

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2024*

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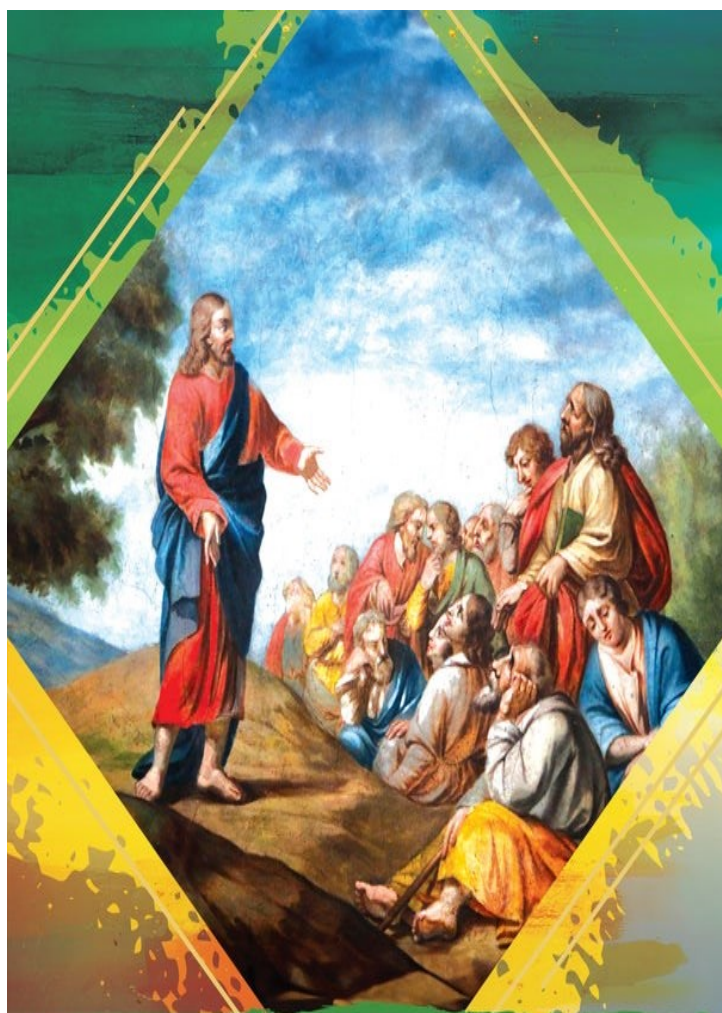
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*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

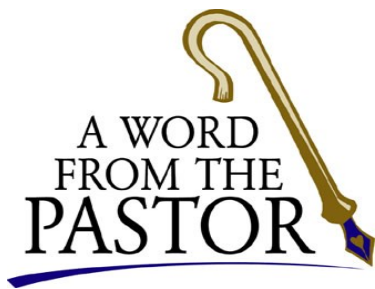


*St. Francis of Assisi*



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” - Jn 6:32



*America* magazine featured an article recently that the Church is “politically homeless.” That’s because both major political parties are pushing priorities opposed to Church teaching. Democrats promote abortion while Republicans push increased deportations and “closing the border.”

I recall recent past elections when, even though the Catholic Church will never endorse a particular candidate, it seemed that a majority of clergy were telling us that we *had* to vote for a particular party due to one issue or another. Often, it was the position on abortion – or at least the verbal opposition to it – that provoked such emotionally-charged responses.

Fr. Bill McCormick, SJ, states (July 17, 2024) that, “it is as clear as ever that neither major political party adequately represents the Gospel, and thus neither deserves the uncritical allegiance of Catholics.”

The U.S. Bishops have updated their pamphlet *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and said, “It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.... [T]his is not a time for retreat or discouragement; rather, it is a time for renewed engagement.” (Go to: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and search for this). Fr. Jim was always urging us to take this responsibility seriously – so, let me echo that.

Fr. McCormick sums it up by saying, “Regardless of what happens in 2024, U.S. Catholics will continue to face the challenge of acknowledging how politically homeless they are even as they fight for peace and justice. Christ’s kingdom is not of this world, and so ultimately ours cannot be, either.” Well said!

*Fr John*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

Looking ahead, REP will begin in September. Registration packets, with a calendar, are available at St. Francis Church or the parish office now. 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).

**REP REGISTRATION PACKETS** will be in the back of the church this weekend, & available in the church office on Monday, 8/5. They are also available online on our website. Please click on Religious Education for the links to the paperwork. **Please note: Grades 1-5, 1 packet PER FAMILY. Grades 6-9. 1 packet PER STUDENT.**

**REMIND** is the app we use to keep in touch about REP classes. You must rejoin **NEW** groups this year. Information to join **REMIND** can be found in the registration packets, on the bottom of the 2024-25 schedule. We always need volunteers for Grades 1-5! If you’re interested, please contact Kim VanHorn via the church office.

