

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	331-8084
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.



On Thursday, September 22nd, our parish planning committee met in Saint Mary's and learned what the final restructuring plan for the three Catholic parishes in the Bradford area is per Bishop Persico. In today's bulletin/reminder there is an insert explaining the changes and the process that is involved to bring it about. It is nice to know that we can move forward under the direction of the Holy Spirit and not worry about rumors of what might take place. Let us continue to work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each of the pastors throughout the diocese is to receive a packet that will not only explain the changes but guidelines that we are to follow. So I ask you to read the insert over carefully.

This Sunday night, I have the privilege of conducting a parish retreat for the Catholic Community of Meadville. This will begin Sunday night at 7 p.m. and conclude on Tuesday night. The theme for the retreat is: "The face of mercy is Jesus." Please keep me in your prayers.

Our readings today may make us feel uncomfortable, like they are trying to arouse us from our lethargy. "Why?" you may ask. Well, if you look at the history of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, you can see a pattern being developed, a very simple one. If they remained faithful to the Covenant with God - everything went well, but if they forgot to follow the Covenant things fell apart and more than likely they were taken as slaves to their conquerors homeland.

Now, the role of the prophet in the Old Testament was not to be a fortune teller, but to remind the people that what they were doing was wrong (against God) and they needed to return to their personal relationship with God. As we know, many times the prophets were murdered or tortured because the people did not want to hear the truth. In general, we can see the same thing happening today. We become so enamored with our technology, that at times it becomes our God.

But this is nothing new. If we look back at what was called the Period of Enlightenment we see the same thing. God and the Church were being pushed out of the mainstream of our lives and replaced by science. It is easy to understand that with science things are tangible; you have things that you can see and touch. But with the walk of faith, you have none of that. I cannot pour God out of a beaker; I cannot write a formula that brings God to you so that you can see Him. But that does not mean that He is not real. We are, in a sense, following the same slippery slope that the Period of Enlightenment brought about. Everything faith-based is being challenged or thrown out. Keep this in mind as you continue to put God first in your life. God bless.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

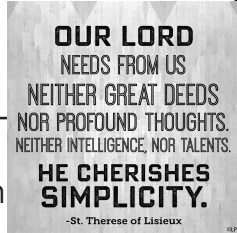
OUR PARISH THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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

September 18, 2016 Collection\$ 5,667
 Avg Wkly Operating Exp (FY 15-16).....\$ 11,062
THIS WEEK'S DEFICIT\$ 5,395

2016 CSA Pledged.....\$ 16,983
 2016 CSA Paid.....\$ 40,093

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




UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Parish Council:** Wed, Oct 12 @ 6:30 pm
- Catholic Women:** Tue Oct 11, 6 pm
 Tureen Dinner/Meeting @ Leo J. Gallina Social Center
- Widows Group:** TBA
- RCIA:** Sundays @ Noon, Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
- REP 1-8:** Sundays @ 9am, Sept 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, & 30
- REP 9, 10 & Confirmation:** Sundays @ 5:45 at Fr. Ritchie Hall, Sept 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, & 30


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CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for Catholic Education. Your continued prayers and support will ensure that our parish and all parishes in the Diocese of Erie with strengthen our commitment to lifelong learning. Remember, **half of the money given by St. Bernard parishioners will remain in our parish to assist with our educational programs.** Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese.



ESTATE BOOK SALE
 October 3rd - 7th
 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
 St. Bernard School Gym Foyer
 Donations accepted
 Benefits St. Bernard School



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL
 Sept 28th - Magazine Drive Ends

Check our website, www.stbernardcatholic.org
 for more scholarship information.
 10 am Mass Wed, Sept 28th - grade 3

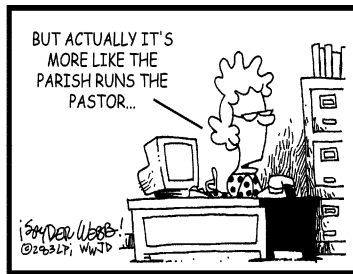


"How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!

Speaking about family life, I would like to say one thing: ... **How important grandparents are for family life**, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family."

~Pope Francis, Angelus-July 26, 2013, World Youth Day, Rio D'Janeiro

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:
<http://www.eriecld.org/fam.htm>
and discover why families always matter!



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

A fiance was thrilled to have finally found Ms. Right. Not long after the wedding, he was disillusioned to discover that her first name was "Always." Of course you can reverse the genders. Negotiating differences and letting go of my way is the art of marriage.

Congratulations!! Saturday, September 17, 2016
Amanda Danielle (Perkins) & Alan Wesley Priest



OCTOBER NOVA

Openings remain for NOVA, scheduled for Saturday, October 15th in Erie at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park. Nova is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register.



