

The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026*

*Rev. John Jacquel
Pastor*

*Rev. Edward Walk
Senior Associate*

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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ST. BERNARD MASSES

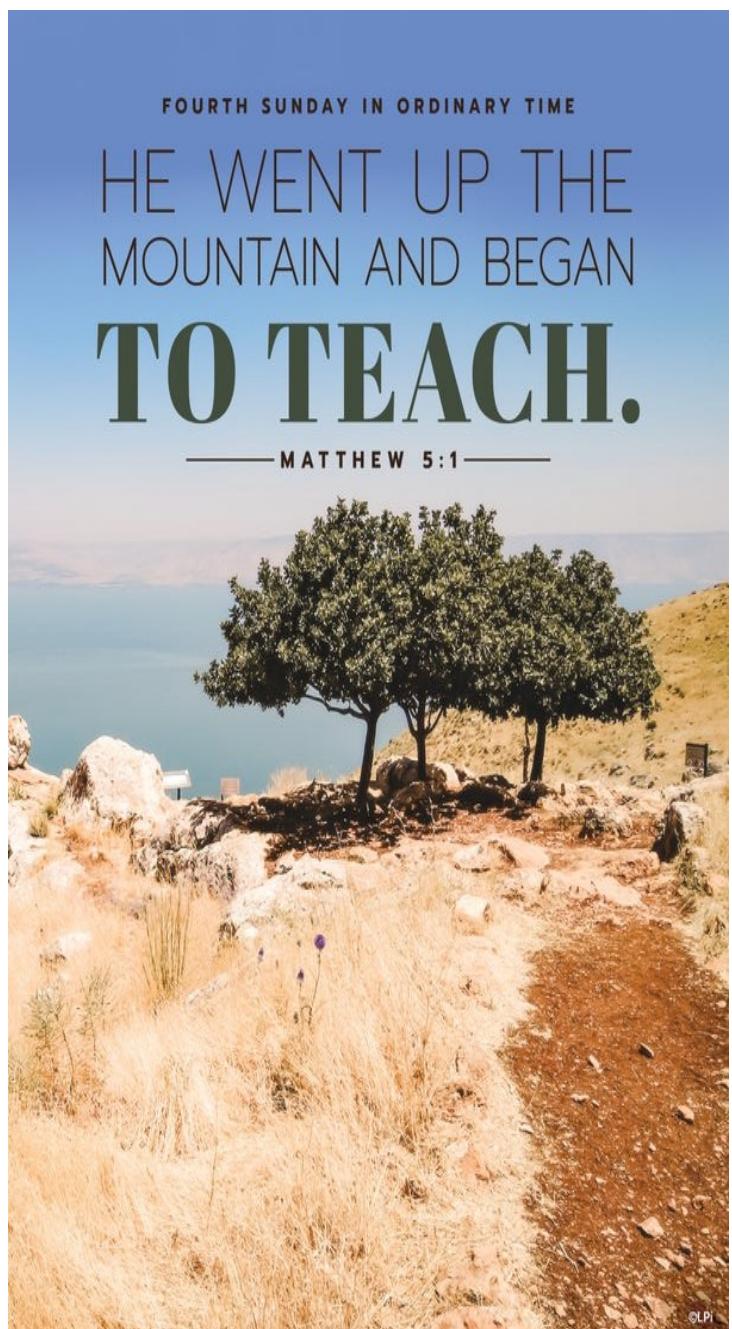
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10.00 am, 11:30 am

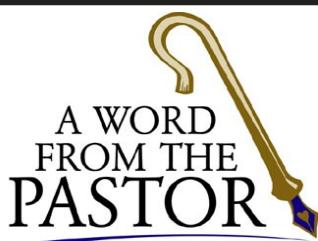
DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday & Thursday — 8:00 am & 9:00 am
Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 8:00 am
Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am

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(Continuation of the Relegation Process from last week's column):

The next step would be for the bishop to declare St Francis Church "relegated" (where divine worship is no longer permitted). At that point, sacred objects (altar, statues, stained glass windows, etc.) would be removed. The building may then be used for non-worship purposes, sold, or demolished.

But in order to do this a grave cause must be identified to justify this change. A church building is to be preserved as long as possible and only relegated when there is no reasonable possibility of maintaining the building and worship space. For us, it would seem that a combination of several significant issues could be seen collectively as "grave cause" in order to proceed this direction. AND, the Presbyteral Council (Council of Priests) must recommend this to the bishop, so that the responsibility is sufficiently demonstrated to a number of entrusted advisors and not the bishop on his own. AND, the bishop must also want this to happen.

Once the bishop decrees the relegation, there is a short period of time given for possible appeals to a "higher authority," but in actuality the officials in our chancery office have all been well-trained so as to provide assistance that will "pass muster" if a challenge occurs. In fact, Fr Ed Lohse served five years in the Dicastery for Clergy before returning to the Diocese as our Vicar General and helped guide us personally through the process with Our Mother of Perpetual Help in 2023, before being named the bishop of Kalamazoo, MI (and now Steubenville, OH, as well).

