

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2024

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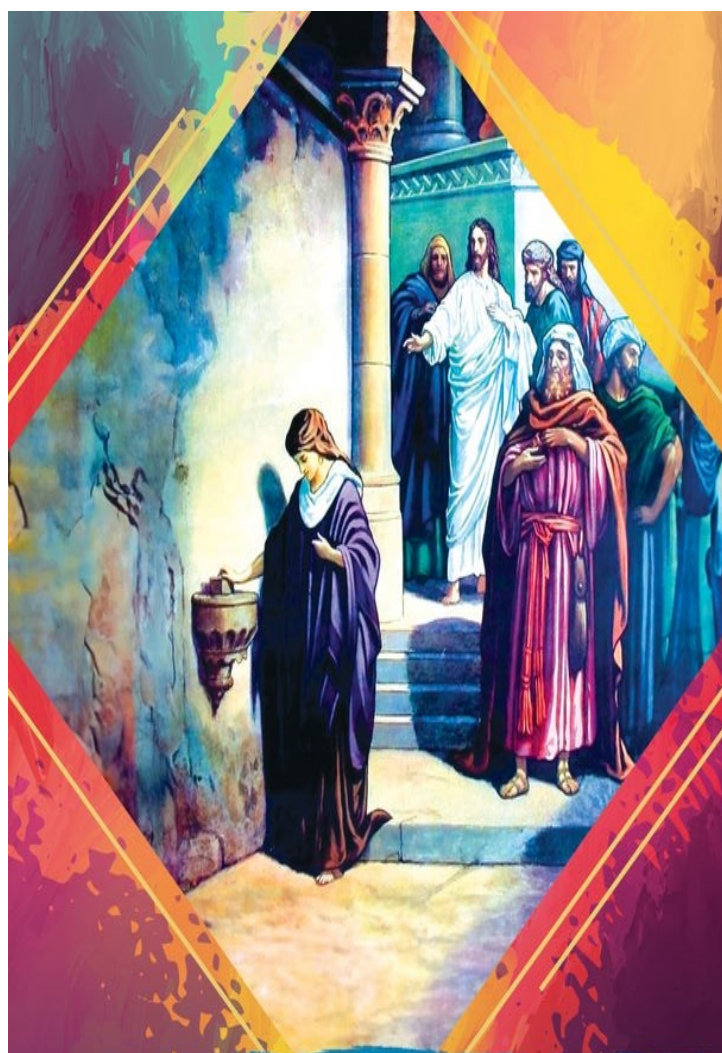
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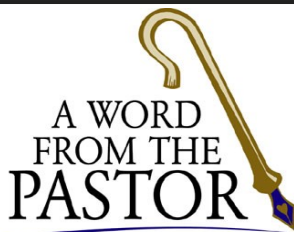


St. Francis of Assisi



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43



This weekend sees over 300 Confirmation students, catechists, religious education leaders and priests visiting our Pitt-Bradford campus for the Diocesan Confirmation Retreat. This event has been coordinated by our Diocesan Faith Formation department who have been working assiduously for months to make sure this will be successful.

Bishop Persico will also be here for the day and wants to get a peek at our renovation work. He also wants to enjoy a little time here in town as well.

Cindy Greek and I are working to prepare seven teenaged boys (aren't there any girls?) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. That celebration is scheduled at St Bernard's on Sunday, June 1st, along with youth from both Potter and McKean Counties.

We're using a newer approach, "Purpose," which is part of the Life Teen Ministries. If you want to see a little of what we're doing, I highly recommend you take a look at two of the videos they have produced – "Fr McSpeedy's Confirmation" and "The Hospital." Go to YouTube to find the first and for the second, go to: https://resources.lifeteen.com/resource/confirmation_large/session-6 These are quite moving and helpful for teens to grasp the importance of what God is offering them (the gift of the Holy Spirit).

We also have a few students in our Religious Education program that missed out on their sacraments (baptism, penance, eucharist). So, a couple of us are spending time helping them get "up to speed" and encounter the Lord in these wonderful ways. Your prayers and support are most welcome!

