

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2026*

*Rev. John Jacquel
Pastor*

*Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate*

*Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian
community committed to being welcoming,
outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while
strengthening the faith formation of our youth and
adult members in their faith journey.*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



St. Bernard Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses

Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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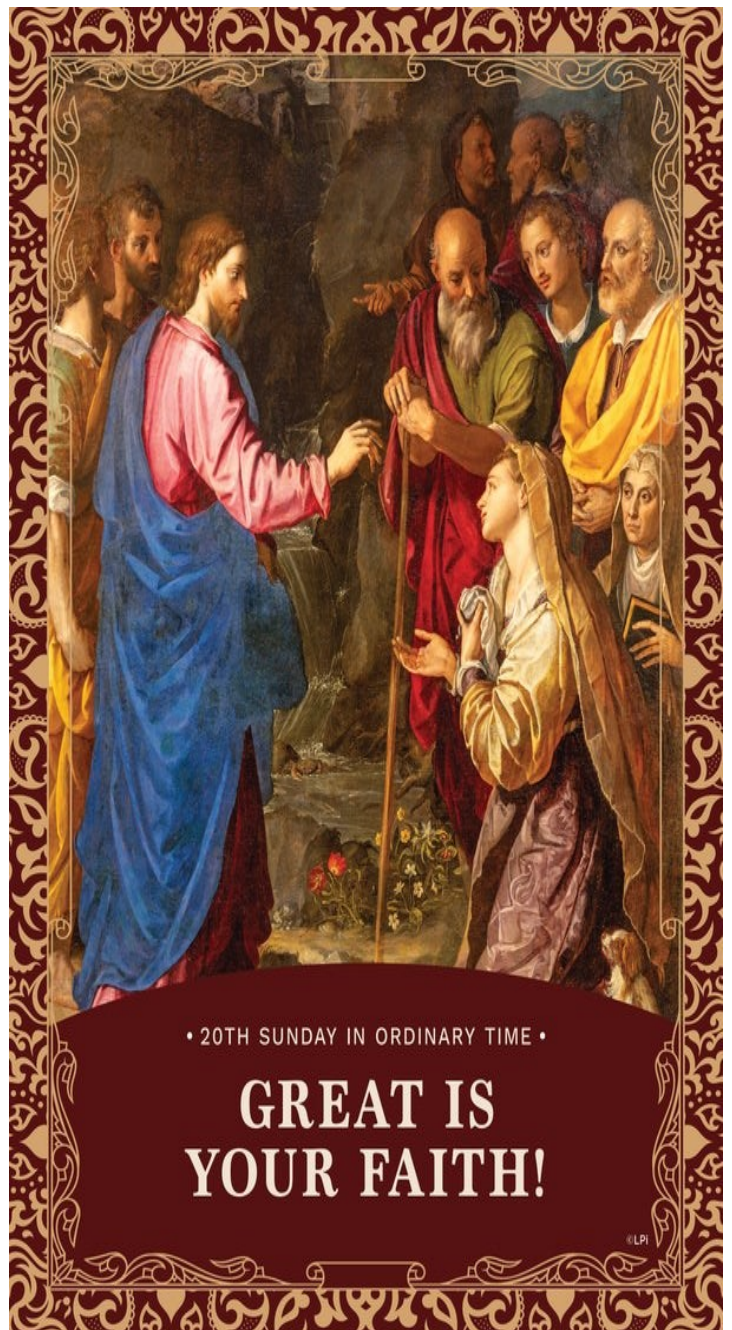
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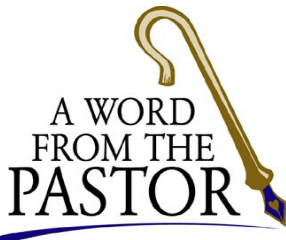
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**GREAT IS
YOUR FAITH!**

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I'm tempted to highlight the ways we hope to celebrate our parish's 150th anniversary now that we have arrived in the week to actually do it. I'm looking forward to some unique shared experiences in order to celebrate the past and focus on what we can foster in the future. But the schedule has been publicized elsewhere (including in this week's bulletin reminder).

