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*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024*

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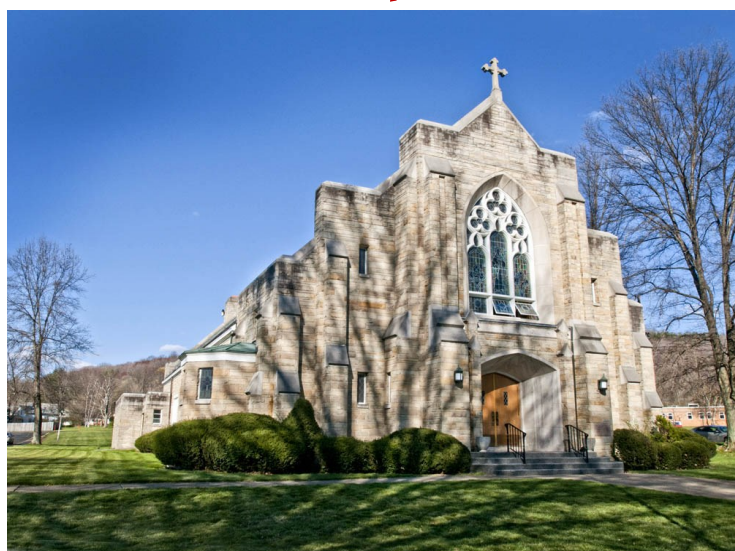
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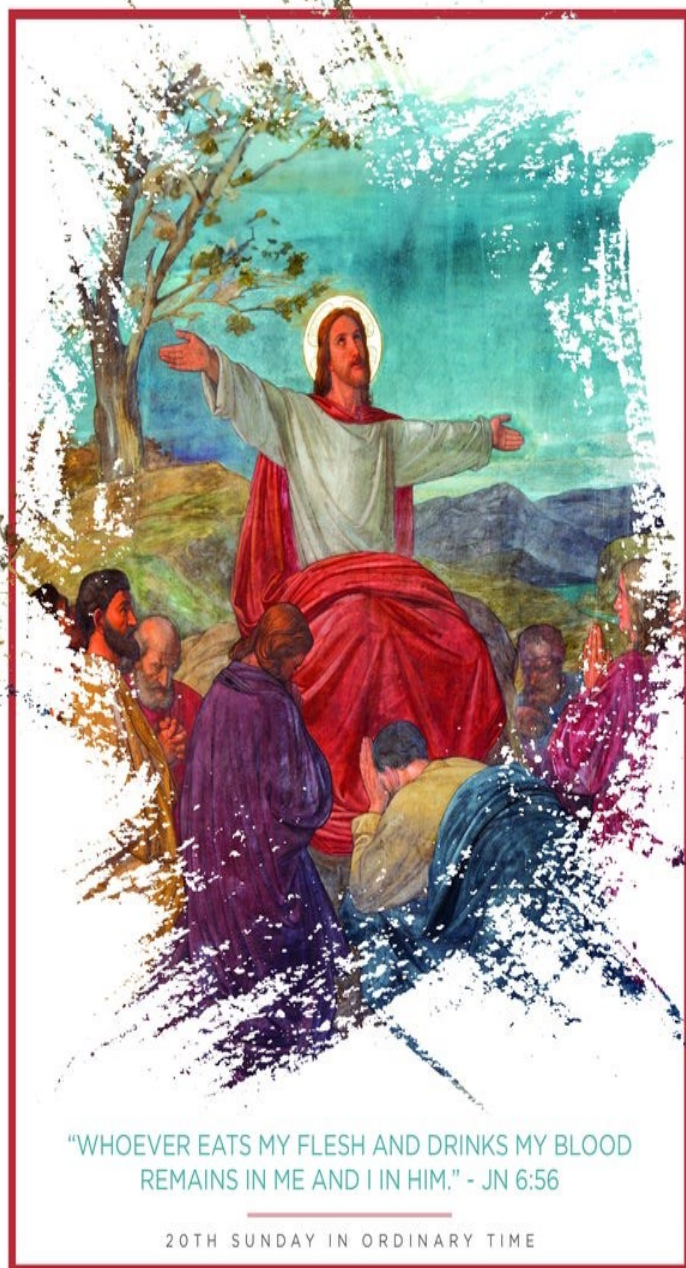


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Renovations

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



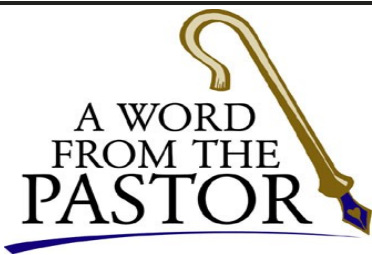
St. Francis of Assisi



"WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM." - JN 6:56

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In last week’s bulletin, we reflected on what has become a growing trend, what Fr Scott Detisch calls “Burger King Catholics in a Netflix World.” We want it our way – now (or whenever it is convenient).