Fr. John

PROCESSIONS: GIFT AND COMMUNION — We discontinued the practice of bringing the bread, wine, and collection forward to the altar during the pandemic. It's time to bring this meaningful gesture back into our liturgy. Our greeters and ushers will be looking for family volunteers to help, especially if the Intention for this Mass is a member of your family. If you don't care to do this, just let them know when you arrive for Mass and we'll find someone else from the assembly to bring these items. We also hope to begin bringing more order to the Communion procession – so, please wait until the greeter or usher approached your pew. You may remain kneeling or seated until that time. We truly hope that this will increase the reverence of our Eucharistic celebrations. **We hope to begin these next weekend, November 9th & 10th.**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.sccb.org/cchd

GET SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE!

Sawyer Evangelical Church, 777 S. Kendall Ave.

Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday, November 16th—9am to 3 pm



The St. Francis Bell Choir is holding their annual fundraiser. This year they are selling tickets to win an authentic, hand-crafted Gingerbread House to decorate your home for the holidays! Tickets cost \$5.00/each and the winner will be drawn on December 4, at the hand bell concert which takes place in Richie Hall starting at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased from any bell choir member or in the church office. The choir thanks you for your support!

STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS AT OMPH — The stained-glass windows at Our Mother of Perpetual Help have been removed and will be taken to a church warehouse for distribution elsewhere. We are, unfortunately, not able to make them available to parishioners – according to diocesan policy. **But the bottom panel, with donors' names, ARE available.** They will need to be removed at a cost of \$260. We know that some families very much want these as keepsakes. It seems the same process will be underway for the St. Francis Church stained-glass as well. Please contact the office if you are interested.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How old does someone need to be to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer: Eight years old, the age of reason. ©LPi

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar: Thursday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm
Widow's Group: Wednesday, December 4th @ Noon
K of C #403 : Tuesday, November 12th @ 7:00 pm
Cemetery Board: Wednesday, November 13th @ 11:15 am
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:00 pm
Finance Council: Thursday, November 14th @ 4:30 pm
SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, November 13th @ 11 am
Liturgy Committee: Tuesday, December 10th @ 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 November 12th

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



If you have not registered for REP yet, please note that there is a late fee of \$10, to cover the cost of a rush order for materials.

GRADES 1-5 MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL. PLEASE NOTE: Safe training will take place this year for all grades. This is required by the Diocese. Training will take place in class for Grades 1-5 on November 24th.

On Sunday, December 1st (Grades 1-5) will meet in Gallina Hall at Noon for the Advent Wreath project.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

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.

What is CCHD? The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Church. It was founded in 1969 and established in 1970 to respond to both systemic poverty and racial injustice occurring throughout the country. Since beginning its work in 1970, CCHD has awarded over \$462 million in grants supporting more than 12,000 community-based, grassroots-led organizations. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development provides grants to more than 200 low-income, community-led organizations each year, which is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of Catholics to the annual collection every November on the World Day of the Poor.

ATTENTION WIDOWS! We combined November & December meetings into one to be held on Wednesday, December 4th. Rosary at Noon in Divine Mercy Chapel followed by Pot Luck Lunch in Gallina Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and a "white elephant" gift.



CHRISTMAS FLOAT WORK SESSIONS:

Tuesday, November 19th; and Thursday, November 21st at 5:30 pm in Ritchie Hall. We'll be making paper stock shoes that will be passed out to the children during the parade. We plan on assembling 200-250 shoes. If parishioners would like to donate scotch tape for this project, it will be greatly appreciated. The float will be assembled in the three stall garage at the rear of the St. Francis parking lot the week of December 2nd. We will meet each night at 6pm until the float is completed. Parishioners can view the float in the Christmas parade on Friday, December 6th which takes place on Main St. in Bradford. The parade will begin at 6pm.



Calling all youth, grades K through 12. Please join our Bradford Catholic Community Youth Christmas Choir under the direction of Ryan Cannon. Lynne Kuntz will be assisting. All youth are welcome and we need your voices! The Youth Choir will be singing at Christmas Eve Mass. Our first practice will be held Sunday, November 17th at 11:15 at the Fr. Galina Social Center. More practices to follow. Any questions please contact Sue Bradley at 814-598-7505 or Kim Graham at 814-598-4570.

A LETTER
FROM THE BISHOP



October 28, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 16-17, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. One of the principles that has made CCHD successful at reaching people on the margins for more than 50 years is its support for community-based solutions rather than uniform, top-down programs that do not account for local needs or include local voices.

