

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 24, 2024*

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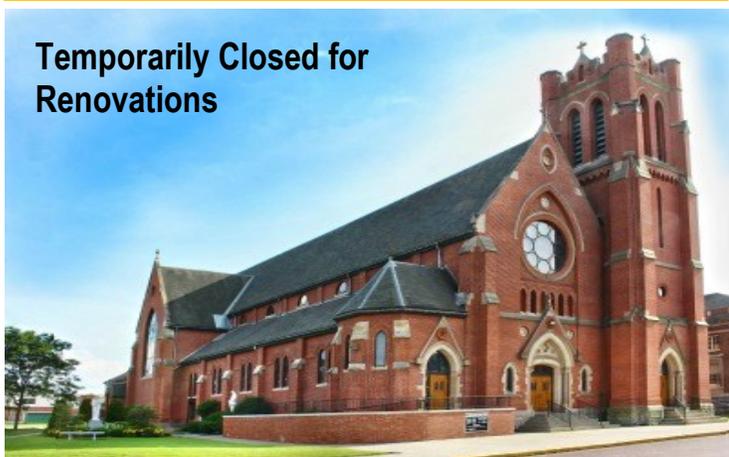
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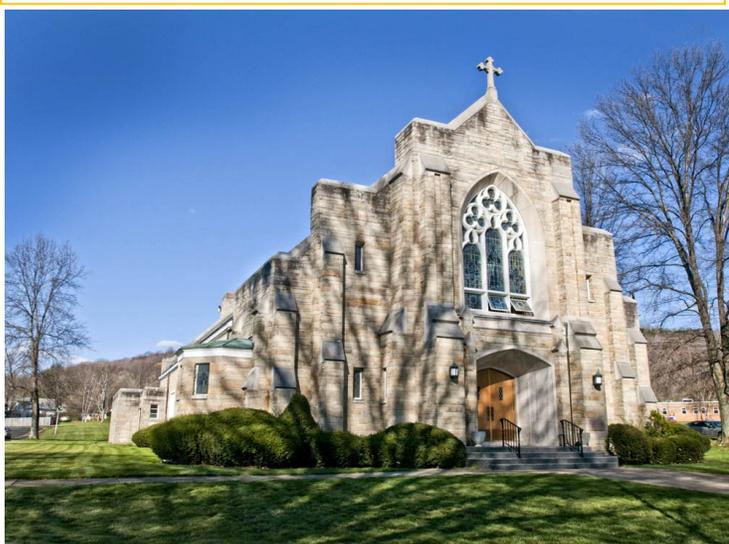
St Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA

## St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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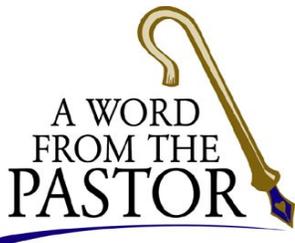
## St. Francis of Assisi



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

- Jn 18:37



Do you know about #iGiveCatholic? This is another opportunity to support our parish, particularly in the pre-Christmas season.

You know how there are the growing traditions of “Black Friday” and “Small Business Saturday” and “Cyber Monday?” Well, there’s also a “Giving Tuesday” that wants to keep charities in the loop – not just shopping frenzy. The reason for the season. You might recall that in “A Christmas Carol,” there’s a collection among businessmen for those who are less fortunate that Ebenezer Scrooge

responds with “are there not poorhouses?” Most people do want to share, especially if there’s a need.

I am against harping to give more money just for the sake of “upping the contributions.” I think people will see what we’re doing and support these financially and with “elbow grease” to help make us a better and better parish all the time. But we would be remiss not to open this channel of support for those who wish to give something.

Besides, the Catholic Services Appeal has grown to help more and more people – and our contribution to this has expanded greatly. We had been supporting our Catholic school with much sacrifice, and now that we no longer have this, our part in the diocesan CSA effort has grown substantially.

This effort is underway on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year – Giving Tuesday. You are welcome to help us out, but don’t feel obligated. Perhaps it may become an annual habit. We could certainly use a few bucks to help make up our shortfall of our 2024 CSA goals.

