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The Baptism of the Lord
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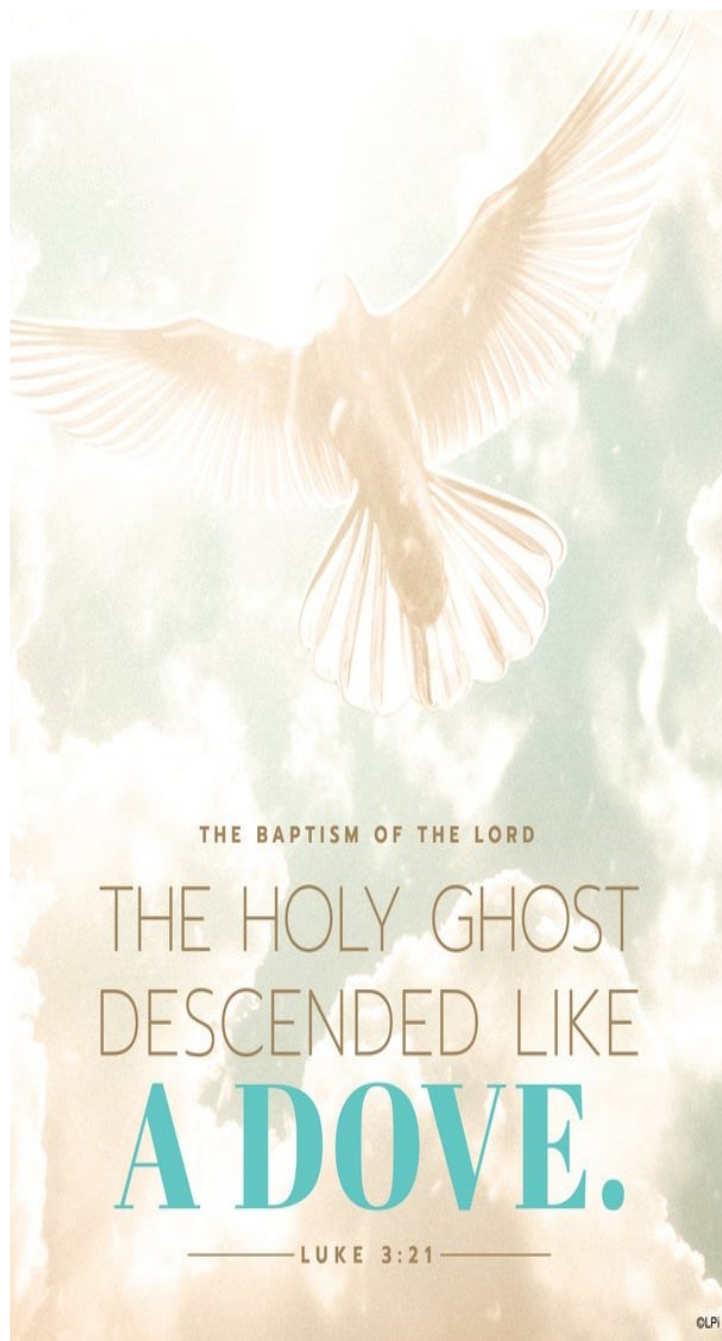
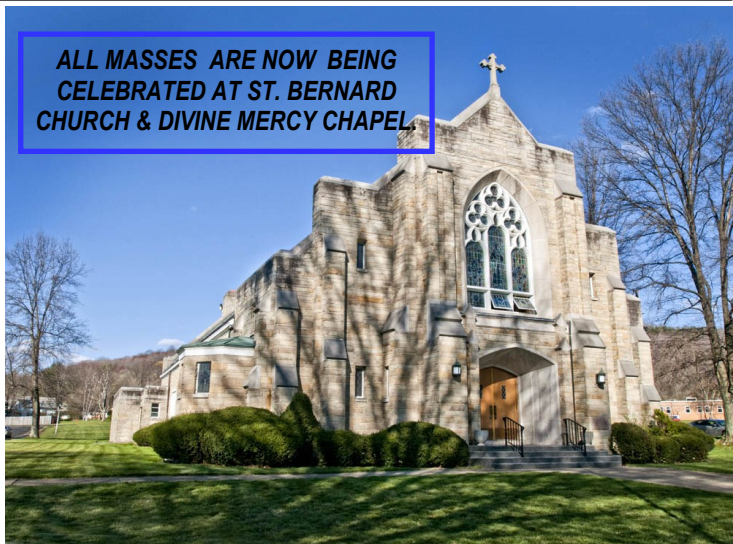
St. Bernard of Clairvaux


