

# Church of Saint Bernard

A PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ERIE

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## OCTOBER 9, 2016

**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.



Today's readings, from The Book of Kings and the Gospel of Saint Luke, deal with people having the illness of Leprosy and its effect on them personally. From the Book of Kings we hear about a man named Naaman, who washed in the river Jordan seven times and was healed at the word of Elisha. This short piece left out the best part - Naaman was a commanding officer of the King of Aram. He knew nothing of the God of Elisha, the prophet. He expected the prophet to do something spectacular over him. When Elisha did not do this and simply told him to wash, Naaman did not like what he heard. It was not what he expected. Naaman was about to turn his back on Elisha but his servants reasoned with him and he did what was asked of him and thus he was healed.

Naaman was a man used to giving orders and not taking them. Are we like Naaman at times? When we pray for something, does it have to be our way and not God's way? God's way is always the better plan, as Naaman learned. He also learned that Elisha would not take any credit or a gift for the healing. So, he in turn asked for two mule-loads of dirt. What is the significance of the two-mule loads of dirt? Why would he want it? Like so many people of that time period, he believed that God was a territorial God and could not work outside of His area. So by taking the two mule loads of dirt home, he was taking home the God of Elisha to worship. Naaman would no longer worship the gods that he grew up with. Three wonderful things had happened: 1) healing, 2) found God, and 3) he was thankful. We always should be thankful to God for what He does for us.

In the Gospel, we hear about more healing of leprosy. Of the ten men cured, one Samaritan came back to thank Jesus. The other nine were not bad people, but they forgot to give thanks. All ten were happy to be cured because they could now be part of society now. A person with leprosy was cast outside of the town, to live in the hills. You were not permitted to be part of the worship service and you could no longer be a part of family life. Those nine were so happy to be part of the family again; that they forgot to say thanks. Let us, if we forget to say thanks to God or to anyone, let us go back and say thanks. Let us through the grace of God become a gentler and kinder people ever grateful to God for all that we have been given. We can make a difference by becoming gentle and thankful people.

God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

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**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.*

October 2, 2016 Collection.....	\$ 8,532
September St. Bernard School.....	\$ 662
September On-Line Collection.....	\$ 1,915
<i>Avg Wkly Operating Exp (FY 15-16).....</i>	<i>\$ 10,278</i>
<b>THIS WEEK'S DEFICIT .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,746</b>

2016 CSA Pledged.....	\$ 47,149
2016 CSA Paid.....	\$ 41,249

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



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Parish Council:** Wed Oct 12, 6:30 pm
- Catholic Women:** Oct 11, 6 pm - Tureen Dinner/ Meeting @ Leo J. Gallina Social Center
- Widows Group:** Oct 18 @ 12:30 Rosary in Chapel lunch at Perkins after
- RCIA:** Sundays @ Noon, Oct 16 & 30, **NO 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- REP 1-8:** Sundays @ 9am, Oct 16, 23, & 30
- REP 9, 10 & Confirmation:** Sundays @ 5:45 at Fr. Ritchie Hall, 16, 23, & 30

**TAKE NOTE!**

**Due to the uncertainty of next year's mass schedule, we are only accepting mass intentions for the month of January 2017. Starting Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> we will schedule January masses only. We will notify you as soon as we can schedule more.**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, our Holy Father calls every Catholic to celebrate our vocation to be a missionary. As Catholics around the world gather at Eucharist, let us PRAY for the Church's worldwide mission and offer financial help through the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 mission dioceses. Please be as generous as you are able.



**ST. BERNARD SCHOOL**



- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** — COLUMBUS DAY, NO SCHOOL or CARE
  - Oct 12<sup>th</sup>** — PICTURE DAY, wear school uniforms
  - Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** — Halloween Dress down, 12:15 dismissal
- Check our website, [www.stbernardcatholic.org](http://www.stbernardcatholic.org) for more scholarship information.  
**10 am Mass Wed, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - grades 7 & 8**

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"Only 1 leper returned to give thanks to God" (Luke 17:18) Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do 2 acts of gratitude. #1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness. #2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

**St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club**  
**October Tureen Dinner**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 pm**  
 Bring your dish!  
 Installation of Officers!  
**All parish women are welcome!**

**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.



**REP Grades 1-8**  
**Fall Group Activity Night**  
 Fr. Gallina Social Center  
**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**after 5:15 mass**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Everyone has been where the lepers are in today's gospel: they meant to thank Jesus for a blessing, but, excited about being cured they just didn't get 'around-to-it.' We too get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or what has been done for us. This week, take nothing for granted and get around to thanking those who deserve your thanks.



