

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 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
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ST. BERNARD MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10.00 am, 11:30 am

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am
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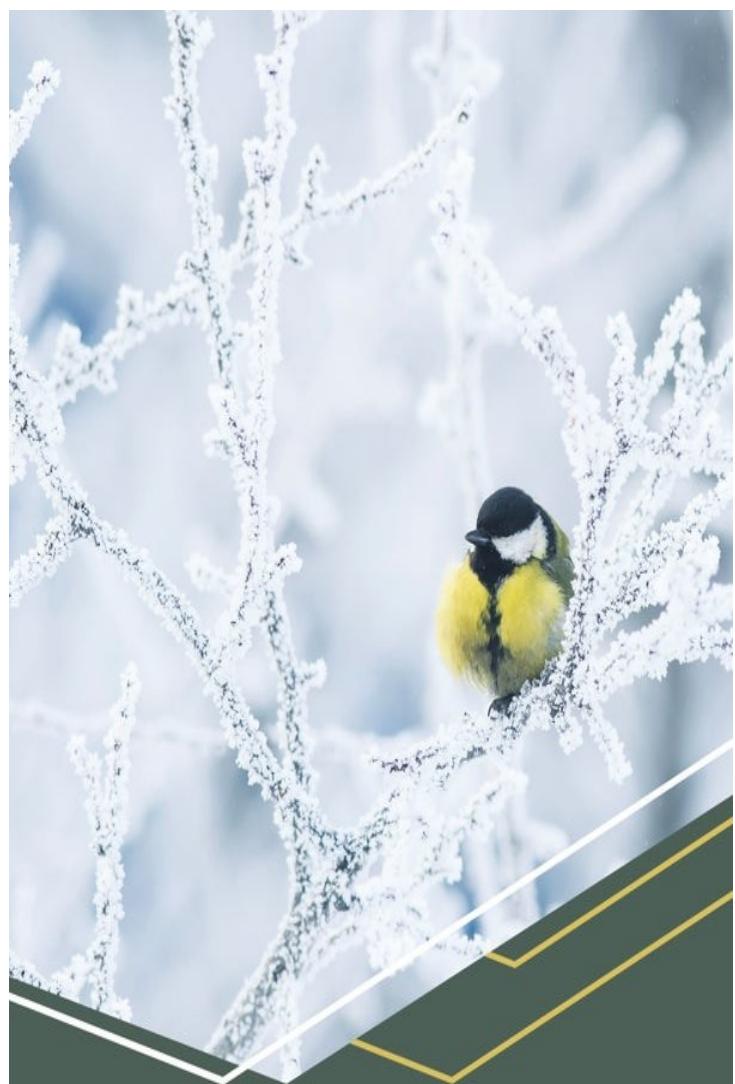
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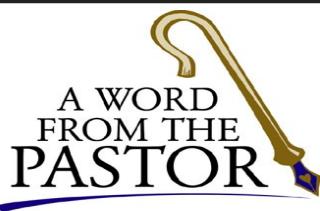
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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34



This week, let's take a quick look at a couple of books I perused during my sabbatical. (Almost thirty-five altogether.)

Maureen Day wrote about *Cultural Catholics* (2025) and described the situation of many who have left the practice of the faith and perhaps why. The moral norms, as grasped by generations today, have changed dramatically. One factor, Catholics seem less enthused about *being*

Catholic – thus there's a substantially less magnetic pull toward participation. That could also be related to the fact that less prayer is going on with infrequent attenders (a kind of vicious cycle). In addition, younger Catholics want to *do* something – serve, help make things better. They are often either neglected or few opportunities are presented. Ministries to very practical issues are more likely to gather the critical mass – than purely “spiritual” opportunities. Better preaching and evangelization efforts are also helpful.

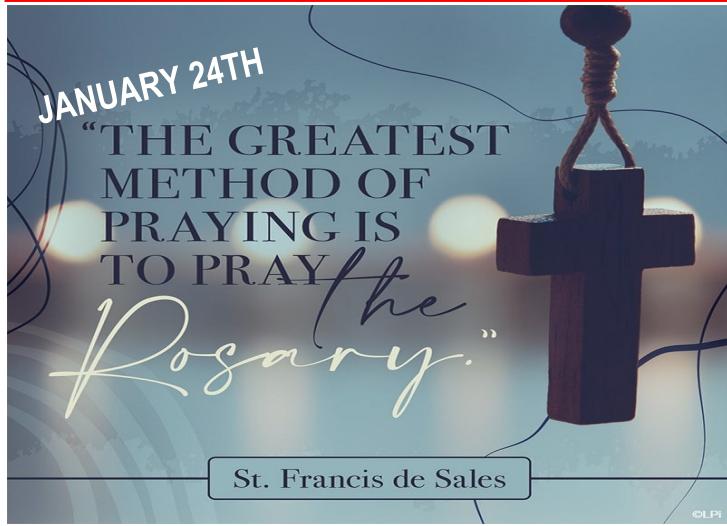
Sabbath, by Wayne Muller (1999) was the first book we all encountered on our four-month hiatus. I can recommend it for laying out the various components of what and why we need to take daily, weekly, monthly, and annual rest periods. Not just to “cease,” but also to engage in experiences that will recharge and re-spark our lives.

