

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2024*

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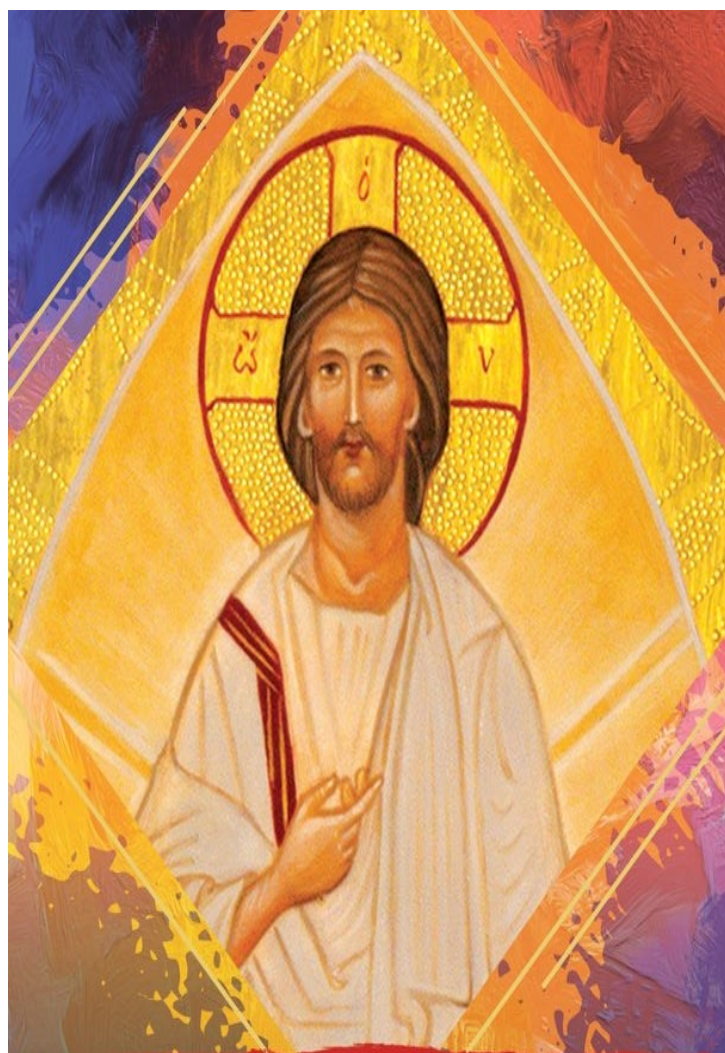


Temporarily Closed for
Renovations

St. Bernard of Clairvaux




St. Francis of Assisi



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven
so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Once in a while, I get to read someone else’s bulletin. These two articles were so well-written by a brother priest, Fr Scott Detisch, pastor of St John’s, Girard, that I’d like to share the gist of them with you.

Fr Scott comments that consumerism is creeping into our religious practices. We desire to have things the way we want them in the time-frame most convenient to ourselves. “Have it your way” anytime you want it. He calls this Burger King Catholicism in a Netflix World.

Maybe this is why we see different attitudes toward religious practice these days. Here are some examples:

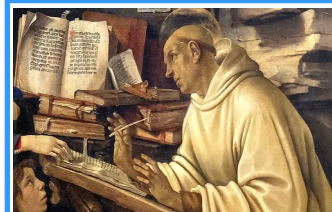
1. Parents sending children to Religious Education classes but never bringing them to Mass.
2. Families demanding that Religious Education not interfere with sports, dance, robotics, or other activities which have increased over the years.
3. Children only attending Religious Education in the years they receive a sacrament (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation), skipping the other years.
4. People claiming to be Catholic, wanting to be approved as a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, but not coming to Mass.
5. Young parents wanting their children baptized, but showing no commitment to practicing the Catholic faith (which they promise to do during the rite).
6. People picking and choosing the Catholic teachings with which they already agree, that make no demands on their present lifestyle while rejecting the other teachings which might call for changes in attitudes, behaviors, and way of life.
7. Engaged couples who want a church wedding because of family tradition or the beauty of the church setting, but do not participate in the practice of the faith.
8. Church-goers who are always at Mass, but do not recognize the need to bring the gospel message into their jobs, businesses, social groups, sports, arts, or other interests, or their relationships and commitments.