So, I'm busy composing the petition which will be reviewed at the next Pastoral and Finance Council meetings in the coming weeks. Perhaps we can present them to Presbyteral Council in the spring meeting.

Fr John

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ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD

We will have Confessions on Thursday, February 5th beginning at 4:30 pm at St. Bernard. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that's okay. God's mercy knows no boundaries. First Friday morning, February 6th we will have Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 in the Divine Mercy Chapel. We will need to ensure someone will be able to remain in the Chapel, thus there will be a sign-up list near the chapel door. 12:10 Mass will follow in the Chapel.

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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

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Bless Us, Lord—Jesus, You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way. Amen.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Rosary Altar Society: TBA

Widow's Group: TBA

K of C #403 : Tuesday, February 10th @ 7:00 pm

Cemetery Board: Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:00 am

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, February 24th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council: Thursday, February 19th @ 4:30 pm

SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, February 11th @ 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



Catholic Women's Club: will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 18th in Gallina Hall. Save the date and watch for more details.



**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 February 10th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

DID YOU KNOW that if you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have IRA assets, you may be eligible to make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) which could help fulfill your required minimum distribution (RMD)? You can make direct transfers to charities up to \$108,000 avoiding taxation on those distributions, benefiting you and St. Bernard Church. If you would like more information, contact your financial or tax advisor.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072

January 18..... \$ 7,493

January 25..... \$ 6,220

Spread the Faith Collection..... \$ 1,833

2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414

2025 CSA Collected \$113,504

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



*St. Bernard Sanctuary
Candle will be burning this
week in Memory of
John Iaderosa*

Sanctuary Candles are \$15 each. Call the office if you're interested in reserving one. Reservations go quickly.

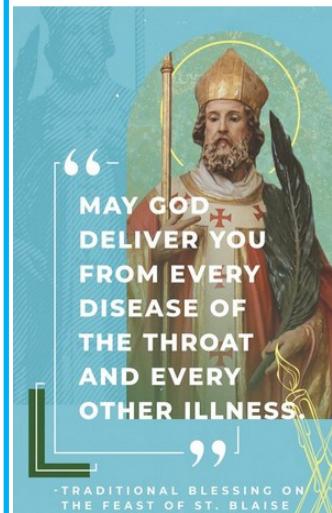
MARRIAGE MOMENT—Don't wait for a crisis to awaken you to underlying weaknesses in your marriage. Build a strong foundation today. Plan to attend a marriage enrichment event during February.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Grades 1-5 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall(11:00 am—12:15)
Feb 1st & Feb 22nd

Grades 6-9 meet Sundays in Gallina Hall (5:45—7:15 pm)
Feb 15th & Feb 22nd—Confirmation Class only—
Letters to the Bishop



THIS WEEKEND: St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat—Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Dear Married Couples,

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share, and connect more deeply. It's about learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Visit wwme.org

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP: O Almighty God, Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd. We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. May we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ. For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE It is within our family that we learn to be merciful, peaceful, and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God start at home and rely on you. Parents set the example.



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St. Bernard Catholic Women's Club held the Annual

Parish Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, January 24. They were assisted by The Rosary Altar Society, the UPB Hospitality Management Students and instructor, Lynette Campogiani, and parish volunteers. Special thanks go out to everyone who braved the frigid temps to make the event a success.

Bill Leven was the **People's Choice Award** Winner with runners up **Joyce Schaming** and **Jeff Holcomb**. Winners were selected by the UPB team in traditional, non-traditional, and hot and spicy categories. **Thanks to all!**

Winners in other categories:

Traditional: 1st-Susie Bradley, 2nd-Bill Leven, 3rd-Tom Deloe

Non-Traditional: 1st-Dave Geitner, 2nd-Martha Pascarella, 3rd-Joyce Schaming

Hot & Spicy: 1st-Laura Brewer, 2nd-Jeff Holcomb

WE'RE HIRING

St. Bernard Parish Housekeeper

Seeking a part-time (12-15 hours a week) dedicated Housekeeper to contribute to the care and cleanliness of our facilities.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Clean and sanitize assigned areas, including bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and common areas
- Dust, vacuum, and mop floors to maintain cleanliness
- Keep facilities and common areas clean and maintained
- Clean and stock restrooms
- Perform detailed deep cleans when required
- Laundry management, including washing, drying, ironing, and sorting linens

Previous cleaning or housekeeping experience required.

- High attention to detail and ability to work independently.
- Physical stamina to lift up to 25 pounds and remain active for extended periods.
- Strong communication and ability to follow instructions.

Please email your resume to business@stbernardcatholic.org
Please include 2 professional references

FEBRUARY 2ND

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY



CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel.

This Valentine's Day, Give the Gift of Lasting Love—

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate love this season? **Engagement Encounter** is a weekend retreat that helps couples prepare for a lifetime of commitment, connection, and faith. **February 6–8, 2026** at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie. Whether you're engaged or know a couple preparing for marriage, this retreat is a beautiful way to invest in their future. It fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes **Catholic and interfaith couples**. Call the Family Life Office at **814-824-1261** or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Register and learn more at eriercd.org/familylifeoffice. Celebrate love this Valentine's Day with a gift that truly lasts.

