

The Catholic Community of Bradford

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024

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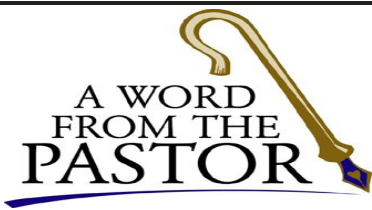


St. Francis of Assisi



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37



We recently initiated a Liturgy Committee here for our parish. Our musicians, priests, and a couple of interested parishioners have begun to gather to review the ways we want to focus and grow our worship life together. One of the first things we're doing is restarting the presentation of the bread and wine during the Preparation of the Gifts. These will be brought forward, as before, with the money collected – all our symbolic of what we give to the Lord in our daily lives – but here ritually presented during our wonderful encounter with God in the Eucharist.

The Liturgy Committee is to help us evaluate our worship and keep notes for how we want to make things even better next time around. We'll review the principals of good liturgy and see what is suggested by various sources for environment, music, and rituals. We'd also like to re-institute greeters at our Masses – to encourage this level of hospitality among our “regulars” as well as meet those who are visiting us.

Speaking of hospitality, we also thought social time after Mass might be important. Could we get various parish groups to host coffee and donuts (or equivalent), or perhaps some folks would like to take one Sunday every other month to “make this happen.” We might start this at St Francis before we move Masses back to St Bernard's.

One thing concerns us all: recruiting some new pastoral musicians. Ours now are wonderful, but we don't see any “in the pipeline,” and there will come a day when we'll need to find some to keep our liturgies meaningful.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 pm at St Bernard Educational Center. Want to join us?

Fr John



PLEASE NOTE: The office will close at 3 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 25th, 26th & 27th. It will be closed for lunch on the 26th & 27th between noon and 12:30.

REP GRADES 6-9 MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL
REP GRADES 1-5 MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL.

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).
 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.

The 2024 Catholic Education Collection
 Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you! If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Or you can give online at www.osvhub.com/StBernardCatholic or <https://www.eriercd.org/cec.html>.



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

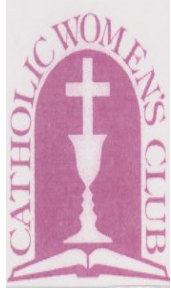
Rosary Altar: TBA
 Widow's Group: TBA
 K of C #403 : Tuesday, October 8th @ 7:00 pm
 Cemetery Board: Wednesday, November 13th @ 11:15 am
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 29th @ 6 pm
 Finance Council: Thursday, November 14th @ 4:30 pm
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, October 9th @ 11 am
 Liturgy Committee: 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!

UNCLAIMED NAME PLAQUES Below, listed in alphabetical order by last name, are the unclaimed name plaques from the pews at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. If you see one that you would like to have please come to the Parish office to claim.

EUCHARIST 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, throughout the day, until 5:30 pm. 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.



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. and we'll get together for a little training. If you're interested please call the Parish office. Thanks for helping us to have even better celebrations of the graces God bestows!

- Alviti, Olimpia C.
- Bagnato, Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Sr.
- Carrara, Sylvester J.
- Chohrach & Bonyko Family
- Chohrach, Stephen
- George, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
- Glander, Catherine
- Hadbavny, Michael
- Hrenko, Ann Pehonsky
- Kopelack, Agnes M.
- Lipps, Mrs. Mary
- McDonell, Ira J.
- Onuffer, Michael
- Pantuso, Josephine
- Pantuso, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew
- Pelino, Dominic
- Ralph, Mr. & Mrs. August Sr.
- Roche & Brown Family
- Sankner & Onuffer Family
- Vigliotti, Margaret
- Wise, Agnes J.
- Wolford, Raymond
- Wozer & Sankner Family
- Yablonski, Susan
- Zannelli, Mr. & Mrs. Panfilo



Gift card (SCRIP) order forms are available in the back of the church. A percentage of gift card sales goes directly back to the church. This is a great way to give back! **Orders are due by Sunday, October 20th.** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office. This will be the only order before Christmas.

