

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024*

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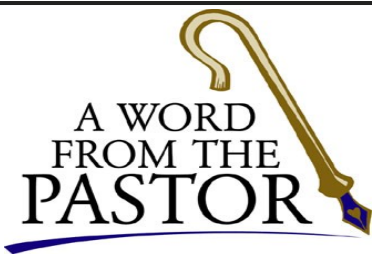
St. Francis of Assisi

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT WHO DO
YOU SAY THAT
I AM?

MARK 8:29





We plan to celebrate two things at once. I had received an offer from my brother, Deacon Dave Jacquel, to come and speak about the Eucharistic Revival as a kind of short spiritual presentation. He attended the National Eucharistic Congress in July at Indianapolis, joining thousands from across the country in renewing their understanding and celebration of the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. Hopefully, you saw the articles in the *FAITH* magazine we just received. He is available on Tuesday, October 1st. So, we'll organize a Holy Hour, from 5:30-

6:30 pm in order to avail ourselves of this wonderful opportunity.

So, let us precede that with some time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are setting up times from the end of the 9 am morning Mass until 5:30 pm – please sign up for a half hour or hour to immerse yourself in this beautiful mystery and to be a part of our parish team keeping vigil during these times.

It seems appropriate, also, to have a social gathering following the Holy Hour and Benediction – so we want people to sign up and bring a tureen to share. The parish will provide some meat and beverages, but you may bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to complement our meal. It will be a good time for fellowship as we have done on our annual Feast Day gathering (St Bernard, Aug 20th, St Francis, October 4th). This year, with the 4th on Friday, we had considered Thursday, but finally decided to just move it up to the Tuesday with this prayer event.

Even if you can't make it to the Holy Hour, we hope you will be able to join us for the dinner! We hope to continue this beautiful tradition even as we move everyone to the St Bernard site in the coming year.

Fr John



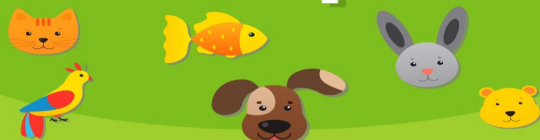
The 2024 Catholic Education Collection

Today is the 2024 Catholic Education Collection! As you saw, we blessed our catechists today. Half of what you give will remain at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet, online at www.osvhub.com/stbernardcatholic or online at <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>. Thank you!

The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl 2024 Collection

is allocated to organizations, such as the **Friendship Table**, that serve to eliminate hunger and poverty within our own communities. These monies would not be available without the generous contributions of the parishioners of the Diocese of Erie. The local portion resulted in a **donation of \$366.58 to the Friendship Table**, which was greatly appreciated.

Blessing of the pets



Sunday, October 6th at 1 pm in St. Francis Parking Lot. Bring your pet(s) for a special blessing! All are invited.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: TBA
Widow's Group: Wednesday, September 18th @ noon
K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 8th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: TBA
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 29th @ 6 pm
Finance Council: TBA
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 9th @ 11 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, October 22nd @ 6:30 pm

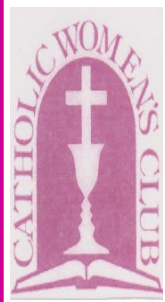


**The Bradford Council #403
of the Knights of Columbus**
www.koc403.com

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

Please Note: Next meeting on October 8th

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



Tuesday, October 15th Catholic Women's Club will hold their Board Meeting at 6 pm in Gallina Hall followed by a Harvest Tureen Dinner at 6:30 pm. Ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and/or dessert. RSVP to Martha Rhodes @ 814-598-4676. Everyone is welcome!

ATTENTION WIDOWS! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 18th**. We will meet in St. Bernard's Divine Mercy Chapel at Noon to recite the rosary. A meeting will follow in the Social Hall. Bring your lunch. All widows are welcome.



EUCCHARIST DAY—Tuesday, October 1st, Holy Hour with Benediction featuring Deacon Dave Jacquel (Fr. John's brother) at 5:30 pm. Eucharistic Adoration following the 9 am Mass until 5:30 pm throughout the day. Following at 6:30 pm is the St. Francis Feast Day Tureen Dinner at Ritchie Hall. Parish will provide the main course, those attending are asked to bring a dish or dessert to pass. The RSVP form was in last week's bulletin or call the Parish office to RSVP.

