

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025*

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*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



## **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

Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am

Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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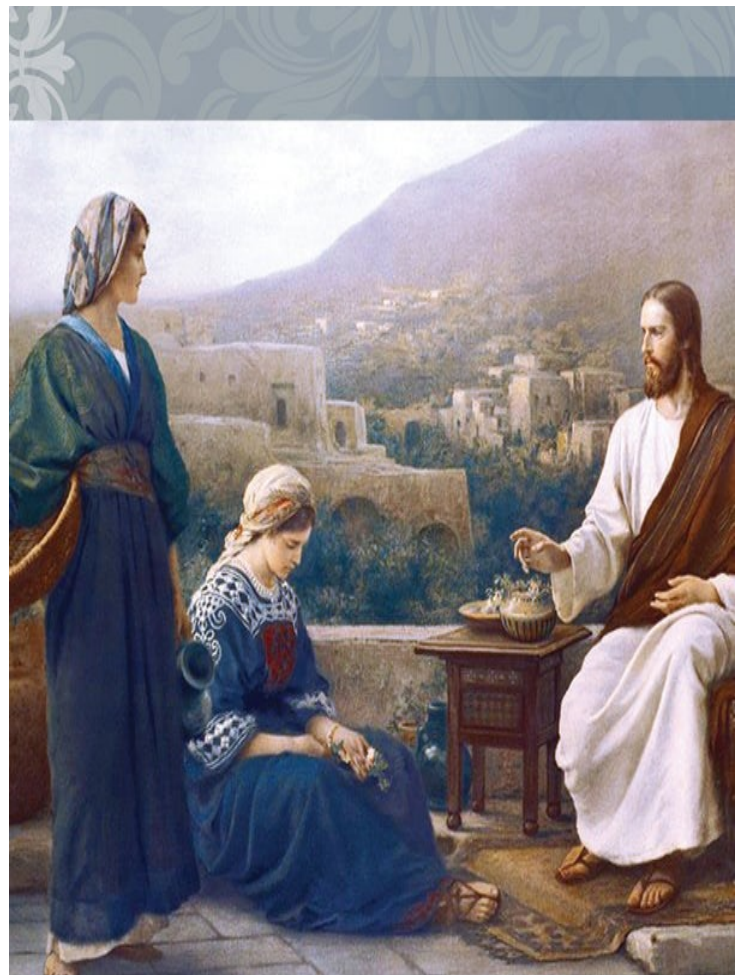
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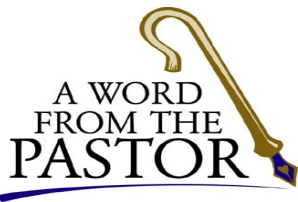
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## *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39



I found this interesting. *America* magazine printed an article about whether the Ten Commandments should be posted in *public school classrooms*, as is now mandated in Louisiana and considered in five other states. A Boston College Scripture professor (55 years teaching experience) reflected on what is in the Bible and the Constitution.

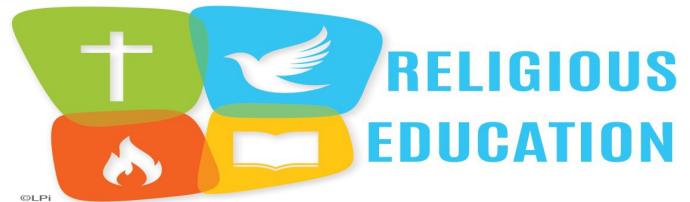
Fr Richard Clifford, SJ, said that the Decalogue, found in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:5-21, is essentially a covenant, a legal agreement, between the people and the Lord. They form a contract between God and a specific historical group (the just-freed Israelites) – not with the Egyptians, or Midianites, or any other groups, nor the rest of the world. A Jewish scholar says they define membership in the community (or non-membership for those who do not observe them). The Ten Commandments lay the foundation for the relationship of Jews and Christians to their Lord, but not for those of other religions or those who have no religion. Hence, this would have no place in a public-school classroom.

Displaying the Ten Commandments, then, would establish a particular religion, which the Constitution's First Amendment specifically prohibits.

Our Church doctrine would also have something to consider, since it recognizes the good in other religions, such as Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism – but for the state to mandate one model for all its citizens, it would denigrate other faith expressions. Now, in a Catholic School, displaying the Ten Commandments would be most appropriate – because the Church sponsors the school, and the Church teaches these and reveres these.

Fr. Clifford offers an alternative: post the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) instead. Jesus clearly taught this, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." That same Golden Rule is found in other places of the Bible and virtually every other religion in the world. It promotes a challenging ideal toward which every person should aspire. No one could object to that. Fr. John

The Bradford Catholic Community is invited to join in fellowship on **Saturday, August 23rd in Gallina Hall** following the 4 pm Mass. We will be observing the **Patronal Feast of St. Bernard** as well as taking the opportunity to celebrate and welcome back our REP students and staff as they begin a new Religious Education year. At the doors you will find reservation forms (blue) which we ask that you return no later than August 10th. They can be dropped in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office.



Looking ahead, REP will begin in September. Registration packets will be available in the Church or Parish Office beginning in August. Packets will include a schedule. Please note grades 1-5 will meet on Sunday morning and grades 6-9 will meet Sunday evening. Confirmation will take place in 9th grade with a mandatory retreat on November 8, 2025, in Erie. More information to follow. Please mark your calendar for this important date.

As always, communication will take place through the Remind app. This year please use the new Remind codes listed below. This year you will be communicating with Cindy Greek as she is the new REP coordinator for St. Bernard Church. You can reach Cindy through the Remind app or by calling the Parish Office @ 362-6285.

