

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026*

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*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.*

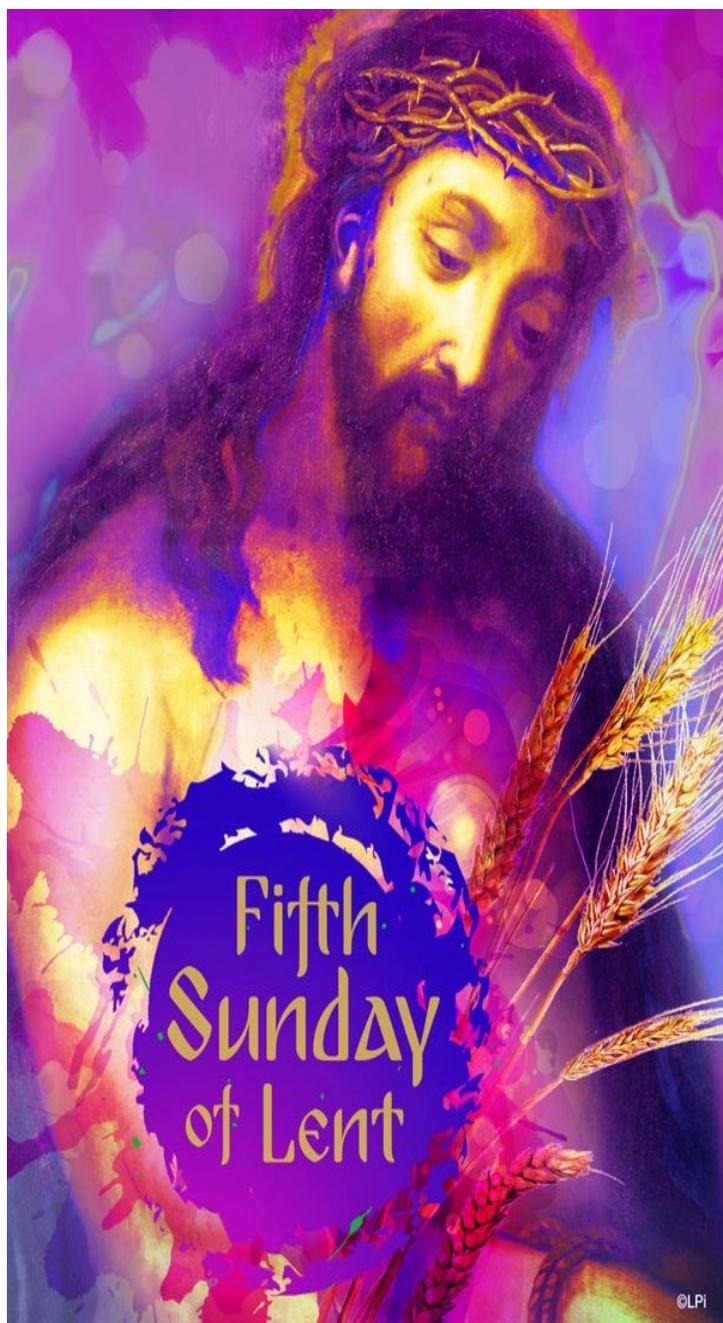
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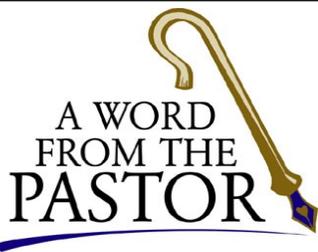
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**LENT**  
*40 Days of Renewal*

PLEASE SEE THE LENTEN & HOLY WEEK  
SCHEDULES INSIDE FOR MASS TIMES  
AND LOCATIONS.





While on sabbatical, since I had some time, I decided to watch fifteen episodes (the entire run) of the TV show “Nothing Sacred.” It was about a parish in the inner city and the staff members. The city was never identified; it was filmed in Toronto. Aired in 1997, it was cancelled before the end of the first season – much to the chagrin of a number of us, who had just started watching it. It is not available on DVD, but you can catch it on *YouTube*.

Fr Ray is the young, hip, “relevant” pastor who gets in trouble each episode. Fr Leo is the retired pastor in residence, who likes to see St Thomas Parish keep navigating crises successfully. Fr Eric is the newly ordained associate who’s learning the ropes, while Sister “Mo” (Maureen) coordinates religious education and liturgies and would love to get ordained. She’s about the last of her own religious community. There’s also a student (who is the parish secretary), a business manager, and a youth minister – and then there are the expected parishioners and community leaders who interact positively and negatively with the parish, not to mention a family member or two who occasionally pop in.

