

Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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On-line donations: www.osvonlinegiving/1845

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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.



Do you and I look for love in all the wrong places? Do we treat love as an means to control another person? Do we reduce love to its lowest common denominator? In today's world we see love thrown about in so many ways that it is basically "raped" of its true beauty. We are not the source of love. The source of love is God. Saint John writes: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." (1John: 4:7-8). You and I are called to be a reflection of the love of God.

So often we hear Saint Paul's famous treatise on love only at weddings, it is good that today it appears as our second reading. He first of all starts off reminding us that if we have all the faith to do marvelous things, but do not have love we are truly hollow. In other words we are much like the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz. At least he knew that he was missing a heart and needed to find one in order to complete himself. Love truly not only completes us, but fulfills us if we truly take the words of Saint Paul to heart.

Saint Paul makes a very interesting statement: "Love never fails." What a wonderful and true statement! Love does not fail, we fail. How many times have we thought or said to ourselves: "I am not sure if I truly love the other, or even myself." Love is not something that you can take a vacation from; it is a necessary condition of being human. If we do not love ourselves, we then cannot truly love another. We may give them a lot of gifts in order to have them "love" us, but that is not love.

Reread the words of Saint Paul as he talks about love and you will begin to understand what he is talking about. Love is two people accepting themselves and each other for who they are. Love is never about making the other person into your perception of the ideal person that you want for a long lasting relationship. Love does not accept the notion of "makeover". His last statement sums it up so well. "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

God Bless *Fr. Ray*

2016 Catholic Services Appeal
"Be Lights of Hope Through Giving"
Commitment Sunday
February 7, 2016

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 24, 2016 Collection.....\$ 5,759
 Catholic Communications Collection.....\$ 1,250
 Disaster Relief Collection.....\$ 903

Average Weekly Operating Expenses.....\$ 10,936

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



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: Tues, Feb 9th in the conference room
Catholic Women: March 8th @ 6:30pm (Board @ 6pm)
Widows Group: February 16, 2016 @ 12:30
RCIA: Classes to be held on Jan 31st, Feb 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
REP: Gr.1-8: Classes to be held on Jan 31st, Feb 7th, 21st, 28th
Gr. 9-11: NOTE: Classes on Feb 7th will be from 5pm-6pm. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND, parents are also welcome. There will be a presentation *Child Protection/Safe Environment* which is mandated by the Diocese.

Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient
 Check it out: www.osvonlinegiving/1845 Online Giving

ATTENTION WIDOWS

We will meet at the Divine Mercy Chapel parking lot at 12:30 pm on February 16th and carpool to the Derrick City Diner.

ASH WEDNESDAY


February 10, 2016
 There will NOT be an 8 am mass this day.

Masses will be at 10 am, 12:10 pm & at 5:15 pm. Ashes will be given after each mass.

DAY of FASTING and ABSTINENCE

LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Last year's palms can be deposited in the labeled box at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office.



St. Bernard Elementary/ Middle School

Please Support St. Bernard School with your monthly School envelope

- ◆ Niagara Chocolate Sale Jan 25-Feb 3, 2016

Catholic Schools Week: Jan 31—Feb 5
 Check our website, www.stbernardschool.net
Wed Feb 3, 10:00 am mass: Grades 3 & 4



2016 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: 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.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard from 4:00-5:00 pm on Thursday, February 4th, for First Friday. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays following the 8:00 am Mass and from 4:00-5:00 pm.

FIRST FRIDAY

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after mass in the chapel from 8:00 am until Noon on First Friday, February 5th.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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



From the Secretary

2016 Financial Statements which were requested are now ready in the office and should be picked up as soon as possible.



We are planning the 2016 CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER

For SAT, MARCH 5TH.

Anyone interested in helping on the planning committee, should come to the meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd at 6 pm in the Fr. Leo G. Gallina Social center. This year we are exploring the possibility of a Bazaar in the gym with kids' and adult games and other entertainment. Please come share your ideas.



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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

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.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
BRADFORD MANOR

**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF FEB 1 - 7, 2016**



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Monday, February 1

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 am James "Bim" Colligan (*Bill Cummiskey*)

SBS 10:00 am All Former Faculty & Staff of St. Bernard School

Thursday, February 4

12:10 pm Gary Grassi (*Bonnie Steck*)

Friday, February 5

8:00 am Dorothea Fesenmeyer (*Bill & Mary Kay Zahn*)

Saturday, February 6

8:00 am Doris Konwinski (*Penn Hills Ladies League*)

5:15 pm Bee & Red Pascale (*Family*)

Sunday, February 7

8:00 am Greg Tingley (*Candy, Kevin & Scott*)

10:00 am Pitrillo & Talerico Families (*Family*)

Pitt 7:00 pm William Engel (*JE & Kim O'Mara*)

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, February 1

9:00 am Alphonzo and Fanny Vogg (*Daniel and Tammy Beeman*)

Wednesday, February 3

9:00 am Mary Ann Gatesman (*Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gatesman*)

Saturday, February 6

4:30 pm Zenaide Verolini (*Nancy Shaw*)

Sunday, February 17

11:00 am Deceased Members of the Pace and Bottorf Family (*Cindy Greek*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 4

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

Sunday, February 7

9:00 am Lucille Vinca (*David Vinca*)



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Jan 31 - Rev. John R. Neff

Monday, Feb 1 - Rev. Msgr. Bruce R. Allison

Tuesday, Feb 2 - Rev. Msgr. William E. Biebel

Wednesday, Feb 3 - Rev. Stephen L. Collins

Thursday, Feb 4 - Rev. Thomas M. Fialkowski

Friday, Feb 5 - Rev. Chris M. Hamlett

Saturday, Feb 6 - Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Kaza, E.V.



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES FEBRUARY 6 - 7, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 6
5:15 pm Jim Fenstermaker
Sunday, February 7
8:00 am Candy Tingley
10:00 am Greg Ulyan



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 6
5:15 pm Chuck Beattie/ Cliff Ackley/ Mary Mongillo
Sunday, February 7
8:00 am Randy & Kathy Durner/ Chris Pehonsky
10:00 am Kathy Howe/ Paul Curcio/ Kim Lance
HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 6
5:15 pm Jim Fenstermaker/ Liam & Grace Frasier
Sunday, February 7
8:00 am Noah Meyer/ Gabby Campogiani/ Jessie Kerr
10:00 am Cadence Panol/ Clare Mulcahy

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

February 1 - 5, Team 3:
M. & P. Curcio/ A. Campogiani/
T. Orris/ K. Sapko



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 31, 2016

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
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



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, Helen DeFrank, 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.