To combat these trends, we have begun to initiate new approaches to our middle- and high-school students. For 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, we started the “Edge” program, and for our 9th grade Confirmation students, we begin the “Purpose” program of preparation. You can read all about them on the Erie Diocese website: <https://eriercd.org/faithformation/> You can look over the curriculum and how it is presented – in a couple of short videos and pages. In addition, we are still trying to provide a robust faith formation for our young parishioners in grades 1-5.

To make this effort work, we need parishioners (not just parents) to step forward to help facilitate these efforts and reach our young people and offer them a quality experience of faith formation that overcomes the tendencies, even among their own parents in some cases, to have a distant and non-committal relationship with the Church.

You mentioned at town hall meetings how we need to reach out to our young people. These new programs are designed to do just that, but we need you to make it work. So, consider stepping out of your comfort zone and help our youth to encounter, learn about, and become devoted to Christ and His Church. Contact me (JBJacquel@eriercd.org) or Kim VanHorn (tkvanhorn1@verizon.net) if you feel the tug of the Holy Spirit to:

- Help teach our children in grades 1-5, or become a teaching assistant.
- Help with the Edge Program for grades 6-8 or be a group leader with this program.
- Help with the Purpose Confirmation program for grade 9

Remember, many of you have said that reaching our youth is a priority for the parish and I agree wholeheartedly. So, let’s make this happen! Do not be merely a consumer Catholic, only wanting things your way when it’s convenient for you. Give yourself to the Church and help us reach out to our youth with your faith in the Lord!

~ Fr John and Fr Scott

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

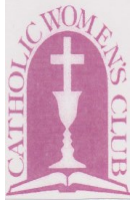
Renovations at St. Bernard Church are progressing on schedule! Authorized personnel only-construction zone! Thank you.



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
Anne Taylor Babasick*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

 Sunday, August 25th from 11:30-1:30 (following 10 am Mass) The Catholic Women's Club invites Rosary Altar members and all women parishioners to join us for a picnic lunch catered by Togi's. Please RSVP to Joanie Yohe (814-331-3796) or Alicia Hill (814-598-5076) or Kim Graham (814-598-4570) by Wednesday, August 21st. Hope to see you there!



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.

Parish Office is in need of 3-ring binders, Any color or size, in good condition. Thank you!



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 September 10th

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

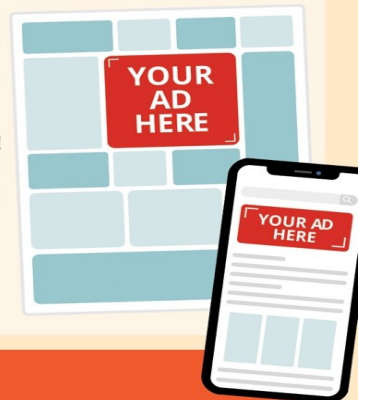
AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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



World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend October 11-13
Canandaigua, NY. For more information visit <https://wwme.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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Diocesan Requirements for working with children:

Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

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.

FEAST DAY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 20th

ABBOT AND MYSTIC

“—
LET US NOT THINK OF THAT ADVENT ONLY WHEREBY THE SON OF MAN HAS ‘COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST,’ BUT ALSO OF THAT OTHER BY WHICH HE WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE US TO HIMSELF.”

—ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

PARENTING POINTERS

Younger teens often struggle with their identity and wonder about things like what will maturing into a young man or woman be like. Around the time of puberty, as they recognize the changes in themselves, reassure them that we unconditionally place our “seal of approval” upon them as our child.

Bright Alternatives Walk for Life 2024

Allegany River Park
Saturday, September 14th from 10am to 1pm

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.