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

**ATTENTION WIDOWS**

Our October meeting will be held in the on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will say the rosary at 12:30 at the Divine Mercy Chapel and then carpool to Perkins Restaurant.





**FAMILY FEST '16**  
**Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, 11 am - 5 pm**  
 Ambassador Center, Erie  
 \$10 per person or \$40 Family  
 Includes Lunch  
**\*\*\*A New Dynamic Experience of Church \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Be a Part of the Experience \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Bring Your Family! \*\*\***  
**REGISTER NOW!**  
[www.CatholicFamilyFest.com](http://www.CatholicFamilyFest.com)

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Code of Conduct:**

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.erieRCD.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.erieRCD.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.



**Amber Ann Abers & Gage Michael O'Brien**

**WORD OF LIFE**

"The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself." – Cardinal Bergoglio with Rabbi Abraham Skorka in book 'On Heaven and Earth'



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**MASS INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF OCT 10 - OCT 16, 2016**

**ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**



**Monday, October 10**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, October 12**

8:00 am Bee & Red Pascale (*Family*)

SBS 10 am Margaret Grassi (*Bonny Steck*)

**Thursday, October 13**

12:10 pm Greg Gordon (*Nancy & Alan Gordon*)

**Friday, October 14**

8:00 am Brother James Gulnac (*Ron & Kathy Symington*)

**Saturday, October 15**

8:00 am Michael Clark (*Tom & Rosemary Burke & Family*)

5:15 pm Domenica Vigliotti Family (*Toni Bloomquist*)

**Sunday, October 16**

8:00 am Dennis Keverline (*Family*)

10:00 am Margaret Nuzzo (*Tom Zimbardi*)

Pitt 7 pm Mary R. Brown (*Family*)

**ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HELD IN THE CHAPEL**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Monday, October 10**

9:00 am NO MASS

**Wednesday, October 12**

9:00 am NO MASS

**Saturday, October 15**

4:30 pm Parishioners of St. Francis and Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**Sunday, October 16**

11:00 am Bill Bowler (*Louise Stoltz*)



**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

**Tuesday, October 11**

8:00 am NO MASS

**Thursday, October 13**

8:00 am NO MASS

**Sunday, October 16**

9:00 am Jane Raymond (*B*) (*Betsy DiFonzo*)



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*

**Sunday, Oct 9 - Rev. T. Shane Mathew**

**Monday, Oct 10 - Rev. James A. Downs**

**Tuesday, Oct 11 - Rev. Msgr. Charles S. Murcko**

**Wednesday, Oct 12 - Rev. Jason R. Feigh**

**Thursday, Oct 13 - PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**Friday, Oct 14 - Rev. William M. Kuba**

**Saturday, Oct 15 - Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F.**



# MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES OCTOBER 15 - 16, 2016

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 15**

5:15 pm Paul Curcio

**Sunday, October 16**

8:00 am VOLUNTEER

10:00 am Greg Ulyan



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, October 15**

5:15 pm Teri Everett/ Mary Mongillo/ VOLUNTEER

**Sunday, October 16**

8:00 am Candy Tingley/ Kathy & Randy Durner

10:00 am Chuck Beattie/ Paul Curcio/ Kim Lance

**HOSPITAL/PAVILION:** J.E. O'Mara

## ALTAR SERVERS

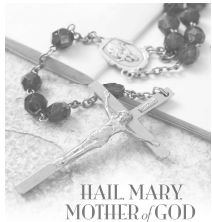
**Saturday, October 15**

5:15 pm Andrew Truman/ Ryan Hughes

**Sunday, October 16**

8:00 am Brent, Hugh & Rhys Kennedy

10:00 am Timothy & Clare Mulcahy



## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

**Oct 3 - Oct 7, Team 2:**

D. Jadlowiec/ C. Bennett/

P. Foote/ V. Comilla/

D. & L. Williams/ K. Smeal

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 9, 2016

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/

Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/

Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/

Lk 18:1-8



### **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, Carol Simonds, Steve Skaggs, Sandy Spehar, Bonnie Swackhamer, Matthew Whelan, Richard Yovichin, Tom Zimbardi

*May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.*