

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 15, 2026*

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

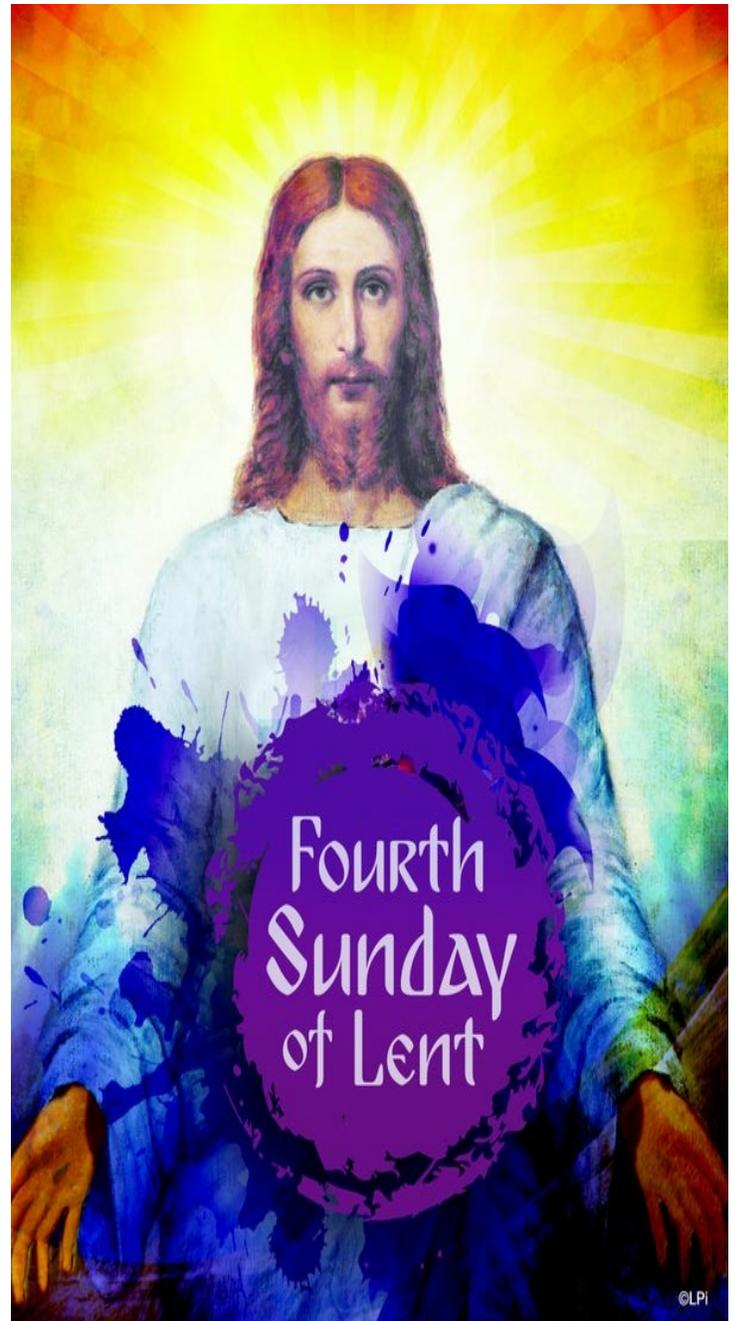
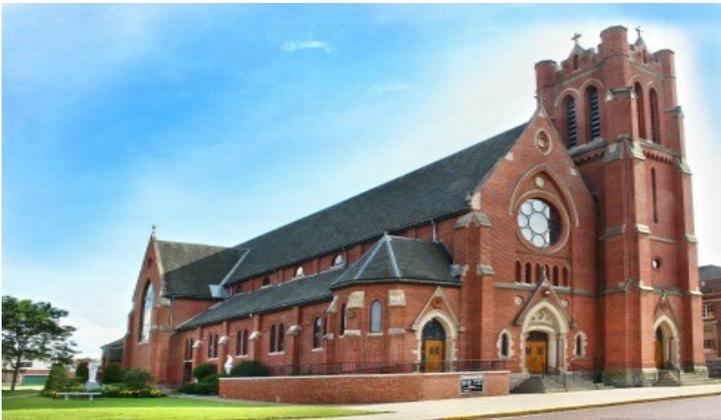
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St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA

*Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.*

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

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**LENT**  
*40 Days of Renewal*

PLEASE SEE THE LENTEN  
SCHEDULE INSIDE FOR MASS TIMES  
AND LOCATIONS.



A WORD  
FROM THE  
PASTOR

There are three movies I'm watching again this Lent. All three have saints at the center, are tough to watch, and struggle to hold firm the faith.

**A Hidden Life** (2019) is a gorgeously shot film with haunting music by director Terence Malick. It is about the life of Franz Jägerstätter who lived in Austria during the Second World War. A farmer with a wife and three daughters, he could not sign the statement swearing allegiance to Adolf Hitler. "How can I do something that is so wrong?" Townspeople, his priest, his bishop, even his family tried to convince him that he should sign the paper. His conscience saw this as hypocritical. His wife, Fani, supported him. He was imprisoned, tried, and executed. It's a long movie, which only drives home the point that this story was so important.