This brand of Catholicism is what the majority of our young people experience. It is what makes the religious faith formation of our youth so difficult. Next week, we’ll look at some of the ways you can help – and we do need your help.

~ Fr John and Fr Scott

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



Feast Day of St. Bernard of Clairvaux

is Tuesday, August 20th. There will be a celebration with a 5:30 Mass at St. Francis followed by a pizza

and salad dinner in Ritchie Hall. Attendees are invited to bring a dessert to pass. **Please sign up on the sheet at the entrances to the church for a head count.**



The Sanctuary Candle is available for remembrances **from September 29th through November 10th, \$10 per week.** If interested please call the parish office.



St. Francis Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in memory of Mary & James Pedine

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who baptized Jesus?

Answer: His cousin, John the Baptist.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Catholic Women: Picnic at Graham’s Greenhouse, Sunday, August 25th (Details to follow)
Rosary Altar: Summer Break—August
Widow’s Group: TBA
K of C #403 : Tuesday, August 13th (See box to right).
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, August 14th @ 11:15 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: TBA
SF 50+ Club: Summer Break-Next Meeting
 Wednesday, September 11th @ 11 am



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 August 13th
 Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.



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!

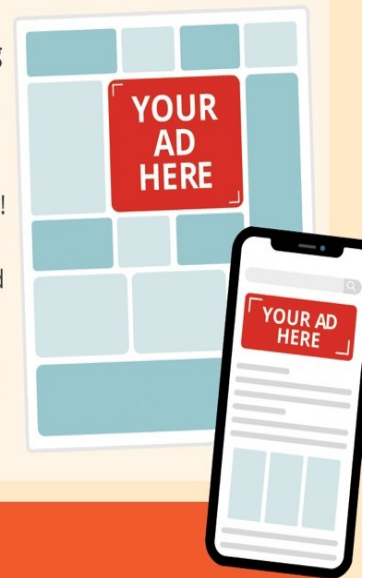
AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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 bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

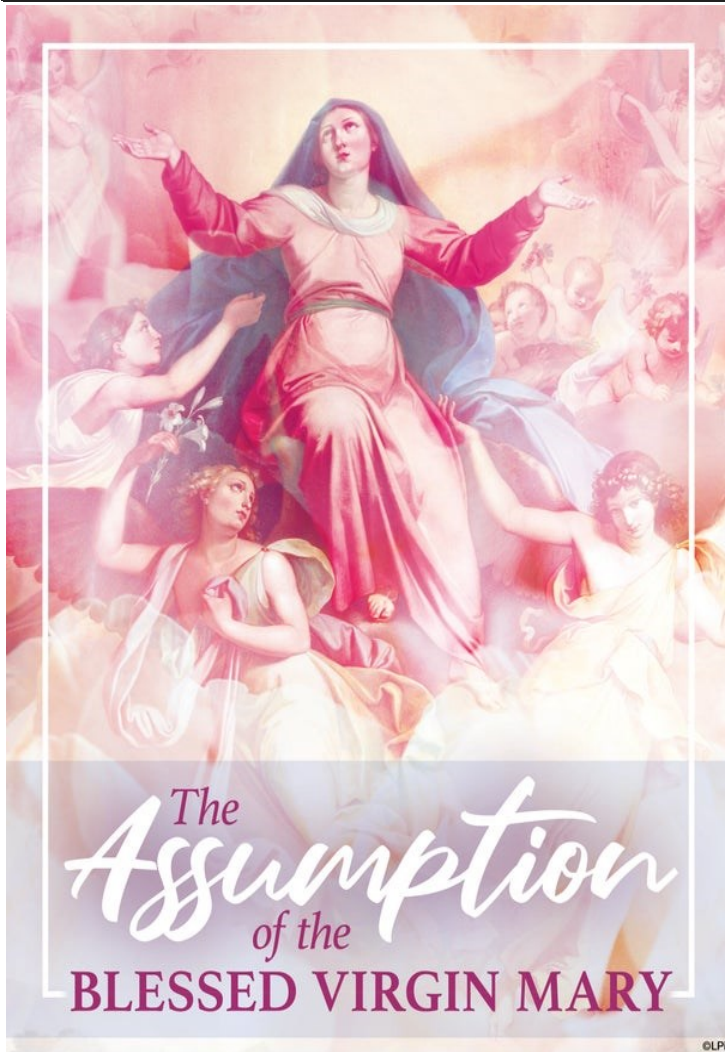
Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

