

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9th, 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
95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394
Bradford, PA 16701-5394



St. Bernard Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Chapel Masses

Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm
Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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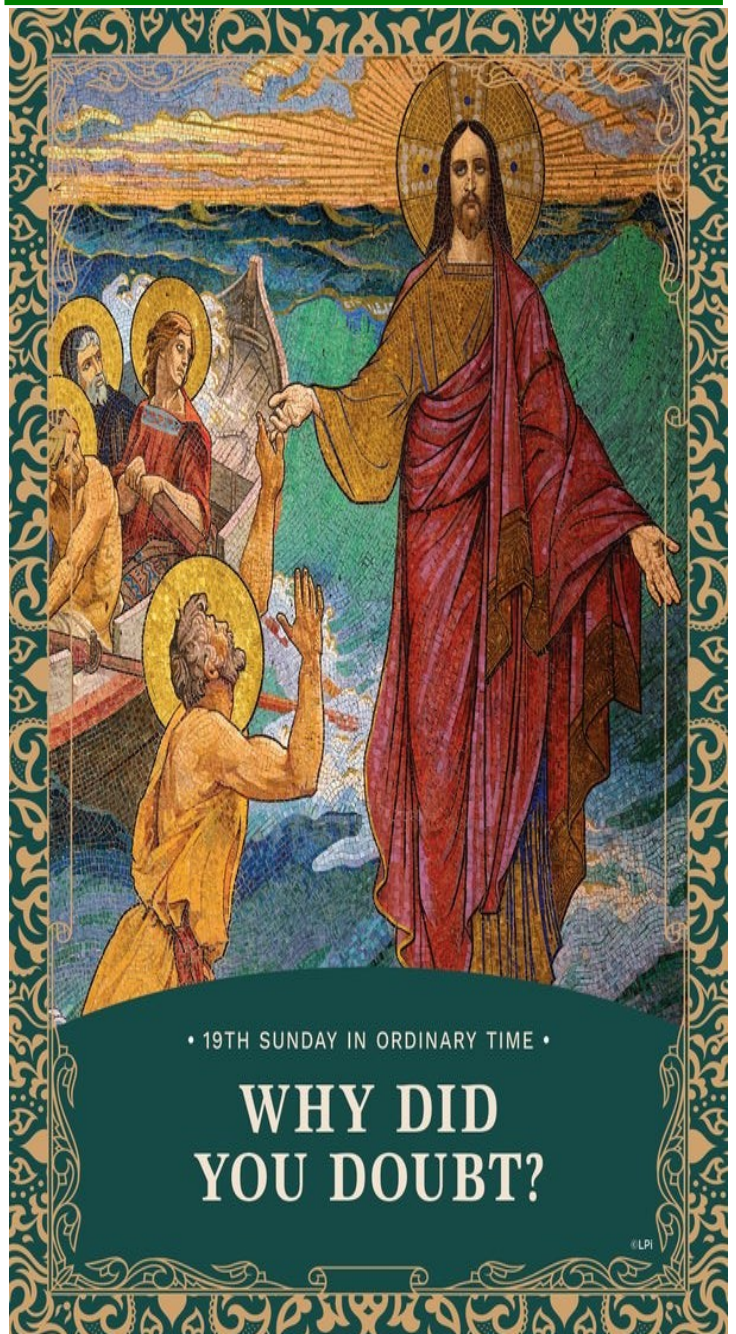
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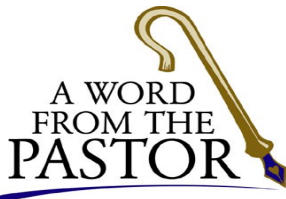
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• 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**WHY DID
YOU DOUBT?**

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Several of our parishioners have experienced Cursillo in years past (mostly 30 years or more). But, folks around here have not kept in contact with this wonderful Church movement. Both Fr. Ed & I have been a part of many teams (there is always at least one priest, sometimes two on a weekend) and have been renewed ourselves by serving and touching the divine presence in the course of these days.

As mentioned before, on a Cursillo weekend, a group of 15-25 men or women gather to listen to fine-tuned talks on God, Church, discipleship with many powerful personal experiences shared. The participants take notes and, grouped into tables, review those talks by formulating a summary. In addition, there are creative ways used to engage everyone's imagination into a personal – and communal – response.

There's a Mass each day, morning and evening prayers, and opportunities for Confession. The result is the creation of a community – the experience of a vibrant small church. A parish is normally too big to generate this kind of experience.

By the time we conclude on Sunday, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we have almost universally grown in love – with one another and with God. Isn't that what Church should be all about?