In his opening remarks for the Italian Festival this year, Stan Pecora gestured toward St Bernard's saying that this parish was here as many immigrants arrived to work in the oil fields or other opportunities and to raise their families. The two wooden structures that pre-dated our 1892 brick church were indeed established to make a home here for so many.

A home that would lift their eyes and hearts to the loving God and Kingdom to which they were invited. The sacraments that would connect divine realities to their secular lives: Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick, and especially the Holy Eucharist. This is the place it happened, since 1876.

Today, there are many in our area who are but tenuously affiliated with this parish, (consolidated from Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Francis) but "partial" is better than "non-existent." Our coming together and our celebration will give reasons to "come home" to the faith, the community, and the Lord who can make life better for all.

So, let's party! There is much to celebrate!



**MAKE SURE YOU'VE PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS
FOR THE ST. BERNARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION SOIREE!**

Saturday, August 22nd. Join us in the gym with Happy Hour 5-6pm followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the Bradford Club. Music and dancing 6-8pm.

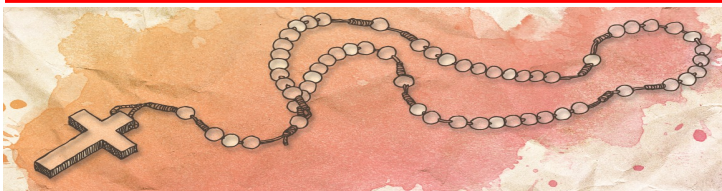
Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$20 each. Cash or Check only! Flyers listing the week long celebration events are available at the Church doors or at the office.



MEMORARE OF ST. BERNARD

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a Shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

**You Are Called | You Are Sent - Diocesan Confirmation
Retreat at Clarion University**

—Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Diocesan **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University**. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature high-energy speakers, music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico. Teens from across the Diocese of Erie will gather for a fun and faith-filled day centered on the theme, "You Are Called | You Are Sent." Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we're able to offer this retreat once again for free. Registration is now open and due by September 30. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! For details visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Summer break until September
K of C #403 : Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break until September
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 13th—10 am
 Mass followed by Brunch @ Togi's. \$20 per person. RSVP
 to Alicia 814-598-5076. Board Meeting, Tuesday, September
 15th @5:45pm followed by General Meeting. All are
 welcome!
**NOTE: If you have your first September meeting
 scheduled let us know ASAP so we can update this.**



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will
 be burning this week in Memory of
 Sabrina Webster*



**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 September
 8th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new mem-
 bers are most welcome.

**THANK YOU TO OUR
 ADVERTISERS**

SHEMBEDA FLOOR

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

August 9..... \$ 7,327

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 60,675

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please
 do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with
 weekly payments.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REP will begin September 13th. Registration packets are
 now available in the church or the parish office. You can
 also register online on the parish website. Packets include a
 schedule which is also available online. Please note grades
 1-5 will meet on Sunday morning and grades 6-9 will meet
 Sunday evening. Confirmation will take place in 9th grade
 with a mandatory retreat on November 7, 2026, in Clarion,
 PA. Emails will be sent to parents of confirmation students
 with more information. Please mark your calendar for this
 important date.

As always, communication will take place through the
 Remind app. Please use the new Remind codes listed be-
 low. Last years codes have been archived and are there-
 fore no longer available. It is important that you register for
 Remind as that is the primary way I will communicate with
 you. You can reach me through the Remind app, by calling
 the parish office 362-6285 or emailing me at
StBernardREP@outlook.com.

New Remind codes are:

Grades 1-5 send text to 81010 Code. In the message
 enter @grades152

Grades 6-9 text 81010 Code. In the message enter
 @grades692

Cindy Greek
 REP Coordinator

PARENTING POINTERS—Children can tire and frustrate
 us, but they can also teach us simplicity, awe, and loyal
 love. Remember Jesus' words, "Truly I tell you, unless you
 change and become like children, you will never enter the
 kingdom of heaven." (Mt 18.3) Just for today, look at your
 child with the eyes of Jesus and learn something about life.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—if you are
 currently taking Communion to the homebound, or to any of
 the long term care homes, or if you would be interested in
 doing so, please call the office so we can update our
 records. Thank you!