The guide that helped us begin our conversations and faith sharing was *The Enduring Heart* by Wilkie Au (2000), an especially insightful book that posed good questions at the end of each chapter. We were better able to identify the hazards and distractions that keep us from being most mindful and conscious of our loving God. While responding to one of the questions, I was able to recognize the hand of God active in my earlier struggles with problems as they became resolved by natural (and supernatural) means. I was further convinced that “with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26, Luke 1:37). These insights also helped spark a deeper exploration with my spiritual director, a grandmother who was certified for this work decades ago. Carol was a real gift!

Fr John

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: We are refreshing our Prayer Request list. If you, or someone you know, would like to remain on the list please let the office know. If you, or someone you know, has recovered and may no longer need to remain on the list, again please let the office know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST FORMS are in the back of the church. Please read directions carefully. We will start processing them later this month. Announcement will be made when ready.



Support *Faith* Magazine & Catholic Communications
DIOCESAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Thank you for helping us share the Good News!
ErieRCD.org/News/Communications.html



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Thursday, February 12th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: Wednesday, January 21st @ noon in the Chapel for Rosary followed by lunch in Gallina Hall (Bring your lunch)
K of C #403 : Tuesday, February 10th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, January 22nd @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, February 11th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, January 20th @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Saturday, February 14th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm **Valentine's Day Women's Retreat**, Gallina Hall, more details to come.



**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 February 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



A Favorite Parish Event—Annual Chili Cook Off—Saturday, January 24th in Gallina Hall, following the 4 pm Mass. Dinner includes Italian bread, cornbread, desserts & beverages. Adults \$10/Children 6-12 \$5. If you are entering a chili in the contest, your admission is free, and you must register your entry by calling the Parish Office @ 362-6825 by Wednesday, January 21st. Categories include Traditional; Non-Traditional; and **Hot & Spicy!**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

January 11.....\$ 7,278

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$110,710

Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.

Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
Mary Ann Roney*

Sanctuary Candles are \$15 each. Call the office if you're interested in reserving one. Reservations go quickly.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke about equality between the races. In marriage we call this mutuality. Although spouses may take on different tasks and roles, your value is equal. Is there any area of your marriage you want to be more equal (chores, parenting, income, affection)? Ask.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

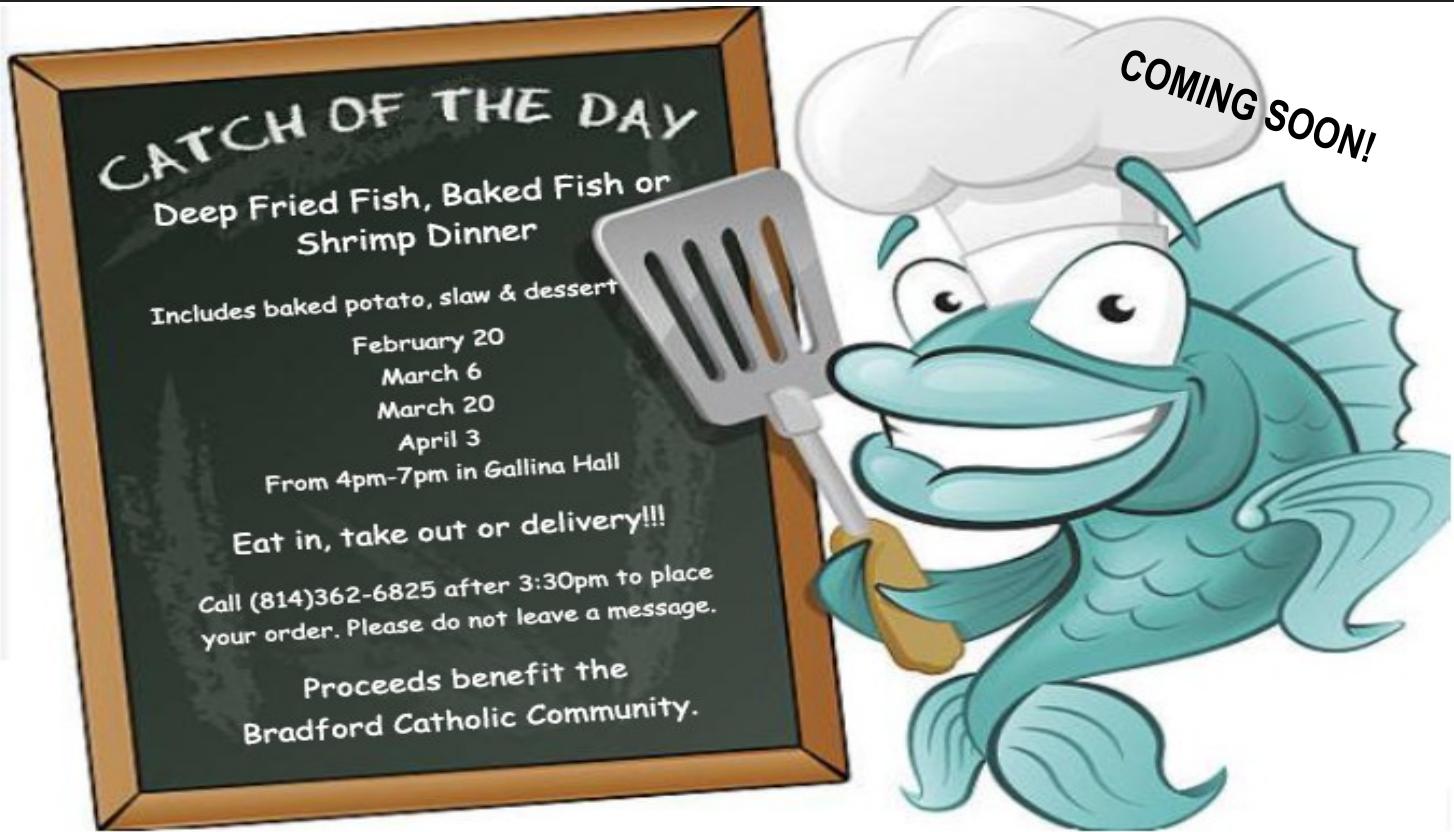
Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)