PARENTING POINTERS—How do you connect as a family? 42% of parents with children ages 7 to 17 call their sons and daughters once a day or more via cell phone. (Pew Internet & American Life Project) Perhaps your children are too young for cell phones, but if they do have one what rules do you have for use? The ways family connect may change but the need to connect virtually and physically remain constant. <http://www.extension.umn.edu/FamilieswithTeens/cellphonedilemma.pdf>

"What do you call the lettering on an invitation to a baby's first Sacrament?"

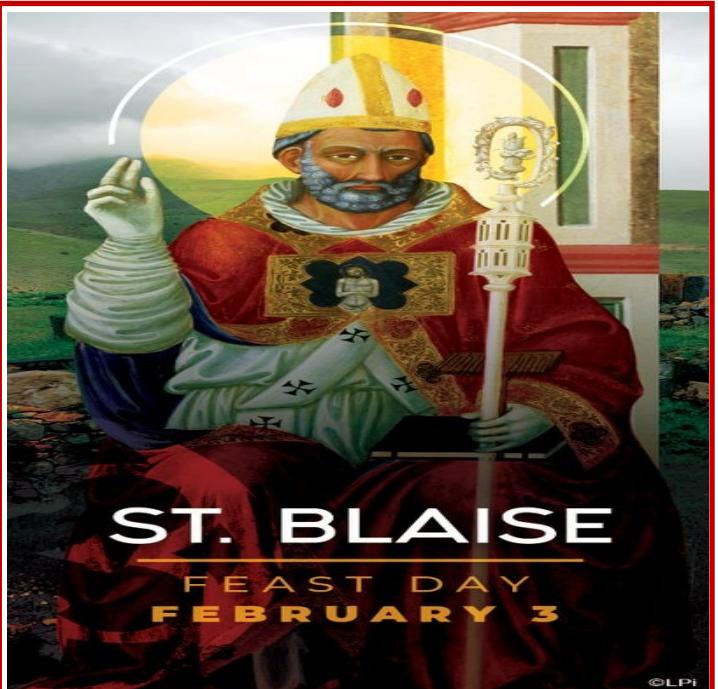


"The Baptismal font."



Inside of every Catholic church, there is a Baptismal font. The Baptismal font is typically a pedestal that holds holy water in it, and it's used for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Respect Life - Post IVF Ministry—Shiloh IVF Ministry is a new outreach with the mission to offer companionship and practical steps to discern how to care for embryonic children and offer overall healing in the aftermath of IVF. Shiloh IVF Ministry offers one-on-one mentorship, Scriptural meditation, education, testimonies, honoring for embryonic children, and more. Learn more and begin your post-IVF healing journey at www.shilohivf.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

PASTORAL STAFF

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LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM

[You Tube, St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford](#)

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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.



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.

STEWARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

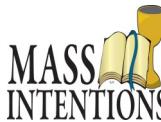
Liturgical

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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

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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FEBRUARY 2ND-FEBRUARY 8TH Daily

masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel
Weekend Masses in the Church

Monday, February 2nd

SBC 8:00 am David & Frances Place (John & Deb Place)
SBC 9:00 am Marcia & Jim McAndrew (Denise Jadlowiec) In Honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, February 3rd

SBC 9:00 am Dick & Bernie Anderson (Peggy & Sam Johnson)

Wednesday, February 4th

SBC 8:00 am Jack Hoop (Tom & Mary O'Connell)

Thursday, February 5th

SBC 8:00 am Peter Buchheit (Mary Ann Satterwhite)
SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

Friday, February 6th FIRST FRIDAY

SBC 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
SBC 12:10 pm Helen Pecora (Lou & Angela Monti)

Saturday, February 7th

SBC 9:00 am Judy Aiken Eaton (Marlene Eaton)
SB 4:00 pm Angie & Joseph Girard (Family)

Sunday, February 8th

SB 8:00 am Tina Whitford (Family)
SB 10:00 am Donna Whitford (Family)
SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Mary Ann Satterwhite)

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

**Readings for the week of
February 1st**



Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-
12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-
5/Mt 5:13-16

**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026



Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm

LECTOR: Jim Long

EM: Peggy Johnson **CUP:** Dick Williams/Tammy Black

Servers: Aiden & Sean Kramer

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026



Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am

LECTOR: Mike Kozminski

EM: Dawn Kozminski **CUP:** Chris Pehonsky/**VOLUNTEER**

Server: Dave Hill

St. Bernard 10:00 am

LECTOR: Joyce Geis

EM: Gloria Scarano **CUP:** Beth Mongillo/Teri Everett

Servers: Daniel Marasco/Caleb & Carter McAndrew

St. Bernard 11:30 am

LECTOR: David Ditz

EM: Craig Cuthbertson **CUP:** Kim Ditz/Sue Lee

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, 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, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliynson 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, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, 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.