The show has its flaws, but it did reflect on the gifts and foibles of parish ministers and human relationships and craziness so as to be endearing. St Thomas has some singular priorities and serves the community (soup kitchen and outreach to homeless) – and of course, faith and sacraments.

The title of the show seems inappropriate – but the parish frowns upon the solely institutional model of the Church. You might be interested to take a look – but don’t say I didn’t warn you.

*Touched by an Angel, Highway to Heaven, Joan of Arcadia* – these were other creative TV series that similarly caught my eye over the years.

*Fr John*

**RECONCILIATION** CLPI **EXTRA OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Sunday, March 22nd in Church from 2-3 pm.

**CRS RICE BOWL—Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity** God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to read this week's Story of Hope.

**Please return your Rice Bowls by Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday) Thank you!**

**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND** Between Palm Sunday (March 29th) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12th) we take up the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Look for Bishop Persico’s letter in next week’s bulletin.

**LENT SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**  
8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM  
ST. BERNARD CHURCH

**MONDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

**TUESDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**THURSDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

**FRIDAY**  
12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

**SATURDAY**  
9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
4PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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**WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar Society:** Thursday, April 9th @ 6:30 pm  
**Widow's Group:** No March meeting due to Lenten Schedule  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Thursday, April 16th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, April 8th @ 11:00 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm  
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 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 April 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**Greg Ulyan, Grand Knight**



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
 Candle will be burning this  
 week in Memory of  
 Pat & Mike Pehonsky*



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (11:00 am—12:15)  
 March 22nd (Easter Bags @ Noon) & April 26th  
 (Last Class-Year End Party)  
**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)  
 April 12th & April 18th (Confirmation Practice  
 @ 10am in St. Bernard Church)

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**REHABILITATION TODAY**

**LENT  
 PREPARE  
 THE WAY OF  
 THE LORD**

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—Marriage can be like Holy Week. One day it's Palm Sunday and everyone is singing your praises. But the one closest to you can betray you. All seems lost. It's not easy but faith reminds us of forgiveness and sacrificial love, resurrection is possible. Can you believe it?

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732**  
 March 15..... \$ 7,320  
**2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059**  
**CSA 2026 Collected \$ 32,888**

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.  
 Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Catholic Women's Club Easter Bag Project**, in conjunction with REP Students Grades 1-5, will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, March 22nd at noon. We will fill Easter Bags for nursing home residents and homebound parishioners. This is an outreach that is very popular with the recipients. We thank everyone who donated items to fill the bags.



**Catholic Women's Club:** will be hosting a Women's Retreat, "Covenant Love" on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Join us in discovering the beauty of covenant relationships as reflected in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Featured Speaker will be Lin Gabriel, former St. Bernard Youth Minister and former Director of Faith Formation at Edinboro University. Lunch will be provided. For reservations call the Parish office by March 26th. (814) 363-6825. \$10 donation appreciated.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**-This year marks St. Bernard Parish's 150th Anniversary. If you want to help plan the celebration please call the office.



**CHURCH CLEANING**—There will be a special deep cleaning of the church, in preparation for Easter, on Saturday, March 28th & April 4th at 9:45 am. All volunteers welcome & appreciated!

Report to the church that day.

*Many hands make light work.*

*Say Yes!*

*to the Eleventh Annual*

**1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

**Eleventh Annual Catholic Women's Conference in Erie is less than one month away!** Be a part of it!

The name 1:38 Women

is based on the scripture verse, Luke 1:38: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."* The conference will be held on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and the women from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways: Live in-person at St. Jude Church in Erie. Live-streamed to hosting parishes: participating parishes are listed on the website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com). Live-streamed to your home. The morning program features two national speakers. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The conference is just \$25. For more information or to register, visit [www.1:38women.com](http://www.1:38women.com) or call (814) 455-7364.



**2026 BCCHS CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

The BCCHS Charitable Trust is now accepting applications for its 2026 Scholarship Program. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 based on financial need, academic commitment and service.

Eligibility: Registered Members of the Catholic Community of Bradford; Graduating high school seniors or current college/trade school students; Enrolled for the Fall 2026 semester.

