

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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St. Francis of Assisi



TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Don't we all know some folks like this? Bishop David Bonner (Youngstown) recently wrote: "Not too long ago I had a conversation with a family member. We were talking about Sunday Mass. I was not looking for 'proof' that they attended holy Mass. My motives were honest and pure. I was simply trying to make conversation with someone who I know deeply loves Jesus and the Church. When I asked them what Mass they attended on the most recent Sunday, the family member said, 'Oh, we watched Mass on livestream this past weekend.'

"When I asked them why they did not go to church for an in-person Mass, they said, 'We were busy.'

"I humbly mentioned that since the pandemic is over, these Masses, which were such a blessing during the time that our churches were closed, do not fulfill one's obligation to attend Sunday or holy day Mass. The family member said, 'But Dave, it was so moving.'"

He went on to say, "While these virtual Masses remain a blessing for the sick and shut-ins, they do not suffice for those who are well." (*The Priest* magazine, September 2024, p. 6)

A number of people also began substituting a weekday Mass for a Sunday, for fear of becoming infected with more people around. And this was a wise decision – then. We should continue to use hand sanitizer and mask when times are risky, but the Lord's Day, Sunday, the day of resurrection, the first day of creation, the day of the week also of the Holy Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost – is The Day for us to celebrate the love and life God continues to pour out upon us – and we celebrate that together. In person.

Our attendance has been slowly growing – a good sign of parish health – and of our parishioners'.

Fr John

HURRICANE RELIEF Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites those who wish to make a donation to relief efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton to donate directly through Catholic Charities USA <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief/hurricane-helene-response/>.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



CHRISTMAS FLOAT COMMITTEE MEETING

is Sunday, October 20th at 12:45pm in St. Francis Church. New comers are still welcome to participate. The float will be decorated the week of December 2nd. The Christmas Parade is Friday, December 6th.

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
 35 Pews—\$4,000 ea.
 14 Arm Chairs w/Kneelers—\$500 ea.
 1 Choir Arm chair—\$400 ea.
 If interested, please contact Carol Vinca @ 814-558-2140

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group:
K of C #403 : Tuesday, November 12th @ 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, November 13th @ 11 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, October 22nd @ 6:30 pm



**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 November 12th

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



If you have not registered for REP yet, please note that there is a late fee of \$10, to cover the cost of 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

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

While many good books abound on marriage and parenting, Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves.

EUCCHARISTIC DAY When Deacon Dave Jacquel spoke at the Holy Hour, October 1st, he mentioned that you could view the Eucharistic Congress talks on your computer. That link is: <https://relevantradio.com/national-eucharistic-congress/> If you want to hear his talk during the Holy Hour, you can go to our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com and search for St Bernard of Clairvaux – Bradford PA. Let's do all we can to also "get on fire" for the gift of the Eucharist!

WELCOME! NEW HIRE— We would like to welcome Mike Holdridge to the team. He is our new Facilities Manager. If you see him around, while he's getting acclimated to the Parish needs, say hello.



MINISTERS AT MASS

Our new Liturgy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm. If you're interested in being a Greeter at Mass to welcome our faithful parishioners as well as visitors, or to help to facilitate the gifts procession and help with sacristy (setting up vessels and books prior to Mass) please call the Parish office before the meeting. We are also encouraging women who would like to help with the money collecting to give it a try. Thanks for helping us to have even better celebrations of the graces God bestows!

NURSERY started up again and will 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.

BLESSING OF MISSIONARIES

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a “mission country” because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God’s blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray... God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel. Amen.

MARRIAGE MOMENT In the northern hemisphere, Autumn is a season of leaves falling and nature taking a rest. Sometimes loving relationships need a rest from busyness too. What helps you refresh your love? – A walk in the woods together? A long nap? ...?



PLEASE NOTE: St. Francis Hand Bell Choir will now meet every **Thursday at 6 pm** in the choir loft for practice. New members are welcome!

PARENTING POINTERS It’s Fall. Leaves are falling and piling up. Sure, you might challenge the family to rake them up, but remember to have fun first – jump together in the leaves or hide in a pile of dead leaves.