Feb 1st & Feb 22nd

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
 Jan 25th & Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only—
 Letters to the Bishop

Respect Life - Secondary Infertility—We all know couples who desire to have children but struggle with infertility. But have you ever heard of “secondary infertility”? It’s a term that may not be familiar, but it’s an experience of infertility that can be uniquely isolating. Couples struggling with secondary infertility have one or more children, but also have difficulty expanding their families. We can support these couples by not making assumptions about their family size, refraining from asking intrusive questions, and affirming their marriages and the gift of their parenthood. For more resources and support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.

PARENTING POINTERS—Not sure HOW to apologize. Try this formula: I'm sorry that I _____. I'll try not to do it again. Then consider if there is any way to make amends (repair what you broke, compliment someone you gossiped about, etc.)



HYGIENE DRIVE FOR DESTINATIONS continues thru the month of January. Shopping lists are in the back of the church for pick up. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

WE'RE HIRING

St. Bernard Parish Housekeeper

Seeking a part-time (12-15 hours a week) dedicated Housekeeper to contribute to the care and cleanliness of our facilities.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Clean and sanitize assigned areas, including bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and common areas
- Dust, vacuum, and mop floors to maintain cleanliness
- Keep facilities and common areas clean and maintained
- Clean and stock restrooms
- Perform detailed deep cleans when required
- Laundry management, including washing, drying, ironing, and sorting linens

Previous cleaning or housekeeping experience required.

- High attention to detail and ability to work independently.
- Physical stamina to lift up to 25 pounds and remain active for extended periods.
- Strong communication and ability to follow instructions.

Please email your resume to business@stbernardcatholic.org
Please include 2 professional references

Word of Life - Priorities at the Polls—“Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers' wombs as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. “Priorities at the Polls”



J.A. LUCIANO & SONS BUILDERS

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Is it true or false that all wine used in the Eucharist must be fermented?

ANSWER: True



January 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- **Faith magazine**
- **Catholic Communications (digital, video and news outreach)**

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- Deliver *Faith* magazine to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- Reach those on the margins who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- Strengthen our digital evangelization, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- Provide clear, trustworthy communication during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve *Faith* magazine as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Gina Davidson, Business Manager

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Elaine Doriguzzi, Administrative Assistant

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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.



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.

STEWARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

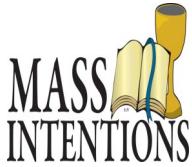
Liturgical

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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JANUARY 19TH-JANUARY 25TH All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (Including Saturday, 9am) (Subject to change) Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday)

SBC 9:00 am Delores "Dee" Luzzi (Michael & Stacie Salerno)

Tuesday, January 20th

SBC 9:00 am Karen Benedict (Elnora Morgan & Family)

Wednesday, January 21st

SBC 8:00 am The Fenstemaker Family (Joan Mansour)

Thursday, January 22nd

SBC 8:00 am Hazel Malas (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, January 23rd

SBC 12:10 pm John Schimmoeller (Beverly Gallup)

Saturday, January 24th

SBC 9:00 am Krista Miller (Judith LeRoy)

SB 4:00 pm Michael D. Long (Jim & Sharon Long)

Sunday, January 25th

SB 8:00 am Karen Benedict (Bill Benedict & Family)

SB 10:00 am Christine Michalski (Margie Girard)

SB 11:30 am Joseph Bennardi (Sandy)

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



Readings for the week of January 18th



Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Peggy Johnson

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

Servers: VOLUNTEERS

JANUARY 25TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Anne Frownfelter

EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

Server: Dave Hill



St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Andy Kearns

EM: Teri Everett **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Gloria Scarano

Servers: Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Carol Vinca

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, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami, Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliysen Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Jan Hancock, 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, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, 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.