**Deadline: June 1, 2026**

How to Apply: Complete the online application: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/umL5rEzEK6>



Questions? Contact the Scholarship Committee: 814-598-8151

**PARENTING POINTERS** Whether you are a single custodial parent, a parent who visits on weekends, or a parent whose spouse is gone for long periods of time – it's not easy. Summon up your courage and your friends. Ask for respite when you need it. Both you and your child will benefit.



**Please have your Easter Flower Envelopes with remembrances to the Parish Office no later than March 23rd. Thank you.**

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: Who said, "Let it be done according to your word," in response to an angel's announcement to her?

Answer: Mary, the mother of Jesus.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—Our families often get caught up in chasing things we believe will bring us happiness. Jesus' words to Lazarus, "Come out," are also meant for us. In this fifth week of Lent, "untie" yourself and break free from unnecessary possessions.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

The new food pantry is now in the vestibule of the church. It is an enclosed unit and will be maintained by the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** items only. Cans with easy open lids are appreciated. You may also include **SMALL** toiletries 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.**

# Holy week

## SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29

8am, 10am, 11:30am

Holy Thursday, April 2

5:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the  
Divine Mercy Chapel until 10pm

Good Friday, April 3

Crosswalk 12-3pm  
2pm Veneration of the Cross and Communion  
Fish Dinner in Gallina Hall, 4-7pm

Solemn Easter Vigil, April 4

8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

8am, 10am, 11:30am

### LENTEN PRACTICES 2026

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER**, **FASTING**, and **ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT**, and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

**GOOD FRIDAY** is also a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On those days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. (When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



One "yes" can change the world

### *The Annunciation of the Lord*

The Annunciation of the Lord celebrates that sacred moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary, announcing that she would conceive our Savior, Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. This event reveals God's wondrous love and the mystery of Incarnation. It invites us to reflect on Mary's humble acceptance and her role as a model of faith and obedience. Through her "yes," she became an instrument of God's salvation plan, inspiring every Catholic to trust in God's providence.



**Weekly BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING BY NOON ON FRIDAY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**

**PASTORAL STAFF**  
 Rev. John Jacques, *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*  
*Email: [business@stbernardcatholic.org](mailto:business@stbernardcatholic.org)*  
 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](mailto:StBernardREP@outlook.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**

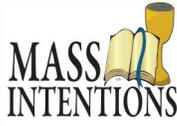
**Liturgical**  
**Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

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

**Parish Community**

Pastoral Council	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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**MARCH 23RD-MARCH 29TH** Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend Masses in the Church (See Lenten Schedule)

**Monday, March 23rd**

SBC 9:00 am Gertrude & Kenneth (Family)  
SBC 12:10 pm Margaret “Peggy” Pistner (David & Marie Shields)

**Tuesday, March 24th**

SBC 9:00 am Jean Everett (Charles & Rita Stark)

**Wednesday, March 25th**

SBC 12.10 pm Jamie Ann (Pascarella) Giordano (Mariann Pascarella)  
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 26th**

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners  
SBC 12:10 pm Nancy O’Donnell (Barb O’Donnell)

**Friday, March 27th**

SBC 12:10 pm Ray & Gene Cummiskey (Peggy Pyle)

**Saturday, March 28th**

SBC 9:00 am Kenneth Schaming (Denise & Steve Housler)  
SB 4:00 pm Helen J. Burrell (Bob Burrell)

**Sunday, March 29th PALM SUNDAY**

SB 8:00 am Jude Luke (Gerry & Tish Pehonsky)  
SB 10:00 am Deceased Members of the Gerald Stack Family (Dennis & Linda Thiel)  
SB 11:30 am Rosella Potkovick ( Peter & Marcia Lindstrom)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass. Extra Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday, March 22nd in Church 2-3 pm.**



**Readings for the week of March 22nd**



**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
**Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



**MARCH 28TH, 2026**

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

**LECTOR:** Peggy Johnson  
**EM:** Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky  
**Servers:** **VOLUNTEERS**

**MARCH 29TH, 2026**

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

**LECTOR:** Joan Yohe  
**EM:** Deb Woodley **CUP:** Dave White/Chris Pehonsky  
**Server:** Dave Hill



**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Jody Randolph  
**EM:** Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/**VOLUNTEER**  
**Servers:** **VOLUNTEERS**

**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, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, 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, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O’Brien, Mary O’Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, 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, Thomas Sicheri, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Jan Stiles, 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.*