

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2024

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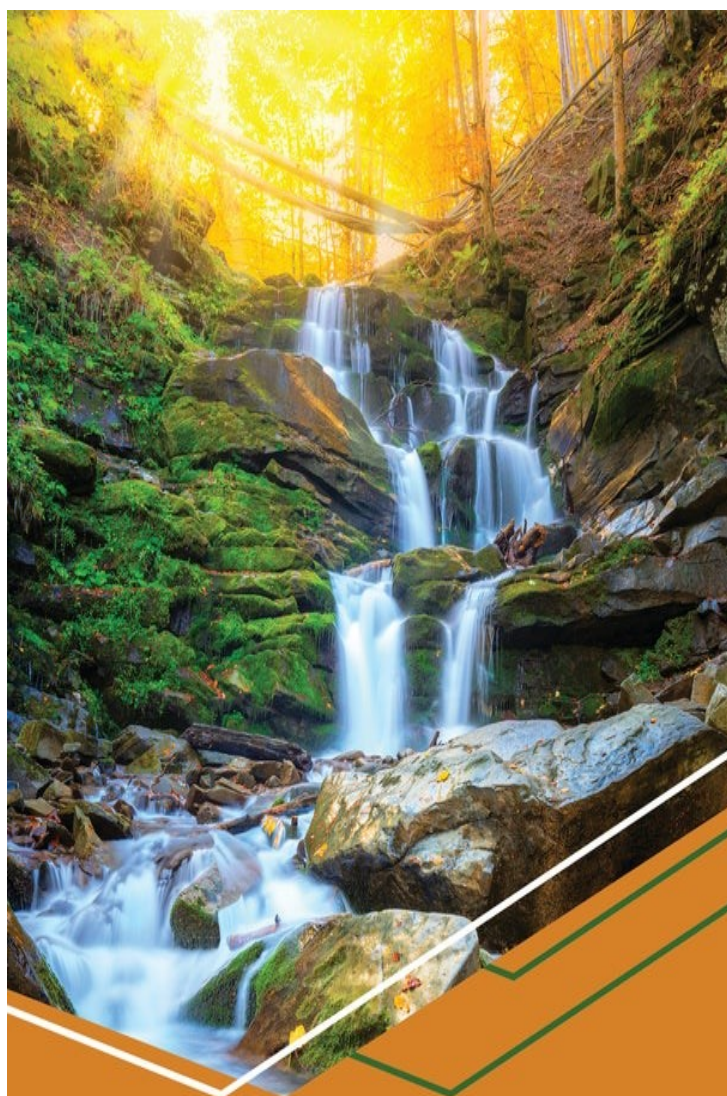
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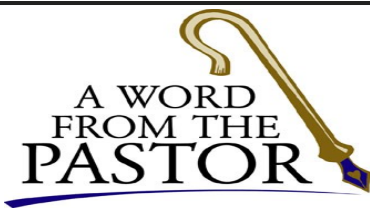
St. Francis of Assisi



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mk 10:26-27



Time to look at some new sources of inspiration? How about these?

Cardinal Carlo Montini was an amazing and inspiring Archbishop of Milan. There were hopes among many that he would be elected as Pope. Before his death, he left behind many wonderful reflections and among them is **Disciples of the Risen Christ** (2015) – a thin volume that explores the mysteries of Holy Thursday, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost. Perhaps you, too, will get to be personally closer to Jesus as you experience this unpacking of these great events!

How about a book entitled **Quiet Dangers** (2023)? This one comes from Robert Wicks, a prolific teacher, therapist, and author – a psychologist who has deep spiritual insights – and who just keep cranking them out. The book is subtitled “*Navigating the Psychological Challenges of Spiritual Intimacy*” and it is not for the faint-hearted. He is quite direct with us about getting our priorities straight – and eliminating the many pitfalls that can derail our lives. We can tend, he contends, to self-sabotage our growth in many ways. I’ll need to review the contents again in order to better comprehend his emphasis toward contemplative prayer. He has many other books that might be more accessible to you.

The Prophet Muhammad: A Biography by Barnaby Rogerson (2003) is one of many that gives background on the Prophet. This time around, I began to understand how he had been a leader of armies and collected quite a few wives over the course of his lifetime. His struggles and sufferings over the old pagan idols in the Kaaba as well as his relocation from Mecca to Medina became a bit more visible to me. If you haven’t seen the film, *Mohammed: Messenger of God* (1977), I recommend it. It is a respectful treatment of the Prophet, whom you never see (it’s filmed from his point of view). Here’s hoping you, too, get inspired.

Fr John

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 20th, it’s important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth. Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ’s love. As we reflect on this year’s theme, “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Columbus Day need not only be about Christopher Columbus. Perhaps use this day to *rediscover* your love. Take a trip down memory lane and ponder the first time you saw the person who is now your life partner. Share your first impressions and what initially attracted you to each other. Reminisce together.

ST. BERNARD CEMETERY NEWS

All grave sites should be cleaned up by Columbus Day, October 14. **Fall clean-up will take place the following day and items will be disposed of.** Winter and holiday decorations are permitted after November 1st. A list of rules can be found on our website. Thank you!



PLEASE NOTE: St. Francis Hand Bell Choir will **NOW MEET every THURSDAY at 6:00 pm** in the choir loft for practice. New members are welcome!