**Silence** (2016), a faithful rendition of Shusako Endō's masterpiece book, follows two Jesuit priests coming to Japan to search for a priest who has apostatized to avoid execution. The story grapples with the ruthless persecution by the Japanese officials who tortured, not the priest, but his parishioners to persuade him to publicly abandon the faith. Some would maintain their faith in private – but would this not give false witness? This is Martin Scorsese's most Catholic movie. This fictional story is based on true events in the lives of Fr Paul Miki and companions, martyred in 1597.

**Cabrini** (2024) is an astonishing portrayal of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, a little Italian sister who convinced Pope Leo XIII to go on mission (she wanted to go to China, but he sent her to New York), the Archbishop to support her work, the mayor of New York to understand that the immigrants were not the problem in the face of treachery and evil, and many town leaders that she would make good things happen there. The film deals with many hard faith issues – but doesn't really portray Mother Cabrini in her prayer life, which sustained her when the chips were down. It but does underscore her convictions and determination. And New York was only the beginning of the many missions she and her community would establish in the Americas. Hope you are finding some inspiring things media (stories, music, art) as well.

Fr John



**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron Saint of the Universal Church.**

Saint Joseph, adoptive father of Jesus and husband of Mary,

is a key figure in Christian tradition, both because of his role in the economy of salvation and because he was a model of virtue. Joseph is not mentioned in detail in the Bible. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are the ones which reveal the most about him. Joseph is known for his humility, diligence, and gentleness. He was a tireless and devoted worker, capable of profound faith and obedience to God. It is said that Joseph died before Jesus began his public ministry and that Mary and Jesus were beside him in the final moments of his life, which is why he is invoked for divine assistance at the hour of death. The Church celebrates Saint Joseph on 19 March, a feast established by Pope Gregory XV in 1621, although earlier celebrations in his honor during the month of March, date back to the year 800. Indeed, March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, a time in which the faithful are called to reflect on his virtues.

**CRS RICE BOWL**—By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-4](https://crsricebowl.org/week-4) to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.

**REFLECT ON HOW YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF**

Do I depend too much on anything or find myself acting, speaking or thinking in a way that isn't like you, Jesus? What shall I give up that will open me up to you changing my heart? (Fasting) How do you want to grow my heart through seeing and responding to the needs of others? Who are the marginalized people around me?...In my own heart? (Almsgiving) What do you want of me, Lord? How shall I give this Lent?



WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar Society:** Thursday, April 9th @ 6:30 pm  
**Widow's Group:** No March meeting due to Lenten Schedule  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, April 14th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Thursday, April 16th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, April 8th @ 11:00 am  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, March 17th @ 6:00 pm  
 Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm



**The Bradford Council #403  
 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on April 14th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**Catholic Women's Club Easter Bag Project**, in conjunction with REP Students Grades 1-5, will meet in Gallina Hall on Sunday, March 22nd at noon. We will fill Easter Bags for nursing home residents and homebound parishioners. **Donations of small toiletries, note pads, crossword/puzzle books, pre-wrapped snacks, etc. can be dropped off at the Parish office before March 19th.**



**Catholic Women's Club:** will be hosting a Women's Retreat, "Covenant Love" on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Join us in discovering the beauty of covenant relationships as reflected in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Featured Speaker will be Lin Gabriel, former St. Bernard Youth Minister and former Director of Faith Formation at Edinboro University. Lunch will be provided. For reservations call the Parish office by March 26th. (814) 362-6825. \$10 donation appreciated.



**150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**-This year marks St. Bernard Parish's 150th Anniversary. If you want to help plan the celebration please call the office.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
 Candle will be burning this  
 week in Memory of  
 Robert Greeley*



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)  
 March 22nd (Easter Bags @ Noon) & April 26th  
 (Last Class-Year End Party)  
**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)  
 March 15th & April 12th



**MJ MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.**

**2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration**—Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026. Mark Your Calendars!

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—Giving up is easy. Staying married is hard. Love makes it possible. God is love. Nuff said.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 12,732**  
 March 8..... \$ 8,011  
**2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059**  
**CSA 2026 Collected \$ 32,888**

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.  
 Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**RECONCILIATION** EXTRA OPPORTUNITY FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—Sunday, March 22nd in Church from 2-3 pm.

 **CHURCH CLEANING**—There will be a special deep cleaning of the church, in preparation for Easter, on Saturday, March 28th & April 4th at 9:45 am. All volunteers welcome & appreciated! Report to the church on those days. *Many hands make light work.*

**Cantors and Hymn Leaders**—Looking for volunteers for the 4pm, 8am, and 11:30 am weekend Masses to be cantors or hymn leaders. If you are interested please see Bro Michael. If you are interested in helping with the music at the Sunday, 10am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: According to Scripture, what split into two parts at the moment of Jesus' death on the cross?

Answer: The Temple curtain.