*Fr John*



### ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sr Kathleen Dietz, FSO, will be coming to Fr Gallina Social Hall on Saturday, December 7th, to lead us in a morning of prayer and reflection on the themes of Advent. This will be from 10 am until noon. We are hosting this program for women and men from the Bradford Deanery (Potter, McKean, and Warren counties). Mark your calendar!

**COMMUNION PROCESSION**—please wait for a greeter or usher to approach your pew. You may remain kneeling or seated until that time. We hope that this will increase the reverence of our Eucharistic celebrations.

**“Music for the Advent & Christmas Season”** featuring Mr. Alden Wright, organist—Friday, December 6, 2024, 12 Noon, Harriett B. Wick Chapel—University of Pittsburgh at Bradford On **Friday, December 6 from Noon to 1 PM**, Pitt-Bradford will present to the campus and community its **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent and Christmas Organ Recital** on the magnificent Sarah B. Dorn Organ in the Harriett B. Wick Chapel. This year’s artist is Mr. Alden Wright, a highly accomplished musician who currently serves as Director of Music & Organist at Christ Church Episcopal in Pittsford, New York. We hope you will make plans to attend and hear the wonderful sounds of the Sarah B. Dorn Organ played by an exceptionally talented and accomplished organist. **Doors open at 11:30 am, and admissions is free.**

**STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS AT OMPH** — The stained-glass windows at Our Mother of Perpetual Help have been removed and will be taken to a church warehouse for distribution elsewhere. We know that some families very much want these as keepsakes. (It seems the same process will be underway for the St Francis Church stained-glass as well.) Please contact the office for more information and availability, if you are interested in one of the OMPH windows.

### CEMETERY NEWS

*Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium. We should be operational before Christmas. There are some niches still for sale.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar:** TBA  
**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, December 4th @ Noon  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, December 10th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, December 18th @ 11:15 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Wednesday, January 8th @ 4:30pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, December 11th @ 11:00 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30 pm



**The Bradford Council #403  
of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

**Please Note: Next meeting on December 10th**

Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**ATTENTION WIDOWS!** We combined November & December meetings into one to be held on Wednesday, December 4th. Rosary at Noon in Divine Mercy Chapel followed by Pot Luck Lunch in Gallina Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and a "white elephant" gift.

**COLLECTION FOR YWCA: The Knights of Columbus,**

Bradford Council 403 is partnering with the Zonta Club to collect supplies to support the **YWCA's Victims Resource Center**. Items needed include pillows, socks and underwear in adult and children sizes, laundry detergent, soap, combs, brushes, shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products and grocery gift cards.

Items can be left in a box at the back of the church or at the Parish office. All items should be dropped off by December 10. The Knights thank the parish community in advance for their generosity.



**CHRISTMAS FLOAT** The float will be assembled in the three stall garage at the rear of the St. Francis parking lot the week of December 2nd. We will meet each night at 6pm until the float is completed. Parishioners can view the float in the Christmas parade on Friday, December 6th which takes place on Main St. in Bradford. The parade will begin at 6pm.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Question: Grapes and wheat are a symbol of what Sacrament?

Answer: Holy Eucharist.

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Calling all youth, grades K through 12. Please join our Bradford Catholic Community Youth Christmas Choir under the direction of Ryan Cannon. Lynne Kuntz will be assisting. All youth are welcome and we need your voices! The Youth Choir will be singing at Christmas Eve Mass. Our first practice will be held **Sunday, November 17th at 11:15** at the Fr. Galina Social Center. More practices to follow. Any questions please contact Sue Bradley at 814-598-7505 or Kim Graham at 814-598-4570.

**GRADES 1-5 MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL. PLEASE NOTE: Safe training will take place this year for all grades. This is required by the Diocese. Training will take place in class for Grades 1-5 on November 24th.**

**On Sunday, December 1st (Grades 1-5) will meet in Gallina Hall at Noon for the Advent Wreath project.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS**

REMIND is the APP we use to keep in touch about REP classes. You must join the **NEW** groups this year. Information to join REMIND can be found in the registration packets, on the bottom of the REP 2024-2025 schedule. We always need volunteers for grades 1-5! If you're interested, please contact Kim VanHorn via the church office.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

There are Christmas Flower envelopes in your November envelope packs. **If you would like to honor a living or deceased family member or friend, write their name on the envelope**, include your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. If you do not receive envelopes, put your name on a small plain envelope and list your names to be remembered on the back. **Either way make sure to note living (L) or deceased (D) for each name.**



**These remembrance requests are due in to the office no later than Sunday, November 24th.** Remembrance sheets with these names will be with the Dec. 22nd bulletin.



