

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025*

*Rev. John Jacquel
Pastor*

*Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate*

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR DAILY MASSES

Divine Mercy Chapel: Saturday at 9:00 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9:00 am
St. Bernard Church: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm

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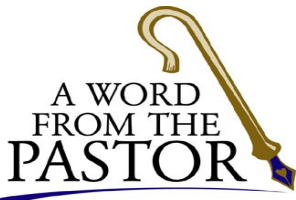
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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Lent is a time to turn back more fervently to the Lord and a time to “come clean.” For us Catholics, this is best achieved through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

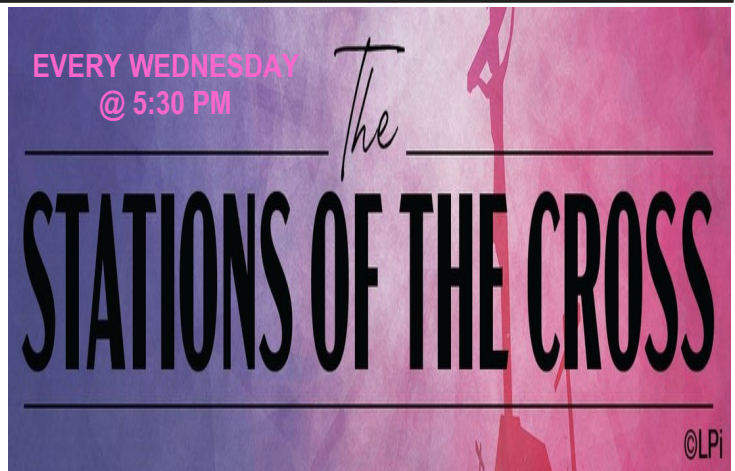
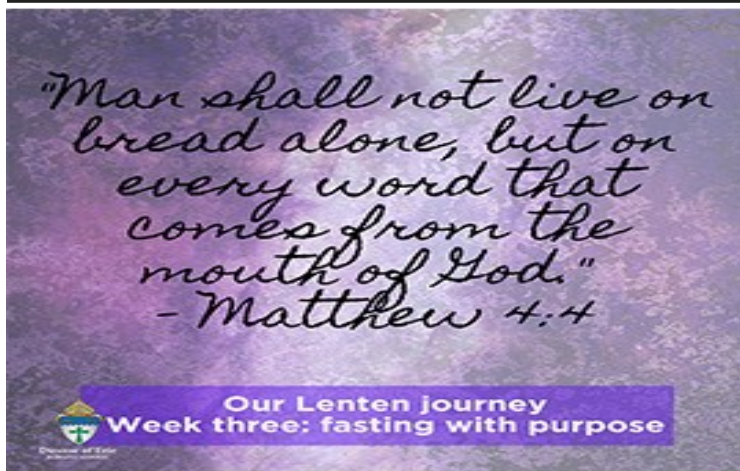
I don't know about you, but the longer I stay away from Confession, the harder it is to return. But, please don't let that stop you. Both Fr Ed and I are quite happy to help you experience God's forgiving love. Forgot the Act of Contrition? We have copies for you to read. Forgot what to say? We are ready and eager to help you.

One thing I've learned about this Sacrament is that the inspiration is not one-way. In other words, there are so many times that someone will come to me for Confession – and then I realize how I need this grace myself. Then, I seek out a priest in order to celebrate this encounter with the Lord. We had a penance service this past Tuesday at our Day of Recollection for priests in Titusville. The bishop provides several opportunities for us confessors to receive the sacrament ourselves throughout the year – Emmaus, Chrism Mass, Retreat, and even almost every week. It's our way of working on our own holiness.