The core group of **cleaners** are going to meet Saturday, July 26th @ 9:30 am. If you would like to assist in the monthly cleaning of the Church please join them.

**NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION** Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

#### NEW REMIND CODES ARE

Grades 1-5 text 81010 Code to enter @882736

Grades 6-9 text 81010 Code to enter @ae3b8a





July 22 is the feast of **Mary Magdalene**. I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

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**Saint James the Apostle** is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village. Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS****Rosary Altar:** Summer break until September**Widow's Group:** TBA**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, August 12th @ 7:00 pm**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, July 30th @ 11am**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, August 5th @ 6PM**Finance Council:** Wednesday, July 23rd @ 4:30 pm**SF 50+ Club:** Summer break**Liturgy Committee:** TBA**Catholic Women's Club:** Summer Break til August Picnic

**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 August 12th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE—Luke 10:38-42**

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hard-working and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

—Father John Muir

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"What kinds of photos does St. James take?"



**"Shell-fies!"**



**FUN FACT!**  
St. James was one of Jesus' best friends. In art, he's often shown with a shell, a symbol of Baptism. Tradition says St. James traveled to Spain to share the Gospel. Today, you can still follow his path on the famous Camino de Santiago, marked by shells along the way!

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**NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK**

(July 20-26). The national educational campaign is promulgated by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to highlight the anniversary of Humane Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood and to mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Natural Family Planning—supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. For more information: <https://www.eriercd.org/chastity>







### FEED THE HUNGRY

We have a temporary unit in the vestibule of the church to serve as a food pantry until a permanent cupboard is finished. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** items only. Cans with easy open lids are appreciated. There are bins at the bottom where you can deposit **SMALL** toiletries, if you wish, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, etc. Please **NO LARGE ITEMS**. Thank you! **If you know a family in need, please feel free to take advantage of this cupboard.**



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this  
week in Memory of  
Bob Guthrie*

**Prayer for Focus** Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide. Amen.  
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**MARRIAGE MOMENT** A good argument can be a labor of love. Have something sensitive or difficult to talk about with your spouse? Try holding hands and maintaining direct eye contact when you are having a discussion about a disagreement.

**PARENTING POINTERS** Curbing Undue Consumerism (Part 1) "There are two ways to get enough. One is to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." (G.K. Chesterton) Does your child ever whine and plead for the latest toy, electronic gadget, or just more stuff? It's natural, but you don't need to feed their every craving. "No" and "Not now" are not dirty words.

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### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

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

Peter's Pence Collection.....\$ 2,953

**Thank you for your generosity!**

July 13.....\$ 7,891

**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**

2025 CSA Collected \$ 51,388

*Thank you to all those who have turned in their CSA pledges.  
Remember, checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.*

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

## 1ST Marriage & Banns

**TAYLOR REYNOLDS &  
BRENDAN O'CONNELL**

### Milestone Anniversary Celebrations

Couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00 pm or Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at **3:00 pm**. Celebrations include Mass with Bishop Persico followed by a light reception. To register for either event or to receive a certificate by mail, complete the online registration at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until **July 24 for the Erie celebration**, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: Where did Mary and Joseph take young Jesus to hide him from King Herod?

Answer: Egypt.

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**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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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*  
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 Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*  
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**CONFESSIONS:**

**St. Bernard** — 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: 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.

**REP NEWS!** Cindy Greek will be the new REP Director  
 going forward. Kim VanHorn was brought on by Fr Ray,  
 after St. Bernard school closed, to keep the Religious  
 Education Program going. Kim has done a wonderful job to  
 ensure the Bradford Catholic Community continues to have  
 a program that serves children. We thank Kim for her time  
 and dedication! And welcome Cindy!



**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.

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

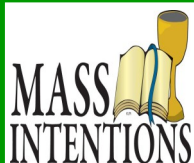
Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

**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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WEEK OF JULY 21ST TO JULY 27TH

Please note that all daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

### Monday, July 21st

SBC 8:00 am Mel Bizzaro (Schuster Family)

SBC 9:00 am Carla Zandi Shamblen (Family)

### Tuesday, July 22nd

SBC 9:00 am Sharon Dougoveto (Stuart & Ruby Morris)

### Wednesday, July 23rd

SBC 8:00 am Lawrence & Theresa Pace & Family (Estate)

### Thursday, July 24th

SBC 8:00 am Rosario Fabian Family (Estate)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

### Friday, July 25th

SBC 12:10 pm Barbara Haff (Family)

### Saturday, July 26th

SBC 9:00 am George, Pat & David Farrell (Kris Sapko)

SB 4:00 pm Marie & Angelo Borsa (Helen Carroll)

### Sunday, July 27th

SB 8:00 am Lou Monti (Lisa Zurat)

SB 10:00 am Leo & Sally Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)

SB 11:30 am Tubby Maduri (Carlioni Family)

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

"Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world." — Address to representatives of the media, May 12, 2025. Pope Leo XIV

## Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/  
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

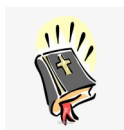
**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,  
25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,  
55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 20:20-28

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/  
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



JULY 26TH, 2025

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 PM**

**LECTOR:** Peggy Johnson

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

**Servers:** VOLUNTEERS

JULY 27TH, 2025

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

**LECTOR:** Mike Kozminski

**EM:** Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Patty Colosimo/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Greg Ulyan

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

**Servers:** Claire & Teddy Henretta

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Carol Vinca

**EM:** Sue Lee **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Karen McClain

**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, 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, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Pat Geary, Kate Geils, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat.

**May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**