

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*November 3, 2024*

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## *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

Temporarily Closed for  
Renovations




## *St. Francis of Assisi*



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*“Jimmy” made his first confession last March. When “Jimmy’s” class was preparing to go to confession (his second time), he and some other third grade students told the pastor that they wished they could come to Church on Sunday. Before the pastor could ask why, several children gave the following reasons: “My Mom and Dad sleep on Sundays;” “I’m with my Dad on weekends;” “We’ll go when I make my First Communion.” This was in the context of a class visit. Kids say the darndest things!*

*“Susie” is in sixth grade this year – Middle School. She loves school and she made Honor Roll this quarter. She is a cheerleader, second-string on the basketball team, and has been taking piano lessons “forever.” She meets her pastor in the grocery store parking lot and before he can say anything she says, “Do you remember me, Father? I made my First Communion when you came to our church. My Mom says that we don’t have time to go to church on Sundays because I have so many activities. I start soccer practice next Sunday. My grandparents want me to be confirmed, so do I have to go to church to do that?” Kids say the darndest things.*

These first two paragraphs are taken almost verbatim from the St Bernard Parish newsletter “The Clear Voice” printed December 1997 (twenty-seven years ago). But they are pertinent today. The number of extracurricular activities for school-age children has dramatically increased – and so have the excuses for skipping religious education classes.

There are many parents who don’t want to see their children miss out on the opportunities to excel at various skills, but it does seem, sadly, that faith formation and discipleship get more and more sidelined. I guess we shouldn’t be surprised. But our parish is making big efforts to increase the attractiveness of our sessions, changing our methods and curriculum, and the result is increasingly empty gatherings of children. Will it all erode away? The students who do come today are some of the very best in the area! We’d like to see more of them at Sunday Mass – so they can grow their relationship with the Lord. I believe we have some other great young people, too, whom I haven’t yet had the opportunity to meet.

Serious questions to consider as we look to the future. Remember the remarks that my brother priest, Fr Scott Detisch, wrote - about Burger King Catholicism in a Netflix World?

*Fr John*

**PROCESSIONS: GIFT AND COMMUNION** — We discontinued the practice of bringing the bread, wine, and collection forward to the altar during the pandemic. It’s time to bring this meaningful gesture back into our liturgy. Our greeters and ushers will be looking for family volunteers to help, especially if the Intention for this Mass is a member of your family. If you don’t care to do this, just let them know when you arrive for Mass and we’ll find someone else from the assembly to bring these items. We also hope to begin bringing more order to the Communion procession – so, please wait until the greeter or usher approached your pew. You may remain kneeling or seated until that time. We truly hope that this will increase the reverence of our Eucharistic celebrations. We hope to begin these next weekend, November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

**GREETERS & USHERS** — On Wednesday, November 6, there is an important brief meeting for these ministers to review the new procedures: gift procession and Communion procession. There are two times – to make it convenient. 1 pm and 6:30 pm. We will meet at St Francis Church, where we worship currently. The meeting should last less than 30 minutes.



**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 are, unfortunately, not able to make them available to parishioners – according to diocesan policy. **But the bottom panel, with donors’ names, ARE available.** They will need to be removed at a cost of \$260. 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 if you are interested.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar:** Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm  
**Widow's Group:** TBA  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, November 12th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, November 13th @ 11:15 am  
**Pastoral Council:** TBA  
**Finance Council:** Thursday, November 14th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, November 13th @ 11 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** TBA



**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 November 12th**

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

**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**



The Bradford Catholic Community is now collecting **non-perishable food** in support of the **Bradford Salvation Army** Holiday food boxes! They make boxes for distribution before Thanksgiving and then also supply food boxes and meals for the Christmas holiday. They are counting on your generosity to help again. Items such as **boxed or instant potatoes, canned or readymade gravy, cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing and no-bake style desserts** are always needed. Any non-perishable canned or boxed ready-to make meal type items are appreciated. *Cash donations welcome!* **Checks should be made out to the Salvation Army. Items can be dropped off at the parish office Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024.** Please support this worthy community activity.



**If you have not registered for REP yet, please note that there is a late fee of \$10, to cover the cost of a rush order for materials.**

**REP GRADES 6-9 MEET NOVEMBER 3RD FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL. 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. Grades 6-9 on October 27th & Grades 1-5 on November 24th.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS**

REP has started! The Confirmation class retreat this year will be Saturday, November 9th at the Pitt-Bradford Campus, from 9am—5 pm. **Attendance is mandatory.** Parents and students, please mark your calendars! And, remind your classmates. (Confirmation will normally be in 9th grade). 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 FLOAT COMMITTEE** — The organizational meetings have wrapped up.

**The following are the work sessions:**

Thursday, November 7th; Tuesday, November 19th; and Thursday, November 21st at 5:30 pm in Ritchie Hall we'll be making paper stock shoes that will be passed out to the children during the parade. We plan on assembling 200-250 shoes. If parishioners would like to donate scotch tape for this project, it will be greatly appreciated. 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.