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!



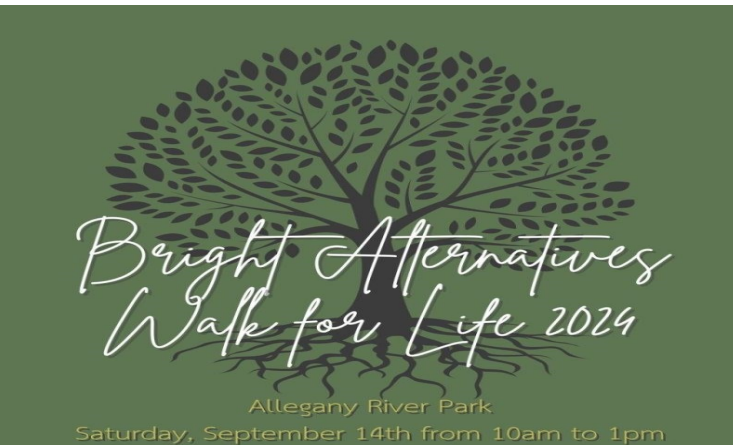
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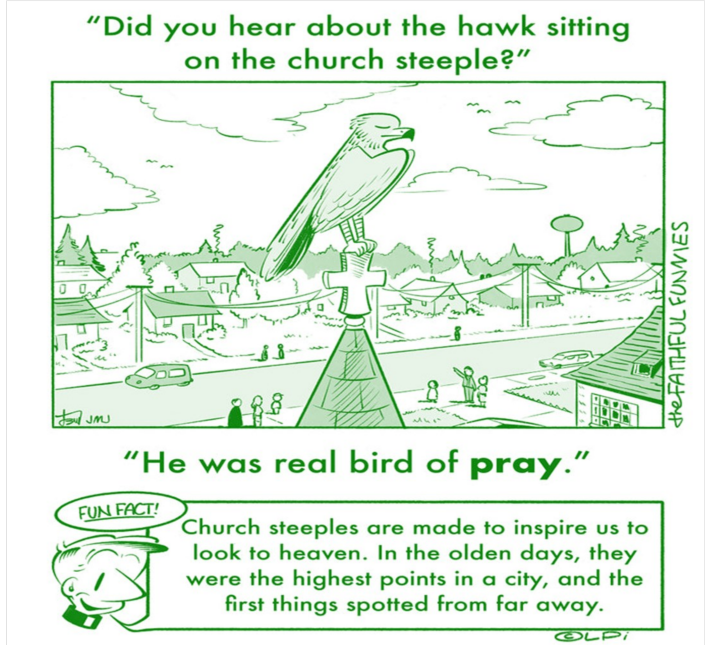


THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th—VIGIL MASS 5:30 PM
NO AM MASS ON WEDNESDAY
 THURSDAY MASSES--8:00 AM & 12:10 PM BOTH AT ST. FRANCIS

CONGRATULATIONS! Daniel and Stephanie Lang renewed their marriage vows in St Francis Church Saturday, August 3, with their family, in a Nuptial Mass. We continue to wish them all of God's blessings.



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.



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.