In order to grow in friendship with the Lord, it takes time. And, it's only one weekend. Please seriously consider signing up. Feel free to contact me to learn more about these weekends of personal renewal – upcoming are September 18-20 for men in Harborcreek (I'm on this team, my 29th), and October 9-11 for women in Harborcreek. For more information, check out www.eriecursillo.org Or, as we say, De Colores!

Fr John



**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
THE ST. BERNARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION SOIREE!**

Saturday, August 22nd. Join us in the gym with Happy Hour 5-6pm followed by heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the Bradford Club. Music and dancing 6-8pm.

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$20 each. Cash or Check only! Flyers listing the week long celebration events are available at the Church doors or at the office.



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—The demands of family can be so overwhelming that walking on water might seem easier. When Jesus felt pressured, He dismissed everyone to be "by Himself and pray." When you feel overwhelmed and stressed, find a quiet place and surrender your feelings to the Lord, using Peter's prayer from today's gospel: "Lord, save me."



August 5, 2026

WELCOME

Jack Michael Peloquin

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: Summer break until September
Widow's Group: Summer break until September
K of C #403 : Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, September 9th @ 11 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break until September
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm
Catholic Women's Club: Sunday, September 13th—10 am
 Mass followed by Brunch @ Togi's. \$20 per person. RSVP
 to Alicia 814-598-5076. Board Meeting, Tuesday, September
 15th @5:45pm followed by General Meeting. All are
 welcome!
**NOTE: If you have your first September meeting
 scheduled let us know ASAP so we can update this.**

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REP will begin September 13th. Registration packets are
 now available in the church or the parish office. You can
 also register online on the parish website. Packets include a
 schedule which is also available online. 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 7, 2026, in Clarion,
 PA. Emails will be sent to parents of confirmation students
 with more information. Please mark your calendar for this
 important date.

As always, communication will take place through the
 Remind app. Please use the new Remind codes listed be-
 low. Last years codes have been archived and are there-
 fore no longer available. It is important that you register for
 Remind as that is the primary way I will communicate with
 you. You can reach me through the Remind app, by calling
 the parish office 362-6285 or emailing me at
StBernardREP@outlook.com.

New Remind codes are:

Grades 1-5 send text to 81010 Code. In the message
 enter @grades152

Grades 6-9 text 81010 Code. In the message enter
 @grades692

Cindy Greek
 REP Coordinator



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will
 be burning this week in Memory of
 Tom Burke*



**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 11th.**
 Council members are urged to attend, and new members
 are most welcome.

**THANK YOU TO OUR
 ADVERTISERS**

REHABILITATION TODAY

COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,757

August 2..... \$ 8,365

2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059

CSA 2026 Collected \$ 60,675

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please
 do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with
 weekly payments.**

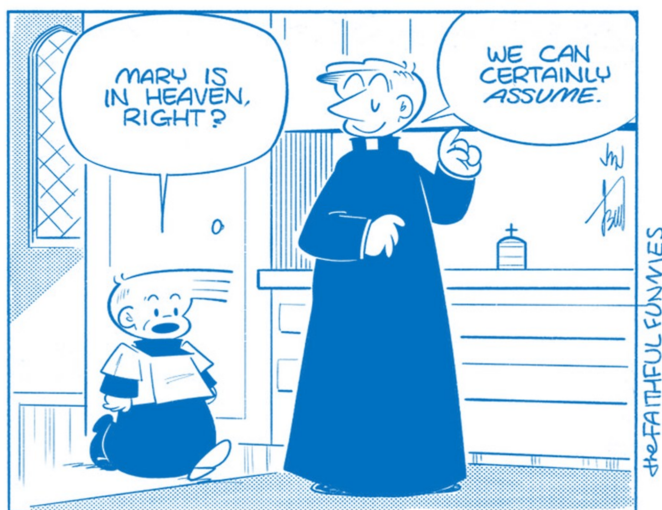
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PARENTING POINTERS—Memory making sometimes
 means sharing one of your own childhood memories with
 your son or daughter. Think of a funny, sad, or meaningful
 experience (or even a mistake from your childhood) and
 entrust it to your child. It doesn't cost anything, but it can
 bring you closer together.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—if you are
 currently taking Communion to the homebound, or to any of
 the long term care homes, or if you would be interested in
 doing so, please call the office so we can update our
 records. Thank you!



St. Bernard Cemetery recently had one of the many roads repaved. The roads have been an ongoing issue/area of concern. After much discussion on how to address this costly project, the committee decided to address the area of biggest concern – the road leading up to the Fatima Shrine, formally known as Reszkowski Road. Taylor Armstrong oversaw the project with Mark Frisina. With Parish Council and Cemetery Committee members overseeing it on St. Bernard's behalf. We have already received many compliments on how nice the road looks and how nice it is to drive on. We thank Taylor Armstrong for their fantastic work!



Happy Feast of
the Assumption!



