

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 6, 2024

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## St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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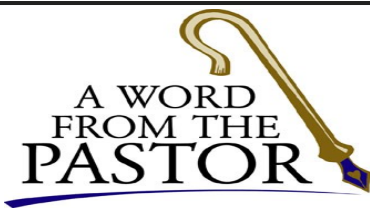


## St. Francis of Assisi



## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6



Well, the political ads have been bombarding us for some time. As we approach the time to cast our vote, what guidance can we find from our spiritual leaders?

There are many ways our greater faith community can shed light on how to consider carefully our vote. The Church has consistently taught that these principles are most important: the dignity and immense value of each human life, the care for the wonders of the environment

God has created, the health care of each individual, the balancing of needs of immigrants with national security, how we can help those who are impoverished, treating people unfairly due to their race, and that everyone has the right to worship freely, including non-Christians. These principles are for us, as faithful companions of Jesus, upon which we most ought to focus.

There are voter guides available, also, but as a faith-filled Catholic, we ought to prioritize the one our PA Catholic Bishops have produced. You can get this by going to: [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) Click on the top right: [Faithful Citizenship Information Resources](#). You will also find excerpts from the US Bishop's Statement on Faithful Citizenship, if you don't care to read the entire statement.

And, they are sponsoring a free program webinar "*Blessed are the Peacemakers*" on Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 pm. But you will have to register beforehand to get the link. This program will help us connect our faith life with our civic duties.

Actually, all these and other resources can be accessed from our Diocesan Web Site: [www.eriercd.org/election.html](http://www.eriercd.org/election.html) We have been handed a priceless gift in our country, state, and region. Don't let it degenerate by skipping your opportunity to vote.

And, let's not vote without being well-formed and informed.

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**

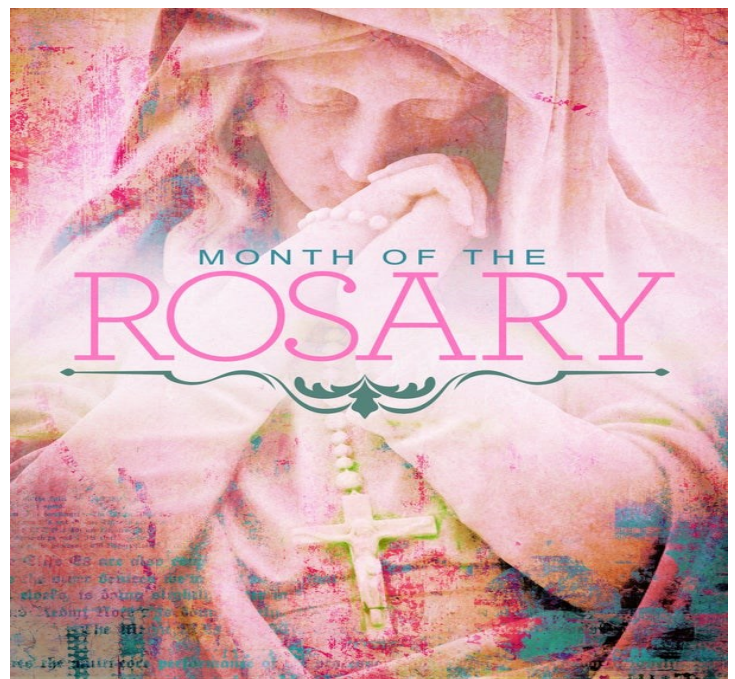
**BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

Please support this worthy community activity.

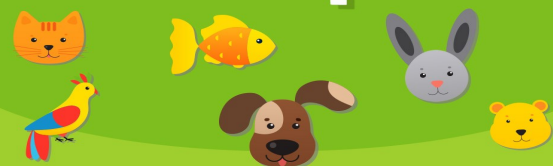


### ST. BERNARD CEMETERY NEWS

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!