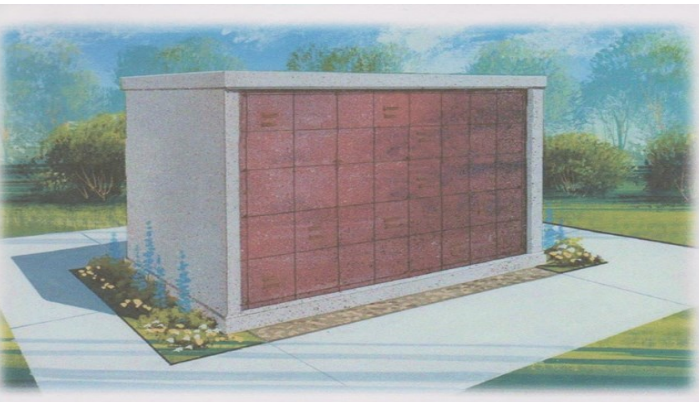
RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM HOME!

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.



The renovations at St. Bernard Church are progressing on schedule. However, the church remains a construction zone, access is restricted to workers. Thank you for your cooperation.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE “Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.



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.eriecnd.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



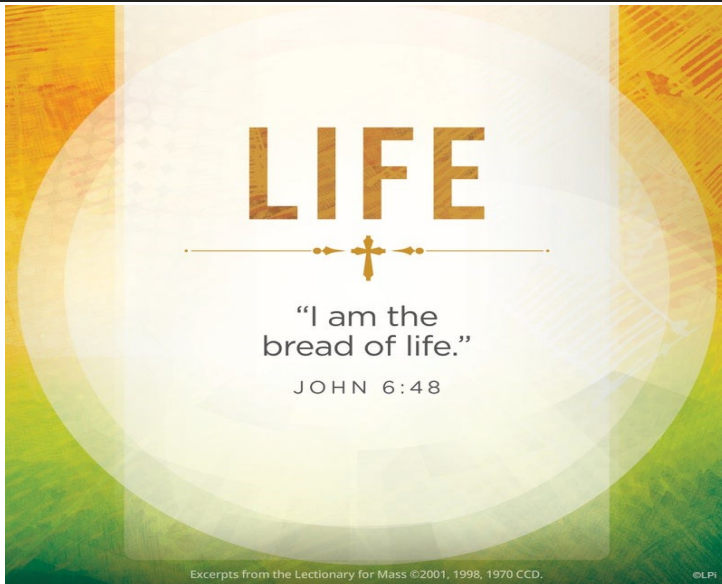
BRADFORD ECUMENICAL HOME, INC.
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!


LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

August 4	\$ 7,972
Missionary Co-Op	\$ 5,735
2024 Combined CSA Assessment	\$ 89,918
2024 CSA Collected	\$ 51,227

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS





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

PASTORAL STAFF:
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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:
You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford

WEBSITE: <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>

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 Bradford, PA 16701

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 Gina Davidson, *Office 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 12TH—AUGUST 18TH

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 12th

SBC 8:00 am Helen Platko (Family)
SF 9:00 am Judith Ann Simon (Dennis & Stacy Williams)

Tuesday, August 13th

SF 9:00 am Carroll Vecellio (BCCHS Class of 1967)

Wednesday, August 14th

SBC 8:00 am **NO MASS**
SF 5:30 pm **VIGIL MASS**
Vivian Bottorf (d) (Cindy Greek)

Thursday, August 15th (HOLY DAY)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SF 8:00 am All Parishioners
SF 12:10 pm Harry Bagel (Friend)

Friday, August 16th

SBC 8:00 am Mario Pais (Family)

Saturday, August 17th

SF 9:00 am Annette Yolanda Geist (Norman Geist)
SF 4:00 pm Robert O. Burrell (Bob B.)

Sunday, August 18th

SF 8:00 am Judy Mongillo (Jim & Gigi Carroll)
SF 10:00 am Joe & Charlene Butler (Sue & Family)
SF 11:30 am Rev. Chris Barnes (Nellie Vecellio)

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

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-
3,4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

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



AUGUST 17TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

AUGUST 18TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Joyce Schaming

EM: Doug Butler **CUP:** Candy Tingley/Deb Woodley

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

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

Servers: Jaxon Eckstrom/**VOLUNTEER**

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: Judy LeRoy

EM: Craig Cuthbertson

CUP: Sue Lee/Karen McClain

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.**