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CATHOLIC FOUNDATION—Through the generosity of donors to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania, St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish is a designated beneficiary of the *James "J.E." O'Mara Memorial Endowment* which is held at the Foundation. We recently received a grant from this endowment to support our parish. The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is an independent 501(c)(3) corporation and the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values and investment principles. The Foundation inspires and unites Catholics in supporting the long-term need of their faith community and creating a Catholic legacy. To learn more about the Catholic Foundation, go to their website at MyCatholicFoundation.org. **This grant will be used to help with the security/safety upgrades.**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan—Requirements for Working with Children The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children must complete state mandated criminal record checks. They must also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. Parents: stay vigilant! Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what's required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and agencies, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

MARRIAGE MOMENT—Sure you talk a lot, but what about those awkward topics? Decide to be as honest and open with your spouse regarding even the most sensitive and uncomfortable issues. Difficult discussions usually don't go away if you wait; they just fester and come out fighting.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Which artist was commissioned to paint the ceiling and wall behind the altar in the Sistine Chapel?

Answer: Michelangelo



August 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 60 years, this collection has been a practical expression of unity and love for our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection supports pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Catholics like you who generously contribute to this collection help priests stay on the road with funds given to the diocese to offset fuel and vehicle repair costs. In places such as Mexico, you help bring the Good News to the poor when you participate in the collection.

Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America on the weekend of August 15th and 16th. Your contribution, and especially your prayers, will help make our Catholic faith a living reality for people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family,

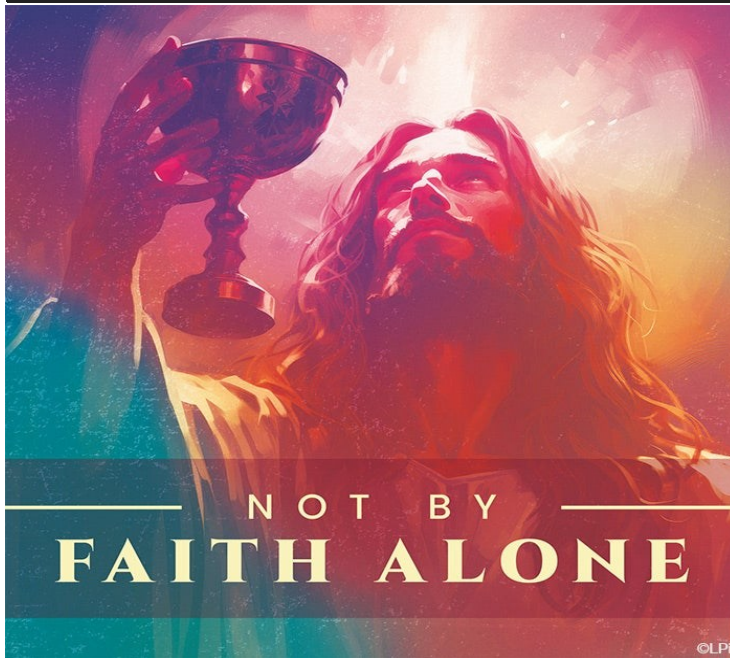
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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**PASTORAL STAFF**

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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 or email Cindy Greek @ StBernardREP@outlook.com



**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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **OCIA** 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	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Lynne Kuntz
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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AUGUST 10TH-AUGUST 16TH

Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Weekend Masses in the Church.

Monday, August 10th

SBC 9:00 am Marge Guthrie (Steve & Pat Kornacki)

SBC 12:10 pm Julia & John Hayes (Jessica Hervatin)

Tuesday, August 11th

SBC 9:00 am Tom Burke (Rosemary Burke)

Wednesday, August 12th

SBC 12:10 pm Janet Goebel (Bill & Terri Leven)

Thursday, August 13th

SBC 9:00 am Carla Zandi Shamblen (Family)

SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

Friday, August 14th

SBC 12:10 pm Souls Least Remembered (Ron Lerch & Family)

Saturday, August 15th

SBC 9:00 am Mary & Mario Pais (Mariann Pascarella)

SB 4:00 pm Margaret (DiFonzo) Pascarella (Ron & Rita Bennardi)

Sunday, August 16th

SB 8:00 am George Rhodes (Pehonsky Family)

SB 10:00 am Joe & Charlene Butler (Sue & Family)

SB 11:30 am Judy Mongillo (Gianna Carroll)

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



Readings for the week of August 9th



Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



MASS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 15TH, 2026

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jean Truman

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

Servers: Peyton & Cooper Haight



AUGUST 16TH, 2026

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Joan Yohe

EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Dave White/Deb Woodley

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Jim Colligan

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxyn Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Carol Vinca **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, Mary Beth Behan,

Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christina DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, 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, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Ann Miller, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Suzie Sperry, 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.