Sunday, August 16th starting at 12:30 pm on the church grounds and in Gallina Hall. Featuring food trucks, games and a scavenger hunt. This will be the kick off to the week of festivities to follow in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our Parish. **All are welcome!!**

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CALENDAR

Monday, August 17: 6pm Rosary Walk-Main St. or in the Chapel. Followed by hot dogs & social. 7pm Trivia Night in the Social Hall.

Tuesday, August 18: 12pm Rosary in Chapel. 6pm Rosary Walk-Pitt Trail & Chapel. Ice Cream Social w/ History Presentation by Catholic Women's Club in Hall.

Wednesday, August 19: 11:30am Rosary in Chapel prior to 12:10 Mass. 6pm Eucharistic Procession with Bell Choir followed by Holy Hour/Adoration.

Thursday, August 20: 6pm Rosary Walk-Hospital/High School and in Chapel. Followed by bingo & pizza in social hall.

Friday, August 21: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in Chapel

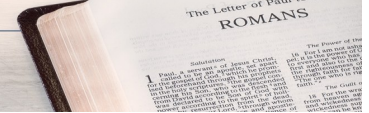
Saturday, August 22: In the Gym-Evening Soiree-Happy Hour 5-6pm, heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by the Bradford Club. Music & dancing 6-8pm.

Sunday, August 23: One Mass at 11am with Bishop Lawrence Persico. Light reception to follow in Gallina Hall.

Pick up a blue sheet in the back of the Church for more details on each event.

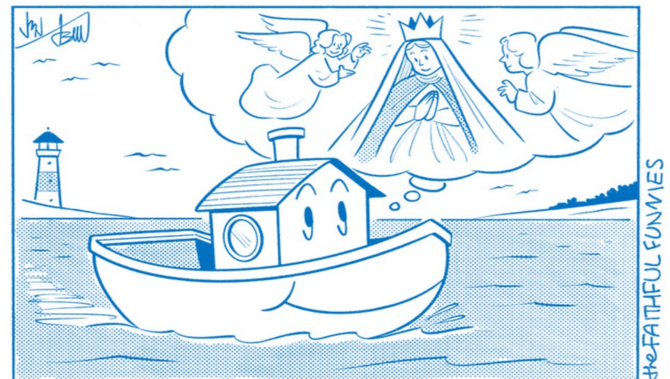
A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is not just about bringing life into the world; it is also about daily sacrifices for your children.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

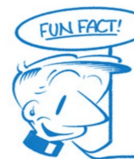


Do you want to become closer to God and the Holy Spirit? The Catholic Women's Club is hosting a bible study titled "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit". This study will meet for an hour in Gallina Social Hall on Monday evening from 6-7pm, September 14-November 16. All parishioners are welcome to join in the low key, exchanging experiences and learning environment of the Holy Spirit. The cost of the study book is \$15. If this invitation is calling your name, reserve your seat by calling Teri Everett 412-400-0544. Enrollment deadline is August 30, 2026.

"What's a boat's favorite Marian feast?"



"The Queenship of Mary!"



In very old traditions, such as the Old Testament, kings often had multiple wives, which meant many children. In those situations, a mother would often secure the crown for her son, so the title of "queen" went to the king's mother.

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MARRIAGE MOMENT—Our bodies change over the years. Arise to a new way of being alive today. Maybe you awoke with aches and pains; maybe it's your heart that aches or your mind that worries. Trust that your love does not depend upon a perfect body or mind.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name?

Answer: Pope John Paul I

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St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153.