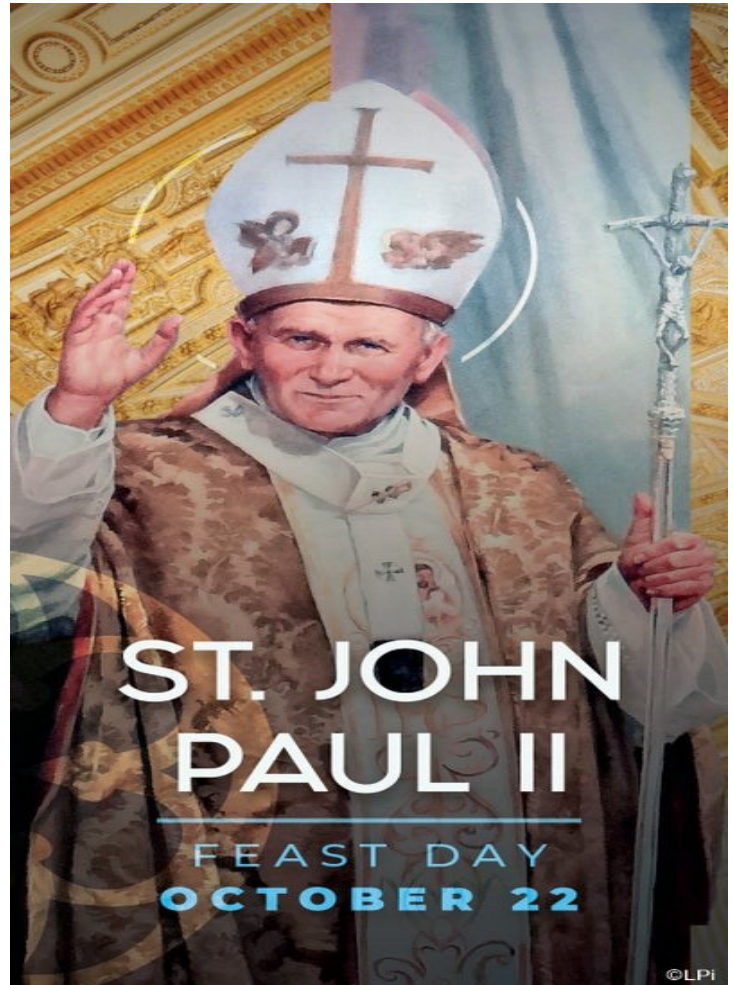


CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What’s the name for the cup that holds the Precious Blood of Christ during Mass?

Answer: Chalice.

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“What do you call an avocado blessed by the pope?”



“Holy Guacamole.”



Praying before eating is a way to thank God for His gifts to us. Even Jesus prayed over His meals, like before the multiplication of the loaves or the Last Supper.

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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
Pete & Maryellen Pasko

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, Children under 5 Free. Take out available!

THE OFFICE FOR RELIGIOUS announces that Rural Ministry experiences in the Easter Vicariate will continue this Fall. On Sunday, October 27th, beginning at 12:15 PM there will be a presentation on **the Four presences of Christ in the Eucharist**. This will take place at St. Eulalia's Church in Coudersport and be presented by Sister Nancy Fischer, SSJ. Registration is not necessary but you can register by calling Sister Margaret Ann Andrako at 814-824-1200. **There will also be a morning of reflection offered at St. Francis in Bradford in Advent. More details to come soon.**



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.



October is Respect Life Month

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Read more at https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html

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PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

October 13\$ 7,400

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected \$56,867

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 Jacquell, *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 rubymor@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

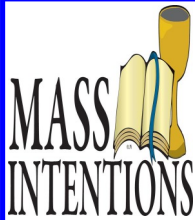
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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

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 OCTOBER 21ST — 27TH

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 21st

SB 8:00 am Michael Reese (Tony & Pat Pascarella)
SF 9:00 am Richard Gatesman (Francis & Joyce Carloni)

Tuesday, October 22nd

SF 9:00 am Kevin O'Donnell (Rita Costello)

Wednesday, October 23rd

SBC 8:00 am Mary Webster (Louise Stoltz)

Thursday, October 24th

SBC 8:00 am Josephine Smades (BCCHS Class of 1967)
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, October 25th

SBC 8:00 am Michael R. Newhouse (Mary & Tom O'Connell)

Saturday, October 26th

SF 9:00 am Kevin Healy (Mary Ann Satterwhite)
SF 4:00 pm Vivian Bottorf (Cindy Greek)

Sunday, October 27th

SF 8:00 am Bill Wilson (Julie Wilson & Family)
SF 10:00 am Barbara Boser (Marty & Kris Sapko)
SF 11:30 am Karen Benedict (Pat Pascarella)

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



OCTOBER 26TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Peggy Johnson
EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky
Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

OCTOBER 27TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Martha Torrey
EM: Dave White **CUP:** Kevin Fox/Chris Pehonsky
Server: David Hill



St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Jody Randolph
EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Lynn Hogue
Servers: Abigail Carlson, Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson
EM: Judy LeRoy
CUP: Charlotte Cuthbertson/Carol Vinca
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, 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, Bob Kuntz, 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, Chris Perkins, 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, Betty Soble, 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.**

Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12,
13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48



Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12,
18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5