REP GRADES 1-5 MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL.
REP GRADES 6-9 MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd
FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL

THANK YOU to everyone who responded to our request for three ring binders. The response was overwhelming and very much appreciated! We are currently all set.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

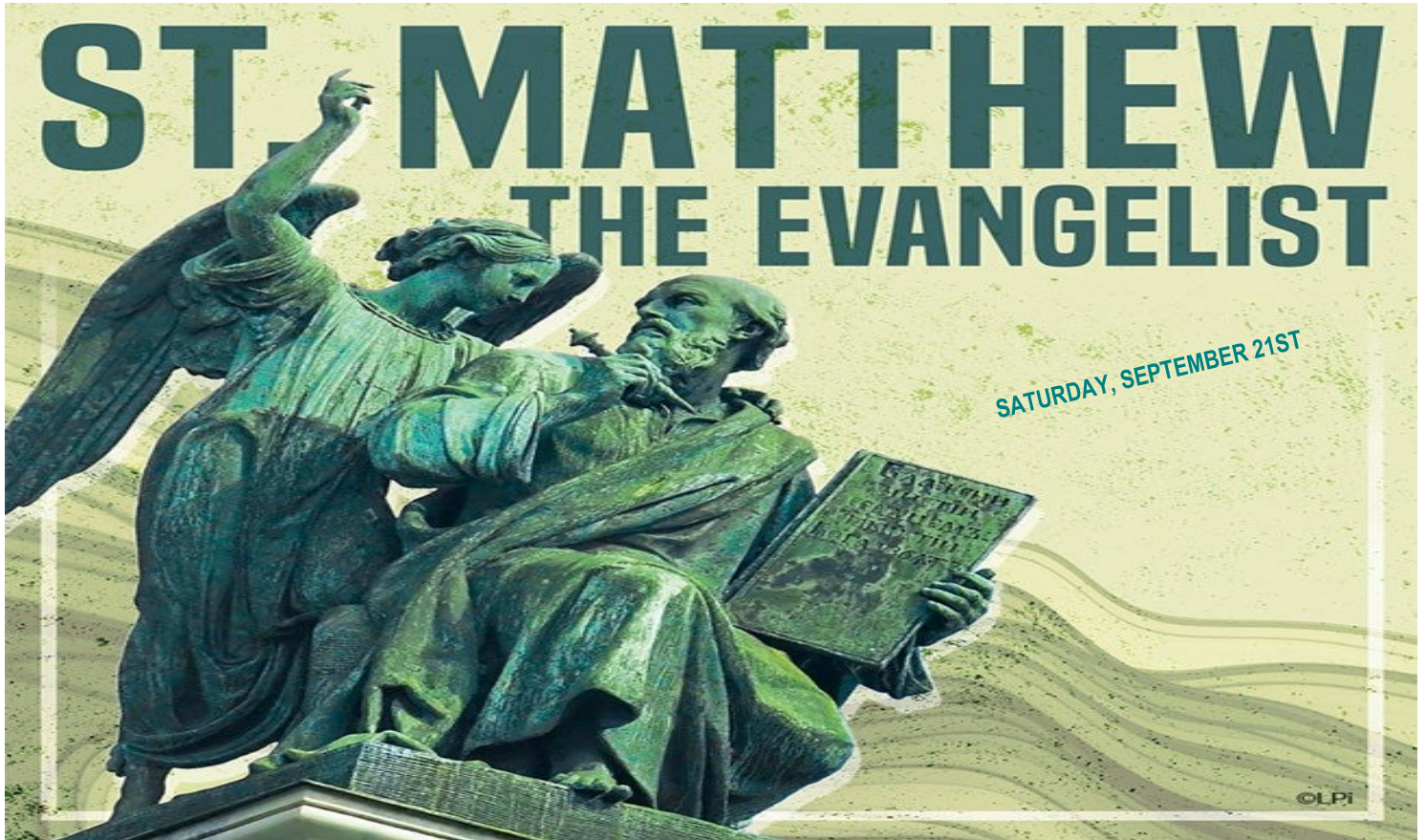
REP has started! Registration packets, are available at St. Francis Church, the parish office, or on our website. Please note that beginning this year current 6th grade students will be attending the evening class as they begin their Confirmation journey. Students are required to have been in REP 6th -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).