**UNDER THE STARS**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7  
8 P.M. - 10 P.M.  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
26 CHAUTAUQUA PLACE  
BRADFORD, PA

EVERYONE OF ALL AGES IS INVITED TO ATTEND  
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT  
BRING BLANKETS AND CHAIRS

Hosted by  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Bradford Regional Medical Center

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Catholic Women:** Picnic at Graham’s Greenhouse, Sunday, August 25th (Details to follow)  
**Rosary Altar: Summer Break—August**  
**Widow’s Group: TBA**  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, August 13th (See box to right).  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, August 14th @ 11:15 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Monday, August 5th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club: Summer Break-Next Meeting**  
 Wednesday, September 11th @ 11 am



**Thursday, August 8th**  
**Friday, August 9th**  
**Saturday, August 10th**  
**Anyone interested in helping with WANS at the LaStella Lodge, the ladies will be there on Monday, August 5th and Tuesday, August 6th at 9 am. Help is always appreciated!**

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE**

1 Transept Mural—St. Francis—\$20,000  
 2 Renovations of Both Side Altars—\$15,000 ea.  
 Relocation of Communion Rail to Pieta—\$15,000  
 37 Pews—\$4,000 ea.  
 1 Evangelist Transfers—St. Mark \$1,700 ea.  
 19 Arm Chairs w/Kneelers—\$500 ea.  
 9 Choir Arm chairs—\$400 ea.  
 If interested, please contact Carol Vinca @ 814-558-2140

**What a wonderful farewell to Father Jim!** Thank you to the Women’s Club of the Catholic Community, Rosary Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Parish Staff (Gina, Elaine, Dave & Beth), Father John, and all parish and community volunteers who brought our Catholic Community together to host our successful event! We wish Father Jim much happiness in his “retirement”. Blessings to all! Catholic Women’s Planning Committee.



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

meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.  
**Please Note: Next meeting August 13th**  
 Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

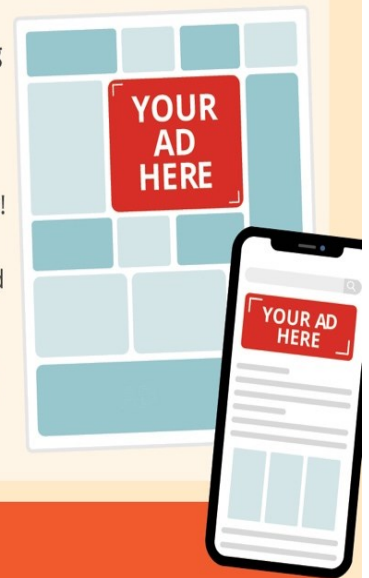
**AVAILABLE NOW!**  
**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated**

**Christine Reeves** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that’s approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**Christine Reeves**  
 (716) 863-8414  
 creeves@4lpi.com

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** In today’s gospel Jesus tells us: “Do not work for what perishes.” Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.



**Feast Day of St. Bernard of Clairvaux** is Tuesday, August 20th.

There will be a celebration with a 5:30 Mass at St.

Francis followed by a pizza and salad dinner in Ritchie Hall. Attendees are invited to bring a dessert to pass.

**Prayer of Hunger:** Dear Jesus, You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now. Work in us, to bring food to those in need. Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you. Amen ©LPI



The Sanctuary Candle is available for remembrances from September 8th through November 10th, \$10 per week. If interested please call the parish office.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**  
 Question: In the New Testament, what is the first book to follow the four Gospels?  
 Answer: The Acts of the Apostles. ©LPI



# Memorial Butterfly Release

We invite you and your family to celebrate the memorial of your loved ones through a live butterfly release. Limited number available. So, please reserve yours today.

**Bradford Regional Medical Center**  
A Kaleida Health Facility

Release date  
**August 1, 2024**  
**3 p.m.**

Bradford Regional Medical Center  
Tranquility Garden by Main Lobby

**\$20 / Butterfly**  
Reserve by July 30

Please contact Ginny in the Bradford Hospital Foundation at (814) 362-8288 to reserve your butterfly today!

**Olean General Hospital**  
A Kaleida Health Facility

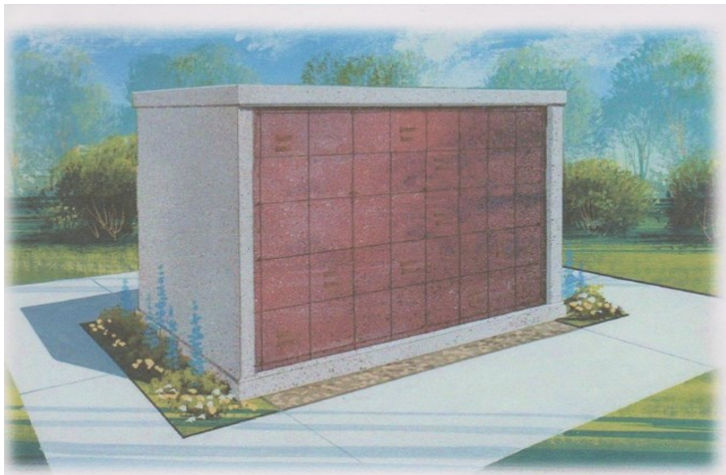
Release date  
**August 9, 2024**  
**3 p.m.**

Olean General Hospital  
St. Francis Heritage Garden


**\$20 / Butterfly**  
Reserve by August 2

Please contact Erica, OGH Auxiliary, at (716) 375-7377 with any questions.