**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN** Question: What does salt symbolize during a Baptism?  
 Answer: Wisdom


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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

# November 2024

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  ALL SAINTS DAY	2 Rev Joseph Czarkowski
3 Rev G. William Fischer, O.S.F.S.	4 Rev Stephen Schreiber	5 Rev Kyle Seyler	6 Rev Lawrence Richards	7 Rev Jerome Simmons	8 Rev Nicholas Fratus	9 Very Rev. V. David Foradori, EV
10 Rev Cesar Segovia	11 Rev Paul Siebert	12 Rev Raymond Gramata	13 Rev John Fischer	14 Rev Thomas Curry, O.S.B.	15 Pray for Vocations	16 Rev Vincent Cieslewicz
17 Rev John Chaplin	18 Rev Dennis Martin	19 Rev Jason Glover	20 Rev Msgr Joseph Riccardo, VF	21 Most Rev. Lawrence Persico	22 Rev Msgr David Rubino	23 Rev Marc Solomon
24 Captain Joseph Campbell	25 Pray for Consecrated Life	26 Rev James Campbell	27 Rev John Beal	28  HAPPY THANKS GIVING	29 Rev Zab Amar	30 Rev Msgr Bruce Allison



The St. Francis Bell Choir is holding their annual fundraiser. This year they are selling tickets to win an authentic, hand-crafted Gingerbread House to decorate your home for the holidays! 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!

**PLEASE NOTE:** St. Francis Hand Bell Choir will now meet every **Thursday at 6 pm** in the choir loft for practice. New members are welcome!



**Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford** invites all **Veterans, their Families and Parishioners** to attend a Patriotic Rosary at St. Francis Church on Sunday, November 10th at 9:30 am (prior to 10 am Mass). Following will be a Veterans' Luncheon in Fr. Ritchie Hall featuring soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

**Please join us as we honor our Veterans!!**



**BRADFORD DESTINATIONS**

is collecting clean, gently used winter outerwear items  
COATS, SCARVES, GLOVES, MITTENS, HATS



**COLLECTION SITES**

- Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce, 121 Main St.
- Northwest Savings Bank, 33 Main St
- Northwest Savings Bank, 950 E. Main St.
- Destinations-Bradford, 1 Main St.
- Your local Religious Organization
- Bradford Family YMCA, 59 Boylston St.

There will be a tote in the back of St. Francis Church  
Collection Dates: October 1st—November 8th  
Distribution will be on Saturday, November 16th  
10:30 am—4:00 pm @ St. Bernard's Gym



*St. Francis Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this week  
in memory of  
Nancy Sposato*



The former Nursey 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! See you Sunday!



**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Bullying**

is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit [www.stopbullying.org](http://www.stopbullying.org). For additional resources visit [www.eriecrd.org/childprotection](http://www.eriecrd.org/childprotection)



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



**MAMA JANE'S EATERY**  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!



**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**  
October 27 .....\$ 6,676  
World Mission Sunday.....\$ 3,010

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**  
2024 CSA Collected ..... \$56,867

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



**Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**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,

**PASTORAL STAFF:**  
 Rev. John B Jacquell, *Pastor*  
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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. 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). Classes began in September and will continue through May. Please look for registration packets in the back of the church or for more info call the parish office. **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 [rubymor@gmail.com](mailto:rubymor@gmail.com).

**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 Jacquell

**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 4TH—NOVEMBER 10TH**  
**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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 4th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Anne Tominez (Rita Stark)  
 SF 9:00 am Matthew Perna (Stuart & Ruby Morris)

**Tuesday, November 5th**  
 SF 9:00 am Pat Pecora (Michael & Stacie Salerno)

**Wednesday, November 6th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Sandra Sullivan McArter (Fr. Steve, Diane & Mike Schreiber)

**Thursday, November 7th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Carrol Vecellio (Rita & Kevin Costello)  
 SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, November 8th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Ray Burgess (Jessica Hervatin)

**Saturday, November 9th**  
 SF 9:00 am Nancy Sposato (Richard Sposato)  
 SF 4:00 pm Dean R. Place (Debbie & John Place)

**Sunday, November 10th**  
 SF 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (Cindy Greek)  
 SF 10:00 am Nita & Lou DeFrank (Gene & Helen DeFrank)  
 SF 11:30 am Andrew Pehonsky (Kevin & Jan Behan)

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

**NOVEMBER**

**Readings for the week of November 3, 2024**

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/  
 Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24


**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/  
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024**  
**Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm**  
**Lector:** Mary Anne Stauffer  
**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Peggy Johnson  
**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024**  
**Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am**  
**Lector:** Joan Yohe  
**EM:** Kevin Fox **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/**VOLUNTEER**  
**Server:** David Hill

**St. Francis 10:00 am**  
**Lector:** Jim Colligan  
**EM:** Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Teri Everett  
**Servers:** Daniel Marasco & Caleb McAndrew

**St. Francis 11:30 am**  
**Lector:** Judy LeRoy  
**EM:** Karen McClain  
**CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Sue Lee  
**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, 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.**