MINISTERS AT MASS

Our new Liturgy Committee is looking to develop some new positions. We'd like to see some Greeters at each Mass, to welcome our faithful parishioners as well as visitors and help to facilitate the gifts procession. We could also use a little help with sacristy (setting up vessels and books prior to Mass). We are also encouraging women who would like to help with the money collecting to give it a try. **Please sign up on the clipboards near the doors** and we'll get together for a little training. Thanks for helping us to have even better celebrations of the graces God bestows!

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.

ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

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MARRIAGE MOMENT

Sept. 16 is Independence Day in Mexico. Although US citizens celebrate July 4 as Independence Day, independence and dependence are concepts bigger than one's country of origin. Healthy marriages involve both freedom and helping with your beloved's needs. Which is easier for you?

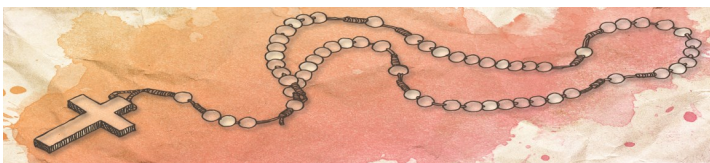
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Name the prayer typically recited as the final prayer of the rosary.

Answer: Hail Holy Queen.

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PRAY *for* PEACE



Rosary at St. Francis on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 pm led by the Knights of Columbus.

CHRISTMAS FLOAT MEETING

follow-up: Tuesday, September 24th @ 6 PM in Ritchie Hall. This year's theme will be St. Nicholas (the saint not "Santa Claus"). The parade this year falls on the Feast of St. Nicholas which is Friday, December 6th. All are welcome to attend if you would like to participate.



Our Lady of Sorrows
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SEPTEMBER 15

PARENTING POINTERS Is your family broken? (divorce, infidelity, the painful loss of a child or spouse...) all of these things, and others, can shatter a family. Be patient with yourself. If your own family is OK for now, does a family you know need support?

Planning Your Wedding? An Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for **January 17-19, 2025**, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and inter-faith couples are encouraged to attend. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our website at <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."



Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer: Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments.

God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
ED HARRIS*



Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God, You never stop drawing us closer to You. Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You. Attract them. Challenge them. Love them. Guide them. Bless them. Amen.

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PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 1.....	\$7,457
September 8.....	\$9,524
2024 Combined CSA Assessment	\$ 89,918
2024 CSA Collected	\$ 54,790

**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. 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 SEPTEMBER 16TH—22ND
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, September 16th

SBC 8:00 am Kristin McCann (Family)
 SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Tuesday, September 17th

SF 9:00 am NO MASS—RETREAT

Wednesday, September 18th

SBC 8:00 am NO MASS—RETREAT

Thursday, September 19th

SBC 8:00 am NO MASS—RETREAT
 SF 9:00 am NO MASS—RETREAT

Friday, September 20th

SBC 8:00 am NO MASS—RETREAT

Saturday, September 21st

SF 9:00 am Fran Nickel (Keith & Mary Anne Stauffer)
 SF 4:00 pm Earl & Marjorie Tischer (Kris & Darcy Goll)

Sunday, September 22nd

SF 8:00 am Barbara Matto (Butch Matto)
 SF 10:00 am Rosanne Giordano (Children)
 SF 11:30 am Julia McKenzie (Mariette Jumet)

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

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,
 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-
 5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17,
 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/
 Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37




**WEEKEND
 MINISTRY SCHEDULE**
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SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Mike Kozminski

EM: Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Betty Spindler

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Greg Ulyan

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Teri Everett/Lynn Hogue

Servers: Abigail Carlson/Claire & Teddy Henretta

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Sue Lee

EM: Craig Cuthbertson

CUP: Judy LeRoy/Charlotte Cuthbertson

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.**