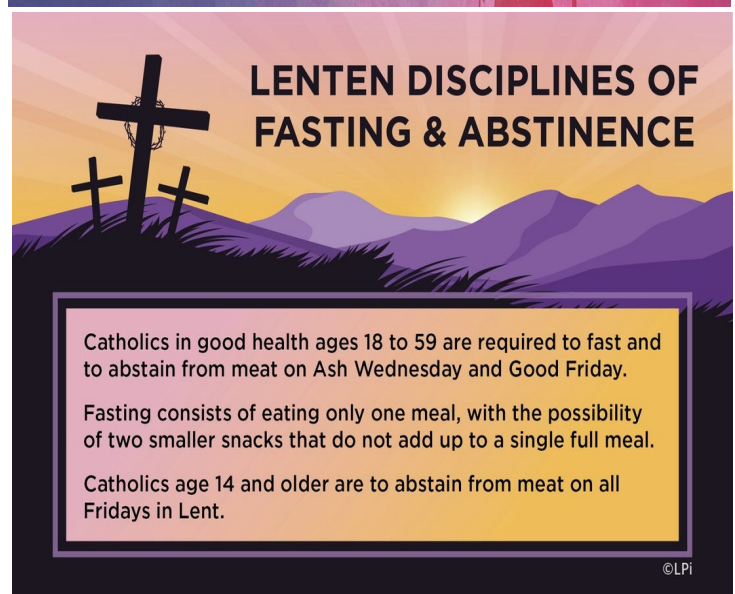
We have Confessions (Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation) on Saturdays after the 9 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel. We use the conference room adjacent to the chapel from around 9:30 until no more people come. Also, Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass in the church reconciliation rooms. We begin around 3 pm and have to break at 3:45 in order to prepare for Mass. We also have a time on Sunday, April 6. Fr Ed and I both will be in the church from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and if we need to go longer, that's fine. In addition, we have a time on Thursday, April 3 from 4:30 pm till we're done. This happens every month on the day before First Friday.

And, if none of these times work for you, call for an appointment. We're very glad to offer this powerful experience of God's grace at the right time for you.

Fr John



MARCH 17-23—This week, we reflect on fasting. Fasting is not just about giving up something—it's about creating space for God. When we let go of worldly comforts, we make more room for him in our hearts. During this Lenten journey, I invite you to fast with intention. Whether it's from food, social media or distractions, let's use this sacrifice to grow in faith. What are you fasting from this Lent, and how is it helping you spiritually?



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA

Widow's Group: Wednesday, March 19th @ 12:10 Mass
followed by lunch (bring) in Gallina Hall

K of C #403 : Tuesday, April 8th @ 7 pm

Cemetery Board: TBA

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Wednesday, March 19th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, April 9th @ 11:00 am

Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

Catholic Women's Club: Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:00 pm



Catholic Women's Club Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 pm in Gallina Hall followed by regular meeting at 6:30 pm. Theme is Irish Blessings with guest speaker Christine Geary. Evening will include interactive messages. Rosary Altar Society members are invited. If you are interested in joining Catholic Women's Club, please attend, or contact Joan Yohe at 814-362-3929 or Alicia Hill at 814-598-5076.



The Catholic Women's Club is again collecting items for Easter bags for our shut-ins. Items like crackers, candy and cookies in individual packages, small tissue packets, nail files, and other small items are needed. Please include only new or unopened items. The REP students (Grades 1-5) will help to pack the treats into gift bags on Sunday, April 13th at 12:15pm in Gallina Hall, for delivery just before Easter. Please drop items off at the parish office by April 10th. **Please no nuts or caramels.** Thank you!



We are offering the Gift Card (SCRIP) program again. Order Forms are available in the back of the church. A percentage of gift card sales goes directly back to the church. This is a great way to give back! **Orders are due by Friday, April 4th.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on April 8th**
Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

PLEASE NOTE—Thursday, 3/20 the Parish Office will close for lunch from 12-1 and for the day at 3 pm.



GRADES 6-9 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, March 23d at 5:45 pm. **First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade** will be on Sunday, March 30th in the Divine Mercy Chapel at 11:15 am. **Information will be coming home soon.**

NOTE: All students taking home Rice Bowls, please place them in the offertory basket during Holy Week.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the definition of the word "bible"?