**RENOVATIONS COMPLETE!
WELCOME BACK
TO ST. BERNARD CHURCH!**



St. Francis of Assisi

**ALL MASSES ARE NOW BEING
CELEBRATED AT ST. BERNARD
CHURCH & DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL.**





A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

With the winter snows continuing – coupled with the frigid temperatures – perhaps your favorite winter sport is reading. Here are a few books I found this past year.

On retreat, I found this book in my room and bought a copy to finish it: **More Than You Could Ever Imagine** (2015) by Bernie Owens, SJ. In describing the process of divinization (whereby people are slowly transformed into Godlikeness), the Jesuit author loves quoting from Philippians chapter 3 and the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. I found his approach refreshing and engaging and “Whoa! That’s Amazing!” in a number of places. You at first think that he’s treading on heretical ground, but later realize this process is truly proclaimed in the Church’s liturgy at Easter, Christmas, and other points of each year. His last two chapters almost took my breath away.

David Brooks has added another book, **How to Know a Person** (2023), to his works. Since we are all essentially social – even though there are times when “*I want to be alone*,” this very readable author is focusing on social skills that can help us all make progress. He is also very quick to divulge his own emotions and failures as he seeks to help us all to grow and flourish all the more, but seeing each other more deeply, which is so much needed in our polarized and divisive culture and world today.

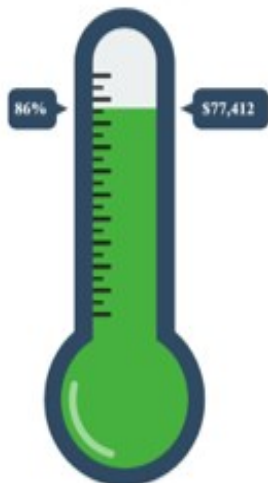
A gift from a friend, Tim Kaine’s **Walk Ride Paddle** (2024) relates the 3-year outdoor recreation of this former governor and present U.S. Senator from Virginia. He walks the Appalachian Trail (Virginia section), bikes the Blue Ridge Parkway, and canoes the James River to celebrate his 25 years of public service and think about what is ahead for him. I most appreciated his reflections on his hike, including his active Catholicism as related in chapter 29 (p. 111), though I approach several of his priorities from a different perspective. He has lived and served through some of the worst crises in our country and our lives and shown himself a true gentleman. Hope you, too, find some good reading. Fr John




Diocese of Erie
2024 Catholic Services Appeal

One Faith One Family

GOAL: \$89,918




Our CSA deadline is quickly approaching-January 31, 2025. Our goal this year is \$89,918 and we are about \$12,500 short as of January 6, 2025. Any deficit we have will come out of the general fund unless we receive generous donations. Any donations are greatly appreciated! Please use the blue envelope or mark your donation CSA.





Jubilee Journey:

Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025



Journey with the Diocese of Erie
ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA
Widow's Group: Wednesday, January 15th @ Noon in Chapel for Rosary, followed by Social Hall
K of C #403 : Tuesday, January 14th @ 7 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, January 29th @ 11:15 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 4th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: TBA
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, February 12th @ 11:00 am
Liturgy Committee: TBA



**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 January 14th

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



Mark Your Calendars! The Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford, along with the Rosary Altar, and the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the annual **Chili Cook-off**. It will take place on Saturday, January 25th following the 4 pm Mass at St. Bernard Church and will be in Gallina Hall.