## Blessing of the pets



Sunday, October 6th at 1 pm in St. Francis Parking Lot. Bring your pet(s) for a special blessing! All are invited.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Rosary Altar: TBA  
 Widow's Group: TBA  
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 8th @ 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, October 9th @ 11 am  
 Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, October 22nd @ 6:30 pm

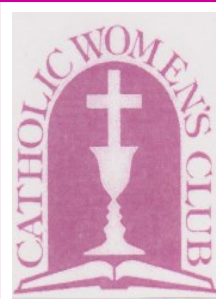


**The Bradford Council #403  
 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

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

**Please Note: Next meeting on October 8th**

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 a Harvest Turreen Dinner at 6:30 pm. Ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and/or dessert. RSVP to Martha Rhodes @ 814-598-4676. Everyone is welcome!



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**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**



*September 21, 2024*

**WELCOME**

*Westley Drew Rosenberger*



*September 29, 2024*

**WELCOME**

*Kingston George Stewart*

**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 and help to facilitate the gifts procession. We could also use a little 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!

**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** The Nursery is starting up again and will now 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.

**Ordinary Time — Question:** Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? **Answer:** Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins. Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus’ incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. ©LPi



### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, “Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?” I replied, “Actually, Jesus’ teaching is what’s difficult.” He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant. We opened the Bible and together read today’s gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, “**Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her...**” My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn’t know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, “**Let the children come to me.**” The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren’t yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church’s demanding teaching on marriage, it’s best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— Father John Muir

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## Respect Life Sunday

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: “I Came So That They Might Have Life” <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-24-reflection.pdf>

### Prayer for Marriage

God, pour Your blessings upon those You have called to marriage. Strengthen the bonds of their unions. May Your love be revealed in the ways they cherish and support each other, in good times and bad, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Amen. ©LPi

**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  
Margaret Jane Platko*

**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!



St. Francis Hand Bell Choir will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the choir loft for practice. New members are welcome!

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Question: What was the first Native American language approved for translation for most parts of the Mass?

Answer: Navajo.

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**World Wide Marriage Encounter** weekend October 11-13 Canandaigua, NY. For more information visit <https://wwme.org/apply/#>

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.



**LANG SURVEYING, LLC**  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS**

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

September 29.....\$7,434

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**

2024 CSA Collected ..... \$54,790

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Perhaps Jesus’ two-fold message in today’s gospel is a reminder to married couples to return to the innocence of the early years of their love—like children, loving each other with abandon. Do you know any couple who have recently married? Their love is contagious, and glowing, right? Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God’s faithful and selfless love ..... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.



**Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
**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](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,

**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**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 7TH—13TH**  
**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 7th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Lena Durnein (Lou & Angela Monti)  
 SF 9:00 am Mary Ann Maduri (Joan & Bob Carloni)

**Tuesday, October 8th**  
 SF 9:00 am Carrol Vecellio (The Tate Family)

**Wednesday, October 9th**  
 SBC 8:00 am **NO MASS (Priest Day of Recollection)**

**Thursday, October 10th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Michele Milks (Margaret Pyle)  
 SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, October 11th**  
 SBC 8:00 am Ron Yeager (Carol, Julie & Carrie Bomba)

**Saturday, October 12th**  
 SF 9:00 am Louis Lucco (Robert & Judy Bryan)  
 SF 4:00 pm Jude Luke (Farrell Family)

**Sunday, October 13th**  
 SF 8:00 am Harold Young (Wife & Children)  
 SF 10:00 am Greg Gordon (b) (Family)  
 SF 11:30 am Lisa Cropper (Bill & Terri Leven)


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



**Readings for the week of October 6, 2024**

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/  
 Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/  
 Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42 

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk  
 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
 Lk 11:5- 13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

**Next 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

**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 12TH, 2024**  
**Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm**  
**Lector:** Mary Anne Stauffer  
**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Tammy Black  
**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

**OCTOBER 13TH, 2024**  
**Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am**  
**Lector:** Anne Frownfelter  
**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** C. Greek/J. Schaming  
**Server:** David Hill

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

**St. Francis 11:30 am**  
**Lector:** David Ditz  
**EM:** Kim Ditz  
**CUP:** Carol Vinca/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, 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, 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.**