Answer: A collection of books.

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MARRIAGE MOMENT St. Patrick Day is March 17, sooo... what difference might that make to your marriage. St. Patrick is famous for driving the snakes out of Ireland. Are there any snaky riffs currently in your marriage? Sure, wear green if you like, but also seek ways to compromise (maybe blue-green, yellow-green, or a meaningful marital compromise.)

RICE BOWL LOCAL—Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. In addition to working with our brothers and sisters worldwide to overcome the challenges of hunger and climate change, a portion of your contribution remains in your area and will assist the Kane Area Food Pantry, the Christian Food Bank, the Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen, the Friendship Table, and Destinations Bradford Community Outreach Center. These organizations fight hunger in our communities and help our neighbors thrive. Use your **Rice Bowl envelopes in your offering envelope packets or you can mark "Rice Bowl Donation" on a plain envelope any time during Lent.** There are also Rice Bowls in the back of the church.

PARENTING POINTERS *"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts."* Reflect.

CRS Rice Bowl - Paying It Forward as a Lead Mother in Nigeria In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.



THE CHURCH VOLUNTEER CLEANING CREW

will be meeting on Saturday, April 12th and Saturday, April 19th at 9:30 am to ensure the Church is ready for the Holy Week and Easter services. If you would like to help please meet at the Church on

those days and times. You can also reach out to Craig Cuthbertson at 814-558-1785.

Say Yes! to the tenth annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie

TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:

8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church

COST: \$25

College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!

Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle, Book/Media Sales, and 138 Women attire for sale.

ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



Danielle Bean

Danielle is a Catholic writer and speaker. She helps women to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in faith and family living.



Sister Mary Gabriel, SV

Sister Mary Gabriel is a member of the Sisters of Life, a religious community dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of human life.

MORE INFO

www.138women.com or 814-455-7364

ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



Register Today for the 10th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference!

Enjoy a dynamic experience with women from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The 10th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie.
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at www.138women.com.
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring talks from two national speakers and opportunities for Reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart!

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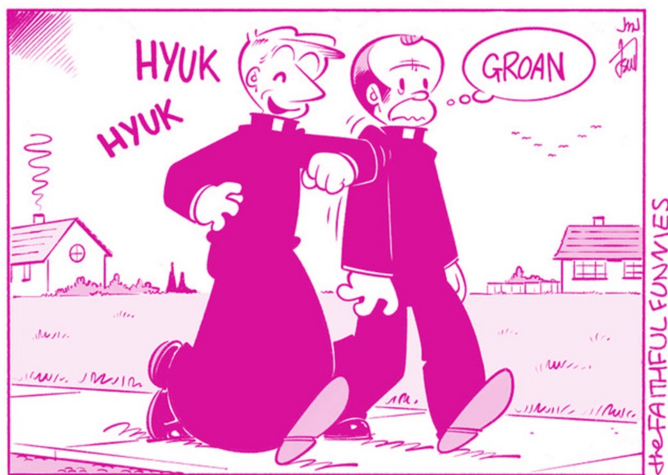
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Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Opportunities this Lent



- Saturdays after 9 am Mass in the Divine Mercy Chapel
- Saturdays before the 4 pm Mass in the church from 3 pm to 3:45 pm.
- Thursday, April 3rd starting @ 4:30 pm in the church
- Sunday, April 6th Fr Ed and Fr John will both be in the church from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

"I was considering giving up puns for Lent, but then I thought..."



"Not so fast!"



During the 40 days of Lent, we give something up or we "fast." Often, we give up things like sweets, television, or video games. We do this as an act of penance, as well as a way to remove those things that distract us from our relationship with Jesus.

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St. Patrick

Pray for us!