The Baptism of the Lord (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart. — Father John Muir

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Called to Connect: Pilgrims of Hope

As we prepare for this upcoming Holy Year, I want to share with you some reflections on **the significance of this Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope"**. The Holy Father has called us to "fan the flame of hope that has been given us" and to help others "gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

This theme underscores the commitment we have made in our own diocese to look forward after facing the challenge of pastoral planning to embrace our future with trust and faith. As we unite during this sacred time, may our hearts be opened to the graces and blessings of this extraordinary celebration. Whether you are making a pilgrimage to Rome or encountering the Lord in your local community, let us honor this Holy Year with a renewed sense of mission and hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

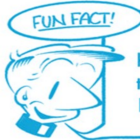
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



"Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?"

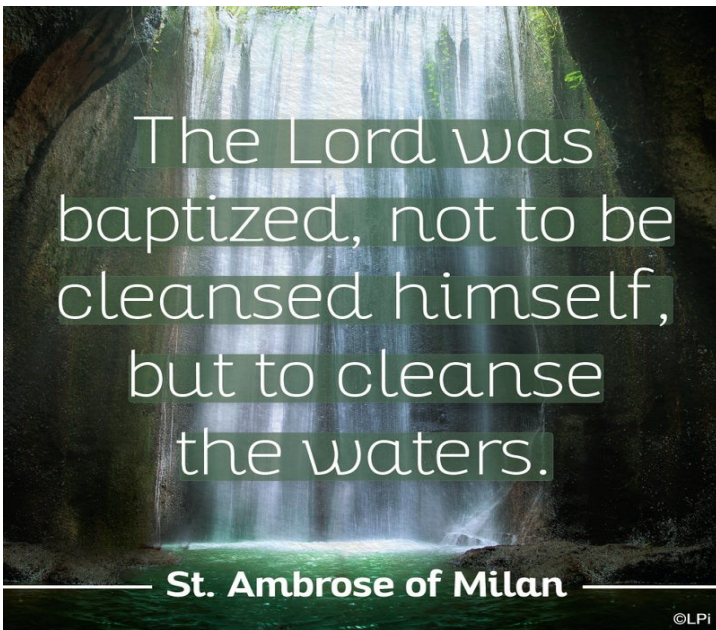


"Mary had a little lamb!"



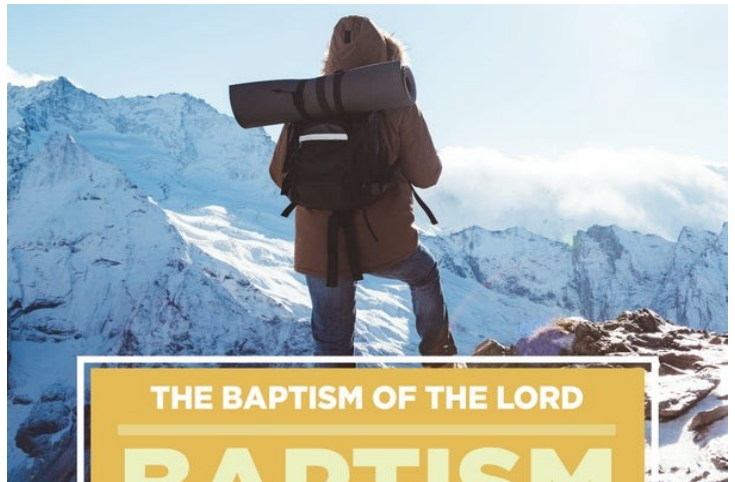
Has your mother ever sung you a lullaby to help you get to sleep? It's not hard to imagine then that the Blessed Mother would have sung lullabies to Baby Jesus to help Him sleep, too!

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GRADES 6-9 will meet on Sunday, January 12th & January 26th @ 5:45 in Gallina Hall. GRADES 1-5 will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, February 2nd @ 11:00 am.