CHRISTMAS FLOAT COMMITTEE MEETING

is Sunday, October 20th at 12:45pm in St. Francis Church. New comers are still welcome to participate. The float will be decorated the week of December 2nd. The Christmas Parade is Friday, December 6th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: Wednesday, October 16th at noon
K of C #403 : Tuesday, November 12th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, November 13th @ 11:15 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 29th @ 6 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, November 14th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, November 13th @ 11 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, October 22nd @ 6:30 pm

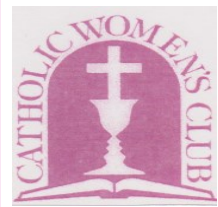


**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

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

Please Note: Next meeting on November 12th

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



Tuesday, October 15th Catholic Women's Club will hold their Board Meeting at 6 pm in Gallina Hall followed by their Harvest Tureen Dinner at 6:30 pm. Ham will be provided. Ladies please bring a dish to pass and/or dessert. RSVP to Martha Rhodes @ 814-598-4676. If you would like to become a member of Catholic Women you're invited to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC DAY *When Deacon Dave Jacquel spoke at the Holy Hour, October 1st, he mentioned that you could view the Eucharistic Congress talks on your computer. That link is: <https://relevantradio.com/national-eucharistic-congress/> If you want to hear his talk during the Holy Hour, you can go to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com and search for St Bernard of Clairvaux – Bradford PA. Let's do all we can to also "get on fire" for the gift of the Eucharist!*

WELCOME! NEW HIRE— We would like to welcome Mike Holdridge to the team. He is our new Facilities Manager. If you see him around, while he's getting acclimated to the Parish needs, say hello.



MINISTERS AT MASS

Our new Liturgy Committee is looking to develop some new positions. We'd like to see some Greeters at each Mass, to welcome our faithful parishioners as well as visitors, help to facilitate the gifts procession and help with sacristy (setting up vessels and books prior to Mass). We are also encouraging women who would like to help with the money collecting to give it a try. We'll get together for a little training. If you're interested please call the Parish office. Thanks for helping us to have even better celebrations of the graces God bestows!



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

GRADES 1-5 MEET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL. REP GRADES 6-9 MEET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

REP has started! Registration packets, are available at St. Francis Church, the parish office, or on our website. Please note that beginning this year current 6th grade students will be attending the evening class as they begin their Confirmation journey. Students are required to have been in REP 6th -8th grade in order to receive the sacrament. 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.

NURSERY started up again and will continue each Sunday, during the 10 am Mass, in Ritchie Hall. Ages 1-6 are welcome! Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Contact Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or call the Parish Office.

A LETTER
FROM THE BISHOP



September 18, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 2024, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of October 19-20. Donations collected at these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday supports over 1,150 mission territories specifically in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. In the 1800's, it was the Catholic Church in the United States that benefitted from this collection. Now is our chance to give back.

This year's theme is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (cf. Mt 22:9). This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of our missionary responsibility. Pope Francis emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, may we be inspired by the words of Pope Francis. Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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
Tom & Katie Behan*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**THE WOMEN’S CLUB OF THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF BRADFORD**



Will be hosting a spaghetti fundraiser dinner on Saturday, October 26th from 5-7pm in the Fr. Gallina Social Hall. Dinner will feature spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread & dessert. Adults \$12, Children \$8. Take out available!

Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End "An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: <https://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care> ." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

PARENTING POINTERS (Yom Kippur begins) Most world religions have annual times of self-introspection: Jews (Yom Kippur), Christians (Lent), Muslims (Ramadan). Regardless of faith, it’s healthy to reflect on how to be a better person. Teach your child to examine their conscience.



**BOB CUMMINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

October 6\$ 8,288

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected \$55,995

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**



Gift card (SCRIP) 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 Sunday, October 20th.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office. This will be the only order before Christmas.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Is Your Child Street Smart? Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you’re alone or with other kids. When your street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can “read” people. Teach your child who are strangers - (-anyone they do not know or kind of know- and to never approach a strangers vehicle. Teach to your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help. Places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren’t safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they are scared. For more information visit www.kidshealth.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection



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). 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 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,

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical

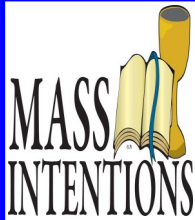
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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 OCTOBER 14TH — 20TH

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, October 14th COLUMBUS DAY

SF 9:00 am Sandy Manning (Bill Manning)

Tuesday, October 15th

SF 9:00 am Pat Pecora (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Wednesday, October 16th

SBC 8:00 am Gerald Cierpilowski (Bukowski Family)

Thursday, October 17th

SBC 8:00 am Anthony Caserio (Giselle Magnella)

SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 18th

SBC 8:00 am N. William O'Connell (Tom, Mary & King O'Connell)

Saturday, October 19th

SF 9:00 am Bob McCann JR (Nancy O'Donnell)

SF 4:00 pm Donald Luke (Linda, Jack, Jessie & Luke Kerr)

Sunday, October 20th

SF 8:00 am Tom & Katie Behan (Kevin & Jan Behan)

SF 10:00 am Tom & Sophie Burke (Family)

SF 11:30 am Timothy Newhouse (Tom & Mary O'Connell)

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



OCTOBER 19TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

OCTOBER 20TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Joan Yohe

EM: Deb Woodley **CUP:** Kevin Fox/Chris Pehonsky

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

EM: Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Teri Everett

Servers: Jaxon Eckstrom/**VOLUNTEER**

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson

CUP: Karen McClain/Craig Cuthbertson

Server: Dan Cuthbertson



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, Chris Perkins, 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, 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 October 13, 2024

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46



Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45