Due to high demand there will one more Gift Card (SCRIP) order (the last one before Christmas). 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 Sunday, December 1st!** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



The St. Francis Bell Choir is holding their annual fundraiser, selling tickets to win an authentic, hand-crafted Gingerbread House. Tickets cost \$5.00/each and the winner will be drawn on December 4, at the hand bell concert which takes place in Richie Hall starting at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased from any bell choir member or in the church office. The choir thanks you for your support!



**CHRISTMAS DINNER** — The Women’s Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford, along with the St. Francis Rosary Altar, will be meeting at the Bradford Club on Thursday, December 12th for Christmas Dinner. Social gathering is at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. **We will be collecting items for the YWCA’s Victim Resource Center.** Items can include pillows, underwear, socks (men, women & children’s) laundry detergent, combs & brushes, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, grocery gift cards, etc. Please bring to the dinner on the 12th and we will ensure the items get delivered to the Center. Please RSVP (if you haven’t already) before December 2nd to either Alicia @ 814-598-5076 or Joanie @ 814-362-3929. The \$20 fee will be collected at the door. Thank you!

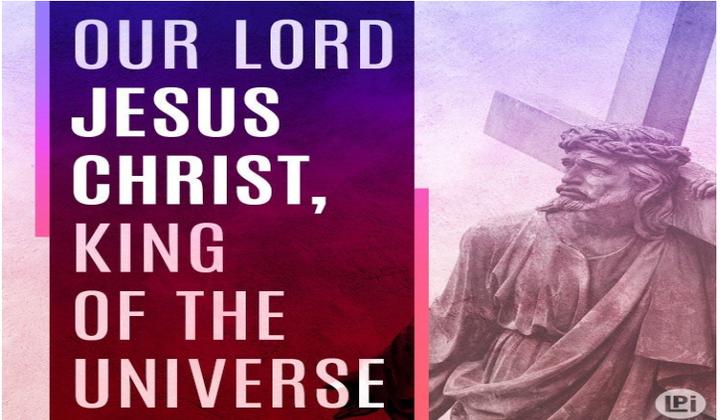
**PARENTING POINTERS** The Friday after Thanksgiving is the biggest buying day of the year. Try buying yourself some time by spending time as a family today – and this doesn’t mean shopping. Perhaps travel back in time to the days of the Pilgrims. See if you can live for a day without electricity or automobiles, much less computers or phones.

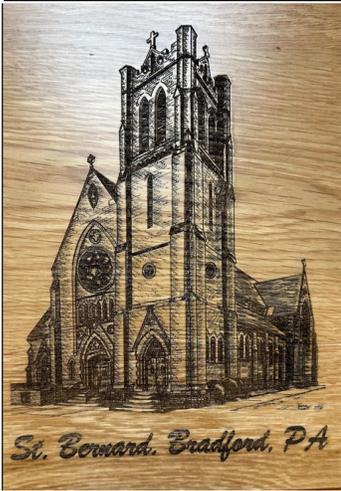
**MARRIAGE MOMENT** Thanksgiving week in USA: Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can’t afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse – don’t have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift. Give some of it away.

**Prayer for Thanksgiving**—Dear Lord, We raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift. Thank You for the ways You have blessed, guarded, and guided us this past year and always. Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart. Amen. ©LPi



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your donations support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click “How to Give” under “Resources.” #iGive Catholic Together also accepts funds for the collection—see <https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/>.





**PLAQUES STILL AVAILABLE**  
*These would make wonderful Christmas gifts.* Church plaque or Altar plaque \$60, both for \$100. Plaques can be seen at the office or at St. Francis Church. Please call the office if interested. They're available for immediate pick-up.



*St. Francis Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this week  
in memory of  
Beverly Hull*



**THE BOOK OF MEMORY**  
THE BOOK IS AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR YOU TO WRITE THE NAMES OF YOUR BELOVED WHO HAVE PASSED.



**COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK**  
The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard Cafeteria  
Monday, **November 25th**  
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

**THANKSGIVING**  
BLESSINGS

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HAPPY  
**Thanksgiving**

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**THANK YOU!** A very warm thank you to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Money Counters, and God's Housekeepers. Also, a thank you to all those who serve on Committees. We are thankful to everyone who continues to help St. Bernard/St. Francis church run smoothly!

**THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS**

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**PAPA SCOOPS**  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

DECEMBER 3RD

**GIVING TUESDAY**



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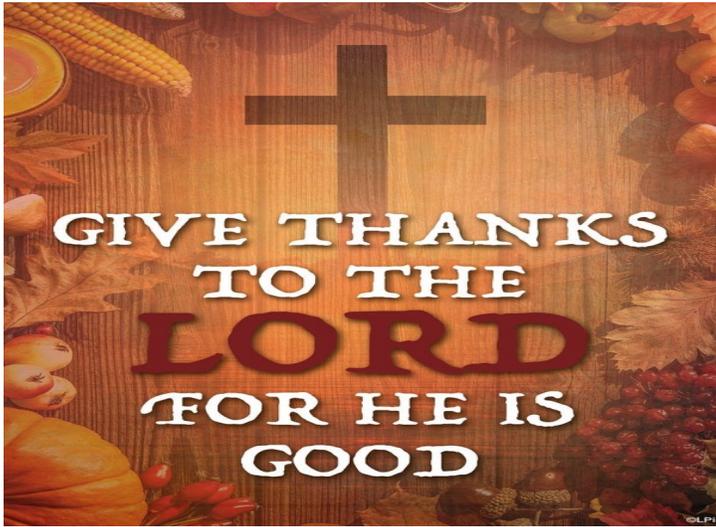
**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

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

November 17 ..... TBA

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**  
2024 CSA Collected ..... \$59,916

**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**





**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**  
 Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

**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. Francis** — 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:** Nursery is available during 10 am Mass at Ritchie Hall. If interested in helping out, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at [rubbytmor@gmail.com](mailto:rubbytmor@gmail.com).

**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
Organist St. Francis	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 NOVEMBER 25TH—DECEMBER 1ST**  
**All Masses will now be celebrated at St. Francis during renovations except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.**

**Monday, November 25th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Eugene Vinca (b) (Dave Vinca)  
 SF 9:00 am Nicholas Pingie (Estate)

**Tuesday, November 26th**  
 SF 9:00 am Julia McKenzie (Mariette Jumet)

**Wednesday, November 27th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Gordon Gannon (Sue Haas)

**Thursday, November 28th **THANKSGIVING****  
 SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, November 29th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Elvira Pascarella (Family)

**Saturday, November 30th**  
 SF 9:00 am Bev Hull (St. Francis Breakfast Group)  
 SF 4:00 pm Jack Mongillo (Beth Mongillo)

**Sunday, December 1st**  
 SF 8:00 am Barry Stauffer (Marty & Kris Sapko)  
 SF 10:00am Marisa South Wennin (Anthony Brzenski)  
 SF 11:30 am Stephanie Smith (Pehonsky Family)

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

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024**  
**Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm**  
**Lector:** Tammy Black  
**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Dick Williams/Peggy Johnson  
**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**DECEMBER 1ST, 2024**  
**Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am**  
**Lector:** **VOLUNTEER**  
**EM:** **VOLUNTEER** **CUP:** C. Pehonsky/ **VOLUNTEER**  
**Server:** David Hill

**St. Francis 10:00 am**  
**Lector:** Joyce Geist  
**EM:** Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Beth Mongillo  
**Servers:** Owen Manion & Luke Erickson

**St. Francis 11:30 am**  
**Lector:** Craig Cuthbertson  
**EM:** Carol Vinca  
**CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Karen McClain  
**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



**Pray For...** Please pray for those who are sick or suffering

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Frank Barton, 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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Kristen Marie Hayes, 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 & Paulette Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Anthony Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Mary O'Connell, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Mary Rae, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandra Remington, 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, Donna Whitford, Beckett Whitney, Corrine Wilson, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

**Readings for the week of November 24, 2024**

**Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/  
 Jn 18:33b-37

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
 Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
 Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/  
 Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/  
 Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

**Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/  
 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