The Columbarium foundation has been poured and delivery of the columbarium will be in late September. There are still niches available for anyone who is interested in purchasing one. A single niche is \$1200, a double niche is \$2400. The columbarium will be available for inurnments beginning in November. Please call Gina at the rectory for more information.



*St. Francis Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this week  
in memory of  
Dean Steck*

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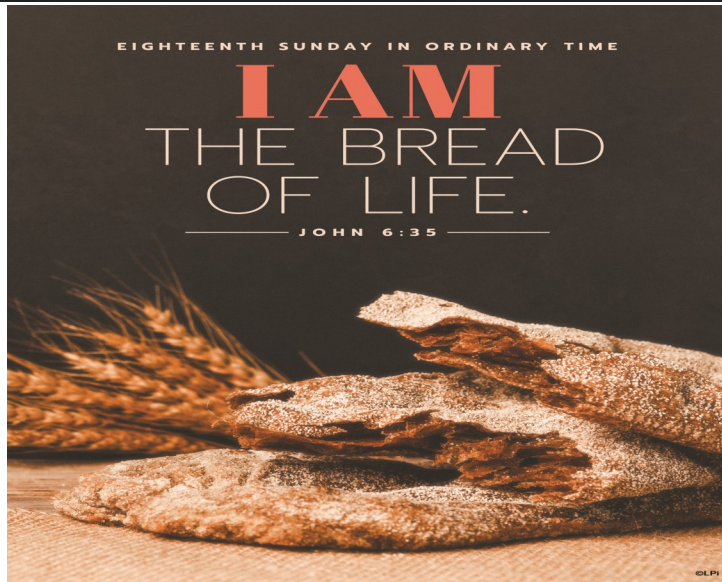
**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

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

July 28.....	\$6,389
National Needs Collection (Final).....	\$2,209
<b>2024 Combined CSA Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 89,918</b>
2024 CSA Collected .....	\$ 50,329

**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.**

**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, *Office 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—6 & Grades 7—9 (Confirmation). Classes will begin in September and continue through May. Please look for registration packets in August in the back of the church or for more info call the parish office. **Nursery:** If interested in helping out next year, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at rubytmor@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, registered members of their parish.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

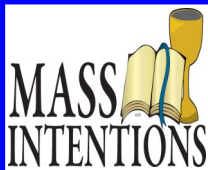
**Liturgical**  
*Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors*

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 AUGUST 5TH—AUGUST 11TH

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, August 5th

SBC 8:00 am Jane Tominez (Rita Stark)  
SF 9:00 am Lena Durnein (Steve & Judy Luzzi)

### Tuesday, August 6th

SF 9:00 am Alex Geis (Joyce & Roger Geis)

### Wednesday, August 7th

SBC 8:00 am Joe & Lynette Keane (Family)

### Thursday, August 8th

SBC 8:00 am Kathryn Longnecker (Irma Lombardi)  
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

### Friday, August 9th

SBC 8:00 am Chicki Galbraith (Family)

### Saturday, August 10th

SF 9:00 am Celia Romanelli (Nancy O'Donnell)  
SF 4:00 pm Deceased Members of BCCHS 1973 & BAHS 1976 Classes (Kris & Marty Sapko)

### Sunday, August 11th

SF 8:00 am Carla Zandi Shamblen (Family)  
SF 10:00 am Tom Burke (Family)  
SF 11:30 am Lisa Cropper (Wesley & Ann Miller)

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

**Parish Office is in need of 3-ring binders, Any color or size, in good condition. Thank you!**

### Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/ Jn 12:24-26

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51



## AUGUST 10TH, 2024

**Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm**

**Lector:** Mary Anne Stauffer

**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Peggy Johnson/Tammy Black

**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson

## AUGUST 11TH, 2024

**Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am**

**Lector:** Toni Paup

**EM:** Cindy Greek **CUP:** Dave White/Deb Woodley

**Server:** David Hill

### St. Francis 10:00 am

**Lector:** Jim Colligan

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

**Servers:** Daniel Marasco & Caleb McAndrew

### St. Francis 11:30 am

**Lector:** Carol Vinca

**EM:** Craig Cuthbertson

**CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Karen McClain

**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, Annie Champagne, Dick Clark, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, 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, Glenn Thompson, 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.**