PARENTING POINTERS

Are you tired of repeating yourself over and over to your kids? Step 1 - Get at eye-level with your child, then start to speak. Step 2 - Ask for an "Echo" Let your child repeat what you've said. (Family Minute)

Renovation work at St. Bernard continues. New sub-floor being installed in anticipation of the new tile and carpet.



World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend October 11-13 Canandaigua, NY. For more information visit <https://wwwme.org/apply/#>



St. Francis Hand Bell Choir began rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18th and will continue meeting every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome.

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.

Prayer for Children

Dear Jesus, Wrap the young members of our family in your love. They know how to love BIG, even though they are still small. Their trust can inspire, their faith can change hearts. Help them to know you, now and always. Amen.

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WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



FEAST OF St. Vincent de Paul

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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."

MARRIAGE MOMENT

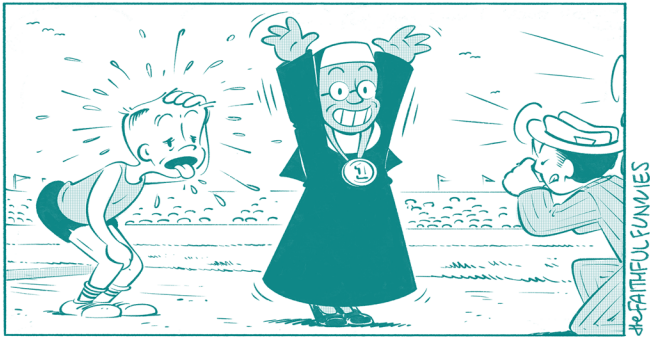
Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet, an effort to show your beloved you understand should follow. It may not require words, but it takes paying attention.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or False: Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried/celibate.
Answer: True. ©LPI

HOLY HUMOR ©LPI

"Did you hear about the runner who lost the race to a religious sister?"



"The runner was **second to nun**"



FUN FACT! Men and women called to religious life still enjoy all kinds of activities — cooking, reading, traveling, and yes ... even running races. ©LPI

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.



*St. Francis Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this week
in memory of
Tony Pascarella*



Recitation of the 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.



J.A. LUCIANO & SONS BUILDERS
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

September 15.....\$6,485
Catholic Education Collection.....\$2,252
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.

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.

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 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:** 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.

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 23RD—29TH
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 23rd
 SBC 8:00 am Joseph & Rose Fire & Family (Nancy Fire)
 SF 9:00 am Kathy Benfey (Julie Badger)

Tuesday, September 24th
 SF 9:00 am Karen Benedict (Cindy Greek)

Wednesday, September 25th
 SBC 8:00 am Margaret Vincenzo (Rosa Vigliotta)

Thursday, September 26th
 SBC 8:00 am Ronald Nolf (Lea Miller)
 SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, September 27th
 SBC 8:00 am Connie Schreiber (Fr. Steve, Diane & Mike Schreiber)

Saturday, September 28th
 SF 9:00 am Bob Ruffner (Bill Peckham)
 SF 4:00 pm Julie Rossman (Debbie & John Place)

Sunday, September 29th
 SF 8:00 am Bob McCann Sr. (Family)
 SF 10:00 am Alice & Charles Loughlin (Gene & Helen DeFrank)
 SF 11:30 am Paul Zamberlan (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 September 22, 2024

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2024
Saturday: St. Francis 4:00 pm
Lector: Peggy Johnson
EM: Tammy Black **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/Dick Williams
Servers: Cooper & Peyton Haight

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024
Sunday: St. Francis 8:00 am
Lector: Martha Torrey
EM: Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Joyce Schaming/Candy Tingley
Server: David Hill

St. Francis 10:00 am
Lector: Joyce Geis
EM: Beth Mongillo **CUP:** Teri Everett/Lynn Hogue
Servers: **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Francis 11:30 am
Lector: Judy LeRoy
EM: Karen McLain
CUP: Carol Vinca/Sue Lee
Server: Dan Cuthbertson

Pray For... 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.**