Feast Day of St. Bernard of Clairvaux is Tuesday. Please join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis followed by a pizza/salad dinner in Ritchie Hall. A dessert to pass is appreciated. **Final weekend to sign up—clipboards are at the entrances.**

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

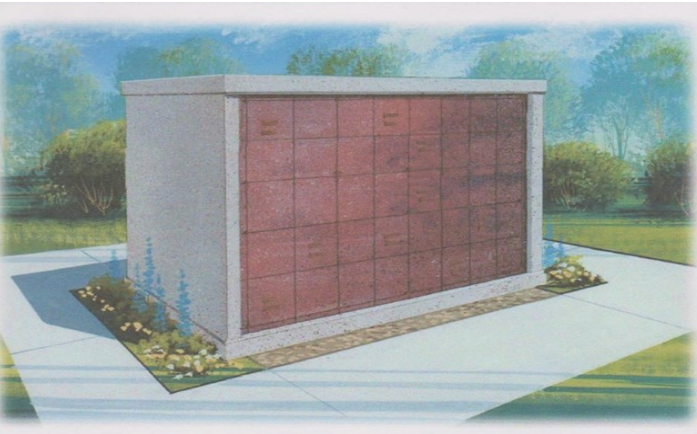
A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect religious items that need a new home. Acceptable items are anything Catholic such as statues, rosaries (broken rosaries ok), crucifixes, holy medals, holy cards, framed pictures, prayer books and bibles, as well as used musical instruments. **Please 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.

Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord — May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion. May our “Eucharist” make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You. May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You. Amen. ©LPi

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks of his flesh and blood as life-giving. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel the physical demands of family life; yet children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.



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: 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.

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BRADFORD MANOR
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

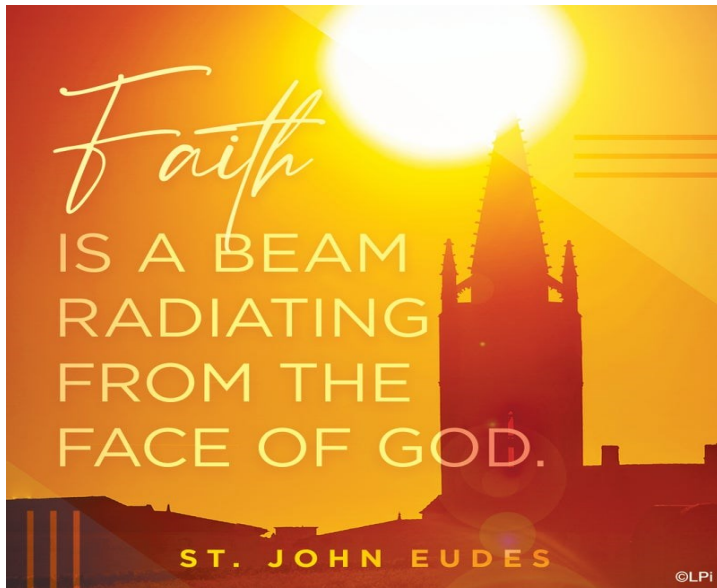
Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

August 11\$ 7,027

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected \$ 51,227

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.

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)
- Cover photos of churches by LongArt Photography

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*
 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.



WEEK OF AUGUST 19TH—AUGUST 25TH

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 19th

SBC 8:00 am Nick Schiappa (Family)
SF 9:00 am Helen Sapko (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Tuesday, August 20th

SF 9:00 am Nicholas Pingie (Family)
SF 5:30 pm **FEAST OF ST. BERNARD**
Pat Pecora (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

Wednesday, August 21st

SBC 8:00 am Fred & Lena Ross & Family (Nancy Fire)

Thursday, August 22nd

SF 8:00 am Anthony Danias (Ron & Kathy Symington)
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, August 23rd

SBC 8:00 am Elvira Pascarella (Family)

Saturday, August 24th

SF 9:00 am Berta Gonzalez (Marty & Kris Sapko)
SF 4:00 pm Anne Taylor Babasick (Family)

Sunday, August 25th

SF 8:00 am Helen M. Pecora (Kathy Symington)
SF 10:00 am George Kriz (Elnora Morgan)
SF 11:30 am Karen Benedict (Nancy O'Donnell)

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



AUGUST 24TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

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

AUGUST 25TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Martha Torrey
EM: Kevin Fox **CUP:** Candy Tingley/Deb Woodley
Server: David Hill



St. Francis 10:00 am

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

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee
EM: Carol Vinca
CUP: Charlotte Cuthbertson/Judy LeRoy
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 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/ Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14



Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next 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