

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024*

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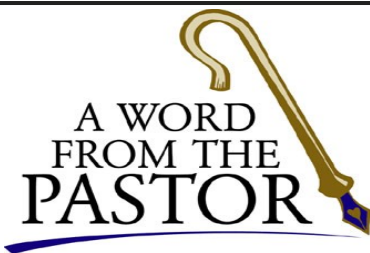


St. Francis of Assisi



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and
are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69



I want to reflect with you for a moment on the complications of the abortion issue as we face it today in our country. You know the Church is clearly and firmly against “abortion on demand,” yet many Catholics, sadly, do not align with Church teaching on this matter. *America* magazine observed on June 24th, after the Supreme Court upheld the legality of abortion-inducing drugs, “The court’s opinion ... should prod the pro-life movement to realize that it needs to convince fellow citizens to reject abortion as unjust. This will require much more than just amassing enough political or judicial leverage to make it illegal.” Let’s put our energy and efforts into what has the potential for success.

Legal status is one thing – moral opposition is founded on recognizing our shared humanity with the unborn and society’s obligation to protect the life of the innocent. We’re all formed in the image and likeness of God. In addition, we invoke the many principles of Catholic Social Teaching. But *Roe v Wade* was “wrongly decided and ultimately overturned – not because it was immoral, but because it invented a right with no basis in the text of the Constitution and assigned a complex moral question on which Americans disagree passionately to judges answerable to voters.” See the difference? Legal (lawful / criminal) and moral (right / wrong or virtue / sin) are different categories.

Cardinal John O’Connor, who had been Archbishop of New York and a consistent Respect Life champion, recognized that support for imperfect legislation could be a necessary component of pro-life advocacy, in other words – to make progress. What is the best way to limit the injustice of abortion in our time, given the plurality of our nation? These proposals should be supported.

Remember those TV ads, “Life. What a beautiful choice!” Or the 2019 movie, “Unplanned.” Now that’s more along the lines of what we need. Instead of more fightin’ words.

Fr John



The Passion of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Catholic Women: Picnic at Graham's Greenhouse, Sunday, August 25th (See box to the right)
Rosary Altar: Thursday, September 12th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: TBA
K of C #403: **Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ 7:00 pm @ YWCA Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, September 11th @ 11:15am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, September 12th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, September 11th @ 11 am



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 are in the back of the church and available in the church office. 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.



Sunday, August 25th from 11:30-1:30 (following 10 am Mass) The Catholic Women's Club will be hosting a picnic lunch at Graham's Greenhouse, catered by Togi's.

If you are interested in joining The Catholic Women's Club you can reach out to Joanie Yohe (814-331-3796) or Alicia Hill (814-598-5076) or Kim Graham (814-598-4570)



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 on September 10th will be at the YWCA.

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

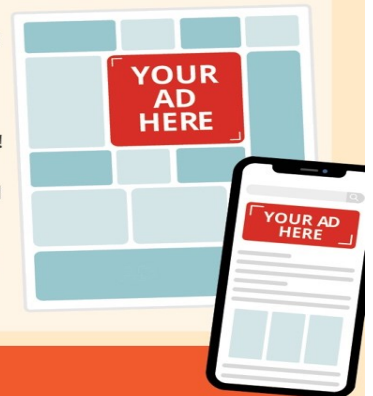
AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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

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



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** Monday, **August 26th** 12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm

World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend October 11-13
Canandaigua, NY. For more information visit <https://wwwme.org/apply/#>

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.
 - 19 Arm Chairs w/Kneelers—\$500 ea.
 - 9 Choir Arm chairs—\$400 ea.
- If interested, please contact Carol Vinca @ 814-558-2140



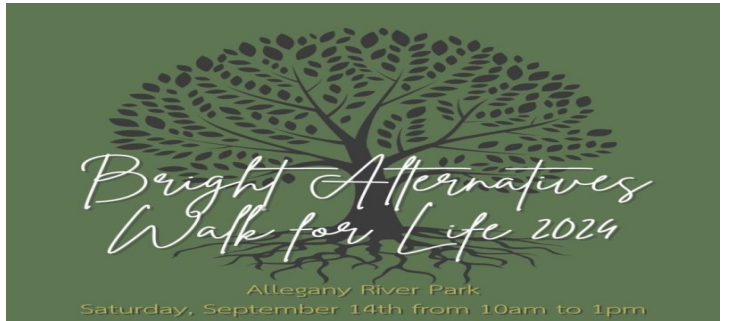
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, the funds collected will help to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see usccb.igivecatholictogether.org. Your gift makes a differ-

MARRIAGE "I guess you were right." Although Jim and I don't see our marriage as a competition, still this phrase is one of the sweetest things he can say to me. It usually comes after a disagreement in which each of us was sure we were right. It's SO much better than "I told you so!" I turn toward Jim with love rather than self-righteousness. Is there something your spouse was "right" about this past week? (Susan Vogt)

NURSERY is hoping to start in September again, during the 10am Mass at St Francis' Ritchie Hall. Nursery is for kids age 1 to Kindergarten, and teaches the kids about our Lord and His Church! We are always in need of volunteers! No prep is necessary; lessons are provided. Extra hands are needed to help pass out materials and "man the crowd". Clearances are required, but we will help you get those. Would you consider helping an hour every month or 2? Please consider helping with this great ministry, helping form our next generation of Catholics! Contact the Parish office or Ruby Morris at 814 989-0194 for more information.