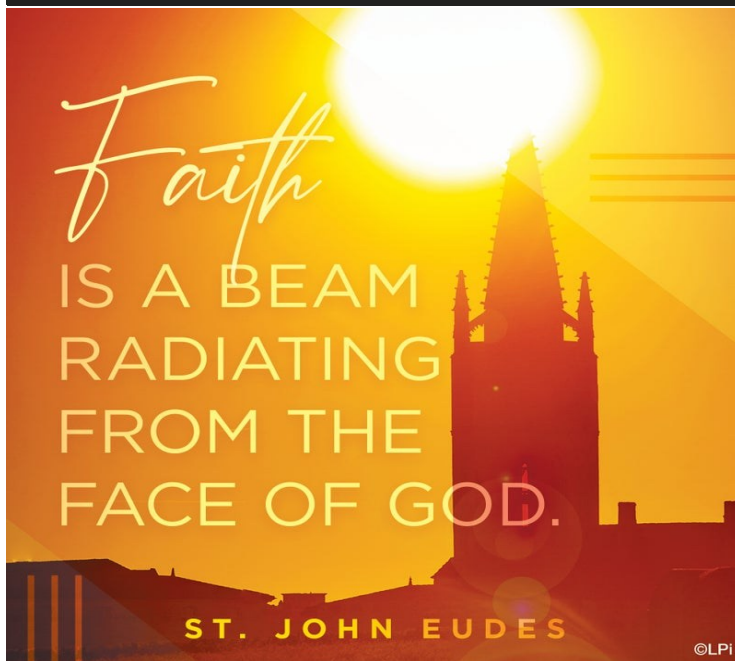


As the Mother of Jesus – whom Christians hail as the King of Kings – Mary’s queenship reflects her unparalleled role in salvation history.

But Mary’s crown isn’t just about honor – it’s about her God-given power. We believe that as Queen of Heaven, Mary wields extraordinary intercessory power, advocating for humanity before the throne of her Son. This belief has inspired centuries of devotion, with Mary depicted as a crowned queen in countless works of art across cultures. Pope Pius XII’s 1954 decree didn’t invent Mary’s queenship; rather, it formally recognized a devotion that had been growing for centuries. Today, this feast invites believers to reflect on a profound paradox: how the lowly handmaid of Nazareth became the most exalted among all created beings, occupying a unique place of honor in God’s plan of salvation.

As we celebrate Mary’s heavenly coronation, we’re reminded that in God’s kingdom, the humble are exalted – and that through Mary, we too are invited to share in the royal dignity of Christ.



**PASTORAL STAFF**

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

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

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Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

Email: office@stbernardcatholic.org

CONFESSIONS:

St. Bernard — Saturdays from 3:15 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: Cindy Greek

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 or email Cindy Greek @ StBernardREP@outlook.com



**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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **OCIA** 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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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AUGUST 17TH-AUGUST 23RD

Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, August 17th

SBC 9:00 am Frances Thomas Barry (Virginia Barry)
SBC 12:10 pm Souls Who Gave Lives for Their Country
(Ron Lerch & Family)

Tuesday, August 18th

SBC 9:00 am George Kriz (Elnora Morgan & Family)

Wednesday, August 19th

SBC 12:10 pm The Fenstemaker Family (Joan Mansour)

Thursday, August 20th (Feast of St. Bernard)

SBC 9:00 am Jean Everett (Jim & Christine Belardi)
SBC 12:10 pm Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard

Friday, August 21st

SBC 12:10 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Black Family (Black Family Reunion)

Saturday, August 22nd

SBC 9:00 am Anne Taylor Babasick (Family)
SB 4:00 pm Robert O. Burrell (Bob Burrell)

Sunday, August 23rd

SB 11:00 am Special Mass with Bishop Persico
Marian Freaney (Ann Cavallero)
Helen Pecora (Stacie & Michael Salerno)
Leo & Sally Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)

Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.



MASS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 22ND, 2026



Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Dick Williams

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

AUGUST 23RD, 2026

Sunday, St. Bernard 11:00 am

Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico

Con-Celebrants: Fr John Jacquel; Fr Ed Walk;
Fr Raymond Gramata; Fr Leo Gallina
Fr Obinna Pascal

Lectors: Anne Frownfelter, David Ditz

Servers: Abigail Carlson, Jaxyn Eckstrom
Claire & Teddy Henretta



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, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christina DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, 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, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Ann Miller, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Suzie Sperry, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Patricia Verelli, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

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



Readings for the week of August 16th



Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20