All CCHD grants, national and local, are approved by the bishop in the diocese where the funded groups operate. When you give to CCHD, 50% of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Erie to help your own community.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please prayerfully consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for contributing to CCHD's outreach to those on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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BRADFORD DESTINATIONS WINTER APPAREL DRIVE

Has ended—the tote will remain at the back of the church through the 10th.

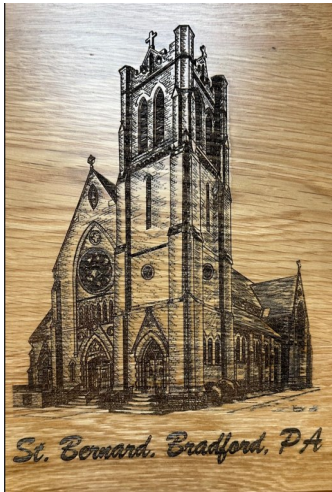
Distribution will be on Saturday, November 16th
10:30 am—4:00 pm @ St. Bernard's Gym
Thank you to everyone who donated!!



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
ANDREW NUZZO*



THE BOOK OF MEMORY
THE BOOK WILL IS AVAIL-
ABLE AT THE FRONT OF
THE CHURCH FOR YOU TO
WRITE THE NAMES OF
YOUR BELOVED WHO
HAVE PASSED.



PLAQUES STILL AVAILABLE
*These would make wonder-
ful Christmas gifts.* Church
plaque or Altar plaque \$60,
both for \$100. Plaques can be
seen at the office or at St.
Francis Church. Please call
the office if interested.
They're available for immedi-
ate pick-up.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
Bullying**

is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection



Women's Club of the Catholic Community of Bradford
invites all **Veterans, their Families and Parishioners**
to attend a Patriotic Rosary at St. Francis Church
on Sunday, November 10th at 9:30 am (prior to 10 am Mass).
Following will be a Veterans' Luncheon in Fr. Ritchie Hall
featuring soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages.

Please join us as we honor our Veterans!!



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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072
November 3\$ 9,117
All Saints Day.....\$ 1,464
2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918
2024 CSA Collected \$57,957

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**





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

PASTORAL STAFF:
 Rev. John B Jacquell, *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 began in September and will continue through May. Please look for registration packets in the back of the church or for more info call the parish office. **NURSERY:** Nursery is available during 10 am Mass at Ritchie Hall. If interested in helping out, even in a limited capacity, please reach out to Ruby Morris at 814-989-0194 or at rubymor@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,

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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| Organist St. Bernard | Rita Bennardi |
| Organist St. Francis | Michael Hicks |
| Resurrection Choir | Joan Raabe |
| God's Housekeepers | Parish Office |
| Liturgy | Fr. John B Jacquell |

Parish Community

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| 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 NOVEMBER 11TH—NOVEMBER 17TH
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, November 11th VETERANS' DAY

SF 9:00 am Jim Sullivan (Family)

Tuesday, November 12th

SF 9:00 am James Carroll (John & Deb Place)

Wednesday, November 13th

SBC 8:00 am Mary Allen (Lou & Angela Monti)

Thursday, November 14th

SBC 8:00 am Mary Webster (Family)

SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, November 15th

SBC 8:00 am Joe Miller (Bonnie Miller)

Saturday, November 16th

SF 9:00 am Geno DeFillipo (John & Deb Place)

SF 4:00 pm Evelyn Taylor (Family)

Sunday, November 17th

SF 8:00 am Mary Cavallero (Richard & Ann Cavallero)

SF 10:00 am Bev Hull (Kevin & Jan Behan)

SF 11:30 am Henry & Rose Vecellio (Family)

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



**WEEKEND
 MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024

Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm

Lector: Jean Truman

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

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

NOVEMBER 17TH, 2024

Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am

Lector: Carla Manion

EM: Joan Yohe **CUP:** **VOLUNTEERS**

Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am

Lector: Andy Kearns

EM: Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Lynn Hogue/Gloria Scarano

Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**/Jaxon Eckstrom

St. Francis 11:30 am

Lector: David Ditz

EM: Kim Ditz

CUP: Carol Vinca/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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, 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, Bob Kuntz, 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, Betty Soble, Alex Tingley, 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 November 10, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and
 29/ Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/
 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/
 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/
 Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32