PARENTING POINTERS As many families prepare for their kids returning to school, review the school supplies you already have on hand. Not everything needs to be new. If you still have extra pens, paper, backpacks, etc. offer them to families who may not be able to afford to buy them.



'Religious Item' RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday, September 14, 2024
8AM – 1PM
St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria
 325 Church St, St. Marys, PA
PLUS after all Masses that weekend



We take ALL religious items, crosses, bibles, books, rosaries at the St. Mary's Parish Center Office. This is your chance to clean out all those things that you inherited when Aunt Rosie passed away that you don't know what to do with.


All donations benefit the Convent Grounds Renovation.

September 14, 2024—Allegany River Park, W. Union St, Allegany, NY Registration starts at 10 am & event starts at 10:30 am **We are looking forward to seeing you at our 32nd annual Walk For Life!**
 The Walk For Life is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and one we always look forward to. This is a family event; everyone is invited to participate even if they cannot do the physical walk. The day includes free food and games, as well as T-shirts and merchandise, and raffle baskets that can be purchased with cash or check.

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

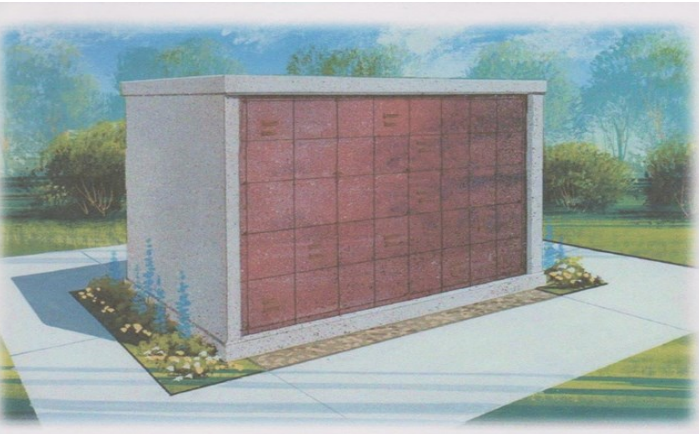
A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect religious items that need a new home. Acceptable items are anything Catholic such as statues, rosaries (broken rosaries ok), crucifixes, holy medals, holy cards, framed pictures, prayer books and bibles, as well as used musical instruments. **Please do not bring: religious books, pamphlets, wax candles, angel figurines (Saint angels are fine).** There is a box in back of St. Francis Church and in the Parish Office for items. All items must be deposited by Sunday, September 1st for pick-up.

Please get your completed **REP PACKETS** turned into the parish office as soon as possible. Thank You!



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
Michael, Patricia & Andrew
Pehonsky*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult”, He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.



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.

Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning for your marriage in **2025**? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for **January 17-19** at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our Web site at <https://www.eriegcd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and to register. Remember, “A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime.” Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



We are currently seeking a part time facilities manager. 20-25 hours per week. General knowledge of plumbing & electrical is required as well as 5 years related experience. Please submit your resume with references, by mail to St. Bernard Church, PO Box 2394, Bradford or email to Gina at sbchurch@breezeline.net

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
Question: According to tradition, what event took place in the home of the apostle Mark’s mother?
Answer: The Last Supper. ©LPI



DENNIS FAUCHER, DDS
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS


Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

August 18	\$ 6,470
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 1,774
Assumption of Mary.....	\$ 1,632

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918
 2024 CSA Collected \$ 52,647

**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, *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 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 rubbytmor@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 26TH—SEPTEMBER 1ST

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 26th

SBC 8:00 am Geoff Hannon (Kathy & Ron Symington)
SF 9:00 am Helena Kenneson (M/M Jeffrey Bizzak)

Tuesday, August 27th

SF 9:00 am Judy Rose (Kelly Platko)

Wednesday, August 28th

SBC 8:00 am Anna M. Place (Debbie & John Place)

Thursday, August 29th

SBC 8:00 am John R. Frisina (Mike & Cindy Wilber)
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, August 30th

SBC 8:00 am Betty Sullivan (Fr. Steve, Diane & Mike Schreiber)

Saturday, August 31st

SF 9:00 am Sandra O'Brien (Shirley & John Dicello)
SF 4:00 pm Michael Comilla (Lisa Farina)

Sunday, September 1st

SF 8:00 am Dominic F. Cavallero (Richard & Ann Cavallero)
SF 10:00 am Leo & Sally Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)
SF 11:30 am Lisa Cropper (Pat Pascarella)

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



AUGUST 31ST, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Tammy Black

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

Servers: Bella & Giana Davidson

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Joyce Schaming

EM: Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Cindy Greek

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Joyce Geis

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

Servers: Owen Manion & Luke Erickson

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Craig Cuthbertson

EM: Charlotte Cuthbertson

CUP: Carol Vinca/Sue Lee

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, 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.**

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

