carma Horner at 362-7609 or email clh71@pitt.edu.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, February 14, 2015

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTER


Division St.
Mt. Jewett, PA

9AM to 1 PM

Adults \$6.00 & Children 12 and under \$3.00

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To learn more, register your school and select our school, visit TopsMarkets.com/Education.

TOPS in Education Program

St. Bernard School is participating again this year in the TOPS in Education Program which allows the school to benefit from your shopping when you purchase TOPS brand products and use your Bonus Card to pay.

NOTE: The program starts new every school year. So even if you participated last year, you need to register again this year. Go to the TopsMarkets.com/Education website and follow the directions. Select our school from the dropdown list when it comes up.



2016 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN 31- FEB 5

The theme this year is ***"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service"***. Catholic Schools Week celebrates the contribution that Catholic education provides to children and youth, to our Church, to our communities, and to our nation.

The 10 am Mass on January 31st will kick-off our week with a celebration of our Catholic Community. Students & Faculty from the school will be participating in the Mass.

There will be a Coffee and Donut Social in the Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center. All are invited to attend.

The schedule for the week at St. Bernard School is:

Mon	Feb 1 - Faith in our Community
Tues	Feb 2 - Faith in our Students
Weds	Feb 3 - Faith in our Nation
Thurs	Feb 4 - Faith in our Vocations
Fri	Feb 5 - Faith in our Families


PRE-CANA 2016

The next area Pre-Cana session will be at St. Bernard on **February 21, 2016** beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and running until 5:30 p.m. A lunch will be provided. All persons planning a 2016 wedding should make plans to attend. To register contact Kathy Durner at 362-7733 or the parish office at 362-6825.

CSA CAMPAIGN

The 2015 CSA campaign is now closed. Your generosity has provided \$50,838 towards our assessment of \$40,136. This leaves us with over \$10,000 to use here in our parish where needed.


The 2016 CSA Campaign will begin in February.
Commitment Sunday is February 7th.



From the Secretary

2015 FINANCIAL REQUEST FORMS

REQUEST FORMS for a 2015 Financial printout for tax purposes can be found in the back of the Church. Return them to the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. **STATEMENTS will be available for pickup after JANUARY 29th, 2016.**



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Does a typical date night in your marriage start with, "What do you want to do tonight?" "I don't know. What do you want to do?" "I don't know..." Repeat. Try something besides a dinner and a movie. Google Making Love On A Budget for ideas.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

CAR FACTORY

**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF JAN 25 - 31, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, January 25

8:00 am John "Jack" Alviti (*Family*)

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am Parishioners

SBS 10:00 am Clifford Jarrabet (*Christine & Ed Bennett*)

Thursday, January 28

12:10 pm Michele Alviti (*Sylvia Vigliotti*)

Friday, January 29

8:00 am Anthony J. Lama, Sr. (*James & Theresa Stoddard*)

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am Francis Gleason (*Fred & Valrie Murphy*)

5:15 pm Bill & Sade Sloppy (*Family*)

Sunday, January 31—Catholic School Week Begins

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Hannon Family
(*Bob & Tammie Hannon*)

10:00 am Faculty, Students & Staff of St. Bernard School

Pitt 7:00 pm Barb Maletta (*Connie Schreiber & Family*)

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, January 25

9:00 am Michael Rooke (*Rita & Zena Verolini*)

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am Luisa Verolini (*Rita Verolini*)

Saturday, January 30

4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Rodgers Family
(*Terri & Bob Costello*)

Sunday, January 31

11:00 am Stephen Piscitelli, Jr. (*Barb Boser*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and Saint Francis

Thursday, January 28

8:00 pm Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and Saint Francis

Sunday, January 31

9:00 am Louise Dudick (*Lea & Bud Miller*)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Jan 24 - Rev. William M. Laska

Monday, Jan 25 - Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Kaza, E.V.

Tuesday, Jan 26 - Rev. Chris M. Hamlett

Wednesday, Jan 27 - Thomas M. Fialkowski

Thursday, Jan 28 - Rev. Stephen L. Collins

Friday, Jan 29 - Rev. Msgr. William E. Biebel

Saturday, Jan 30 - Rev. Msgr. Bruce R. Allison



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JANUARY 30 - 31, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30
5:15 pm Mary Ann Roney
Sunday, January 31
8:00 am Jody Randolph
10:00 am Andy Kearns



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 30
5:15 pm Cliff Ackley/ Cindy Higley/ Pat Pascarella
Sunday, January 31
8:00 am Kathy & Randy Durner/ Joan Yohe
10:00 am Kathy Howe/ Teri Everett/ Chuck Beattie
HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 30
5:15 pm Domenic Pecora/ Ryan Hughes
Sunday, January 31
8:00 am Jim Fenstermaker/ Danny Manion/ Tara Moonan
10:00 am Brent, Hugh & Rhys Kennedy



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

January 25 - 29, Team 1:

L. Hogue/ S. Madison/
R. & J. Geis/ P. Pyle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 24, 2016

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/
Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor
12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel,
Shirley Black, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Fr. Steve
Collins, Betsy Costello, Paul Curcio, Helen Ewell,
Jim Fenstermaker, Tom Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family,
Carolyn Gatesman, Kevin Gatesman, Pat Girard, Pearl
Harris, Brandon M. Henry, Sandy Holsinger, James Kibby,
Bill Kline, Dr. Edward Konwinski, Lori Kozlowski, Colleen
McNamara, Joe Monago, Lou Monti, Christy Moyer, Cheri
O'Mara, Courtney Prentiss, Lois Romanelli, Tim Romanelli,
Cindy Sayers, Kim Schuler, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar,
Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams
May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.