PARENTING POINTERS
Increase the quiet space in your home. Move the TV to a location other than the rooms where your family congregates for meals or conversation. Consider also where phones should be used.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
BAPTISM
"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

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2024 YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUEST FORMS are available in the back of the church. Please fill out the form in its entirety. You may drop the completed form in the offertory basket or at the parish office. We will announce when statements are available for pickup.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is a delay in the opening of the new columbarium. We apologize for any inconvenience and will update the progress in the bulletin.



The Sanctuary Candle is available as a weekly memorial for for the cost of \$10. Please call the parish office for more information.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – 3 Ways for Teens to Reboot

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

MARRIAGE MOMENT "Romance is a process...It's not a one-time thing. It's not something that's 'accomplished' and then forgotten. In order to work, it's got to be an ongoing thing." (Gregory J. P. Godek, *1001 Ways to Be Romantic*) Think of one romantic way you can express your love for your spouse today. Do it.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God, You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You. Amen. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is the incense burner used at Mass called?
Answer: Thurible or censer. ©LPi



St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in Memory of TUBBY MADURI

Pastoral Council Election 2025 Notice to the Parish Community: four seats on the Pastoral Council are up for election in 2025. The available seats up for election are currently held by parishioners Dave Geitner, Bill Graham, Dawn Kozminski, and Tim VanHorn. Dawn, Tim, Dave & Bill have decided not to run for re-election. We thank them for their two years of service and dedication on the council. **Due Sunday, January 12th, 2025**, the parish community is asked to nominate an individual or individuals for the four seats. Candidates should be registered parishioners in good standing. The term to serve on the council will be for three years. Please fill out a nomination slip and place it either in the collection basket at Mass or you may turn it in personally to the Parish Office. Candidates will be announced on the weekend of January 25th/26th. The election will take place on the weekend of February 1st/2nd.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 2,282
January 5.....	.\$ 6,907

2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918

2024 CSA Collected\$ 77,413

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*
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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. Bernard — 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). Please call the parish office for more information.

Nurse Program The former Nursery Program is now a Kid’s Liturgy Program. During the 10 am Mass, during the Liturgy of the Word, volunteers will take the kids, ages 3-6, for a mini lesson. The lesson will be held in a small room off the Sacristy. They’ll return to the pews during the Presentation of the Gifts. We are excited for this new format! See you Sunday!

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 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 JANUARY 13TH—JANUARY 19TH

All Masses now celebrated at St. Bernard Church except for the daily Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel, indicated by SBC in front of the time.

Monday, January 13th

SBC 8:00 am Fran Nickel (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)

SBC 9:00 am Pete Buchheit (Dan & Cindy Songer)

Tuesday, January 14th

SBC 9:00 am Angelo Piersimoni & Humbert Piscitelli (Joyce & Louise)

Wednesday, January 15th

SBC 8:00 am Sue Ann Vigliotti (James & Toni Bloomquist)

Thursday, January 16th

SBC 8:00 am Joseph Piersimoni (Joyce Schaming)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, January 17th

SBC 8:00 am Harry & Gwen Hannon Family (Ron & Kathy Symington)

Saturday, January 18th

SBC 9:00 am John & Josephine Colosimo (Dick & Patty Colosimo)

SB 4:00 pm Michael Long (Jim & Sharon Long)

Sunday, January 19th

SB 8:00 am Robert L. Butler (Beverly Butler & Family)

SB 10:00 am Dan Hillard (Sue & Family)

SB 11:30 am Frances Heitzinger (Kristine & Bob Pollack)

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

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 18TH, 2025

Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Anne Stauffer

EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Tammy Black/Dick Williams

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

JANUARY 19TH, 2025

Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion

EM: Mike Kozminski **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Dawn Kozminski

Server: David Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Jaxon Eckstrom

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee

EM: Craig Cuthbertson

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, Kate Geils, 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, Chris Lechner, Shirley Lerch, Elizabeth Lindemuth, Harold Little, Don Long, Paula Louk, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Marilyn Manion, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Lorraine Mueller, Virginia O'Brien, 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, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, Damion Wasiewski, Philip Weese & Family, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Lisa Zurat. **May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.**

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/ Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