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**CATCH OF THE DAY**  
 Deep Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner  
 Includes baked potato, slaw & dessert  
**\$17**  
 February 20  
 March 6  
 March 20  
 April 3  
 From 4pm-7pm in Gallina Hall  
 Eat in, take out or delivery!!!  
 Call (814)362-6825 after 3:30pm to place your order. Please do not leave a message.  
 Proceeds benefit the Bradford Catholic Community.

**NEXT DINNER MARCH 20TH!**

**NEW MEETING ROOM**—Last Spring, the church applied for a grant through the Catholic Foundation that would entail the renovation of a classroom. The purpose of this was to create a more inviting space for REP, meetings, OCIA, and other various gatherings. After some delays and a lot of hard work, it is complete! A very special thank you to the parishioners who donated to this endeavor, Shembeda Floor Covering, Dave White for the installation of a new ceiling and lighting & Chris Cannon for the Beatitudes graphic. Finally, a huge thank you to Dan Guthrie, Cindy Greek & Gina Davidson who stepped in at every phase to move the project to completion.



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—Failure to forgive blinds us to the goodness in others. Lent offers a chance to cleanse our blind spots in the pool of forgiveness. As Jesus says in today's gospel: "Go, wash, and see."

**PARENTING POINTERS**

What do you do when your child ignores a request from you? If this is a common problem, use the **SET UP** strategy:

**S**toop – to get on your child's level

**E**ye – make eye contact

**T**ouch – your child on the shoulder to make physical contact

**U**se – direct language, "I want you to..."

**P**raise – acknowledge your child's cooperation when he/she complies

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**LENT SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY  
 8AM, 10AM, 11:30AM  
 ST. BERNARD CHURCH

MONDAY  
 9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
 12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

TUESDAY  
 9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY  
 12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
 5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAY  
 9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
 12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

FRIDAY  
 12:10PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

SATURDAY  
 9AM DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL  
 4PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH



Please have your Easter Flower Envelopes with remembrances to the Parish Office no later than March 22nd. Thank you.

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

The new food pantry is now in the vestibule of the church. It is an enclosed unit and will be maintained by the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry please bring **NON-PERISHABLE** items only. Cans with easy open lids are appreciated. You may also include **SMALL** toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, etc. Please **NO LARGE ITEMS**. Thank you! **If you know a family in need, please feel free to take advantage of this cupboard.**

MARCH 17TH

APOSTLE OF IRELAND

“  
 I FEAR  
 NOTHING,  
 BECAUSE  
 OF THE  
 PROMISES  
 OF HEAVEN.  
 ”

- ST. PATRICK

**LENTEN PRACTICES 2026**

Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On those days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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### LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm

Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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### CONFESSIONS:

**St. Bernard** — Saturdays from 3:15 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: **Cindy Greek**

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 or email Cindy Greek @ [StBernardREP@outlook.com](mailto:StBernardREP@outlook.com)



**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.

### 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 Jacques

#### Parish Community

Pastoral Council	Doug Kuntz
Catholic Women's Club	Joan Yohe
Rosary Altar Society	Dawn Kozminski
Telephone Prayer Chain	Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  **MARCH 16TH-MARCH 22ND** Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel—Weekend Masses in the Church (See Lenten Schedule)

**Monday, March 16th**

SBC 9:00 am Delores “Dee” Luzzi (Sam Pecora)  
SBC 12:10 pm Wilhem Potkovich (Family)

**Tuesday, March 17th**

SBC 9:00 am John Hayes (Jessica Hervatin & Family)

**Wednesday, March 18th**

SBC 12:10 pm Tubby Maduri (Quenton & Julie DeGolier)  
SB 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 19th**

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners  
SBC 12:10 pm Martha “Marty” Palumbo (Irma & Mario Lombardi)

**Friday, March 20th**

SBC 12:10 pm Genevieve Pettinato (BCCHS Class of 1967)

**Saturday, March 21st**

SBC 9:00 am Jacob, Genevieve & Roger Farrell (Peggy Pyle)  
SB 4:00 pm John & Mary Curcio (Vince & Mary Lou Iaderosa)

**Sunday, March 22nd**

SB 8:00 am Bill & Robbie Getz (Marty & Kris Sapko)  
SB 10:00 am Jude Luke (Laura Lichien)  
SB 11:30 am Helen Pecora (Stacie & Michael Salerno)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.**

**Extra Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday, March 22nd in Church 2-3 pm.**



**Readings for the week of March 15th**



**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

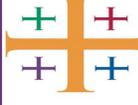
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

 **WEEKEND**  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
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**MARCH 21ST, 2026**

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jean Truman

**EM:** Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Tammy Black/Chris Pehonsky

**Servers:** Bella & Giana Davidson



**MARCH 22ND, 2026**

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Martha Torrey

**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Cindy Greek

**Server:** Dave Hill



**St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Andy Kearns

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

**Servers:** Claire & Teddy Henretta

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Carol Vinca

**EM:** Karen McClain **CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/Kim Ditz

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



**Please pray for those who are sick or suffering**

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic “Frank” Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O’Brien, Mary O’Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Jan Stiles, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Patricia Verelli, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

*May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God’s Spirit.*