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St. Bernard Church Fish Fry



CATCH OF THE DAY

Deep Fried Fish
or
Shrimp Dinner
\$15
includes fries, bread, slaw & dessert

March 7

March 21

April 4

April 18

from 4pm-7pm in Gallina Hall

Eat in, take out or delivery!!!
Call (814)362-6825 after 3:30pm
to place your order. Please do not
leave a message.
Proceeds benefit The Bradford Catholic Community



St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Jim & Mona Kay Sullivan

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - **Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

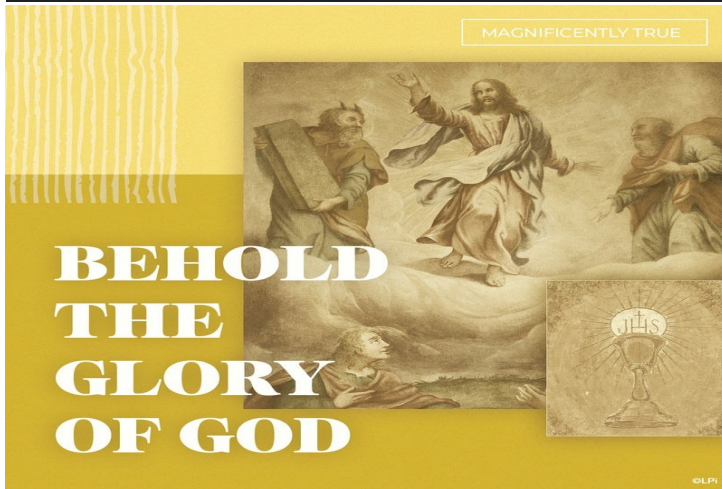
March 9.....\$ 8,411

2025 Combined CSA Assessment **\$ 94,414**

2025 CSA Collected \$ 15,481

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CSA PLEDGES IN BY MARCH 23RD. THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

FACEBOOK: St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*
Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:00 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 362-6825**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)

REP Coordinator: Kim VanHorn

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.

Nursery Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid's Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They'll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format!



**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.

RITE 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.

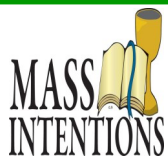
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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	Craig Cuthbertson
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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WEEK OF MARCH 17TH—MARCH 23RD
 See Cover of Bulletin for Daily & Weekend Mass
 Schedule During Lent

Monday, March 17th

SBC 9:00 am James "Boo" Coder (The Symingtons)
 SB 12:10 pm Dr. Paul Whalen (Carloni Family)

Tuesday, March 18th

SBC 9:00 am Lauri Morrison (O'Connell Family)

Wednesday, March 19th

SB 12:10 pm W. Ed Arrowsmith (Tom & Patsy Arrowsmith)
 SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 20th

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners
 SB 12:10 pm Tubby Maduri (Carloni Family)

Friday, March 21st

SB 12:10 pm George "Butch" Matto (Patti Matto)

Saturday, March 22nd

SBC 9:00 am Genevieve & Roger Farrell (Farrell Family)
 SB 4:00 pm Tom & Don Girard (Family)

Sunday, March 23rd

SB 8:00 am Ed Sayers (Quenton & Julie DeGoller)
 SB 10:00 am Helen M. Pecora (Michael & Stacie Salerno)
 SB 11:30 am Judy LeRoy (Rosary Altar Society)

*Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass and
 3:00 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.*



Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil
 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-
 3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18,
 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a



Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,
 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



WEEKEND
 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 22ND, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Tammy Black

EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Dick Williams

Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

MARCH 23RD, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Mike Kozminski

EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/D. Kozminski

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Jim Colligan

EM: Kim Racine **CUP:** Teri Everett/Beth Mongillo

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee

EM: Karen McClain

CUP: Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



**Please pray for those who are sick
 or suffering**

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson,
 Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black,
 Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris,
 Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero,
 Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul
 & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith
 Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan,
 Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson
 Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller,
 Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna
 Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul
 Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James,
 Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler,
 James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Bob Kuntz, Chris
 Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little,
 Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat
 McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana
 Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan
 Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia
 & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor,
 Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex
 Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski,
 Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney,
 Lisa Zurat.

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