REMINDER

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY

All flowers, pots and ornamentation, real or plastic, must be removed from all grave sites at this time. Real flowers planted in ground within 12" of the headstone may be left. Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after November 1st.

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Gymnasium Monday, September 26th from 12:00 Noon 'til 5:30 pm.

WORD OF LIFE

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."
~Mother Teresa

FATHER & SON PROGRAM

Calling all ye fathers! Help your 11 to 13 year-old sons navigate through adolescence and steer them in the right direction to become a man, a knight for Christ. Food, games, talks & quality time with your son will fill the day.

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 am—2:30 pm
Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall in Edinboro, PA.

For more information or to register, visit www.eriecld.org/nfp and click on Calling All Dads under the Events tab or call Kate Whiteford at 814-824-1259.

Wedding Banns
Amber Ann Abers & Gage Michael Brien



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING DO YOU EVER NOTICE ALL THOSE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND WARNING SIGNS?

WELL, THERE ARE CERTAIN INDICATORS IN HERE THAT YOU ALSO NEED TO BE PAYING ATTENTION TO FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY...




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**MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF SEPT 26 - OCT 2, 2016**

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX



Monday, September 26

8:00 am NO MASS

Wednesday, September 28

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Class of
1947 (*Joe Anderson*)

SBS 10am Carolyn Gatesman (*Bernard McCabe*)

Thursday, September 29

12:10 pm Agnes & Fred Bouquin (*Fred & Deb Bouquin*)

Friday, September 30

8:00 am Loretta DeSantis (*Kathy Symington*)

Saturday, October 1

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Class of
1948 (*Class of 1948*)

5:15 pm Edith & Mike Mongillo (*Family*)

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am George Kriz (*Elnora Morgan*)

10:00 am Colleen Nuzzo (*Genevieve Killian, Mary Kay &
Mark Chido*)

Pitt 7 pm Argenia Sposato (*Julie & Quenton DeGolier*)

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Monday, September 26

9:00 am Peggy Kelly (*JE & Kim O'Mara*)

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am Pete & Gerrie O'Connell (*Gregory & Becky Henten*)

Saturday, October 1

4:30 pm Dr. E. J. Roche (*Joyce Schaming & Bill Manning*)

Sunday, October 2

11:00 am Argenia Sposato (*Lisa Zurat*)

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 am Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, September 29

8:00 am Parishioners of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
and St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am Mary Ann Montecalvo (*Family*)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

Please Pray for the Following Priests

Sunday, Sept 25 - Rev. Gerald Wright, O.M.V.

Monday, Sept 26 - The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman

Tuesday, Sept 27 - Rev. John G. Barwin

Wednesday, Sept 28 - Rev. Dennis J. Veltri

Thursday, Sept 29 - Very Rev. Zab Amar, V.F.

Friday, Sept 30 - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday, Oct 1- Rev. John G. Chaplin



MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2016

LECTOR SCHEDULE

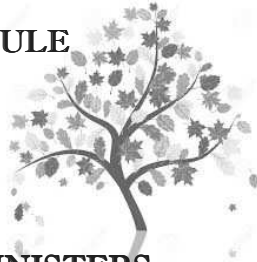
Saturday, October 1

5:15 pm Mary Anne Stauffer

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am Richard Frederick

10:00 am VOLUNTEER



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, October 1

5:15 pm Cindy Higley/ Cliff Ackley/ Mary Mongillo

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am Candy Tingley/ Kathy & Randy Durner

10:00 am Kathy Howe/ Paul Curcio/ Chuck Beattie

HOSPITAL/PAVILION: J.E. O'Mara

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 1

5:15 pm Liam & Grace Frasier

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am Noah Meyer/ Gabby Campogiani/ Jessie Kerr

10:00 am Tim & Clare Mulcahy



GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Sept 26 - Sept 30, Team 1:

L. Hogue/ S. Madison/

R. & J. Geis/ P. Pyle



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 28, 2016

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/
Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3,
7-10, 13-14/ Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66,
71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



Please pray for those who are sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Betty Baliski, Barb Bernheisel, Shirley Black, John Bove, Tom Burke, Dick Clark, Fr. Steve Collins, Betsy Costello, Paul Curcio, Helen DeFrank, Helen Ewell, Rose Feldhaus Family, Ysbella Feldman, Pat Girard, Pearl Harris, Brandon M. Henry, Sandy Holsinger, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Dr. Edward Konwinski, Lori Kozlowski, Kaylee Marsfelder, Colleen McNamara, Shannon McNamara, Joe Monago, Shirley Mongillo, Lou Monti, Cheri O'Mara, Courtney Prentiss, Tim Romanelli, Tim Ryan, Cindy Sayers, Caro Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Martha Williams, Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi
May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.