

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2024*

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## *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

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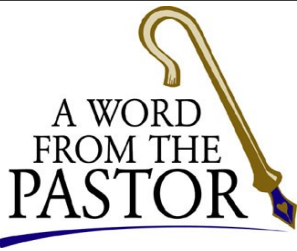


## *St. Francis of Assisi*



## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32



As we approach a wonderful holiday, Thanksgiving, let's also consider an approaching Holy Day – Immaculate Conception.

This year, December 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday – the Second Sunday of Advent. Our practice has been to transfer the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, but not transfer the obligation for attending Mass. That has changed.

We still observe the Advent Sunday (lighting the second candle of our wreath), but now we gather again to celebrate that our Blessed Mother was preserved from original sin even from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Anne, nine months before her birth. We truly contemplate the amazing wonder of the gift of human life in the womb AND celebrate our nation's consecration to Mary under this title: Immaculate Conception. Each nation has, besides Christmas, an important Holy Day of Obligation under the patronage of a saint. (Saint Patrick in Ireland, for example, and Mary Mother of God in Canada)

So, we have scheduled sufficient Masses for parishioners to attend – both on Monday (8 am and 12:10 pm) as well as anticipating Sunday evening (5:30 pm). All will be held at St Francis Church, since the Divine Mercy Chapel is too small to accommodate any of these. So, plan now to share in the gift of Eucharistic graces as we remember yet another way our God has provided saving grace to us all!

*Fr John*

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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 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 for more information and availability, if you are interested in one of the OMPH windows.

**"Music for the Advent & Christmas Season" featuring Mr. Alden Wright, organist—Friday, December 6, 2024, 12 Noon, Harriett B. Wick Chapel—University of Pittsburgh at Bradford** On **Friday, December 6 from Noon to 1 PM**, Pitt-Bradford will present to the campus and community its **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent and Christmas Organ Recital** on the magnificent Sarah B. Dorn Organ in the Harriett B. Wick Chapel. This year's artist is Mr. Alden Wright, a highly accomplished musician who currently serves as Director of Music & Organist at Christ Church Episcopal in Pittsford, New York. We hope you will make plans to attend and hear the wonderful sounds of the Sarah B. Dorn Organ played by an exceptionally talented and accomplished organist. **Doors open at 11:30 am, and admissions is free.**

**PROCESSIONS: GIFT AND COMMUNION** — We have brought back the practice of bringing the bread, wine, and collection forward to the altar. We felt it was 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.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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



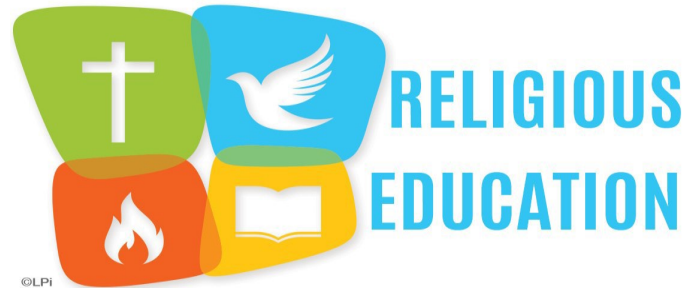
**The Bradford Council #403  
of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office.

**Please Note: Next meeting on December 10th**

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

**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.



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**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.**

## 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.

## 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.



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.





In honor of All Saints Day the Children's Liturgy group dressed up as their favorite saint during the 10 am Mass. Children's Liturgy (formerly Nursery Group) meets in a side room during the Liturgy of the Word. Children ages 3 to 6 are welcome.



**THE FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE SALVATION ARMY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL!** We thank everyone who donated items. The goods will be used to create Holiday baskets for those in need.



Due to high demand there will one more Gift Card (SCRIP) order (the last one before Christmas). 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, December 1st!** Please drop off order forms and payments to the Parish office.



Another successful **Spaghetti Dinner** is in the books. We want to thank everyone who helped out at the event—cooking, serving, selling 50/50 tickets, greeting diners, providing desserts, etc. It was nice to see everyone enjoying a good meal and fellowship.

## WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There are Christmas Flower envelopes in your November envelope packs. **If you would like to honor a living or deceased family member or friend, write their name on the envelope, include your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.** If you do not receive envelopes, put your name on a small plain envelope and list your names to be remembered on the back. **Either way make sure to note living (L) or deceased (D) for each name.**



**These remembrance requests are due in to the office no later than Sunday, November 24th.** Remembrance sheets with these names will be with the Dec. 22nd bulletin.

**"Why did St. Cecelia climb a ladder?"**



**"She wanted to hit the high notes."**



St. Cecelia is the patron of musicians, composers, instrument makers, and poets. Her feast day is November 22.

### Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change, be with me.  
As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.  
As I face what the future holds, be with me.  
As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.  
Amen.

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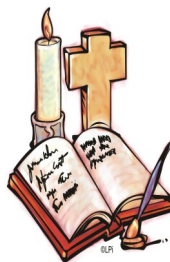




**PLAQUES STILL AVAILABLE**  
*These would make wonderful Christmas gifts.* Church plaque or Altar plaque \$60, both for \$100. Plaques can be seen at the office or at St. Francis Church. Please call the office if interested. They're available for immediate pick-up.



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



**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.**

**HAPPY FEAST OF**  
*St. Cecilia*  
**TO THE**  
**MUSICIANS**  
**IN OUR**  
**COMMUNITY!**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 22ND**

**Why is CCHD Important?** Distinct from the important work of direct service efforts, CCHD supports organizations and initiatives that address the root causes of injustice and poverty in America and empower those most impacted to address the systems and structures that perpetuate the cycle of poverty. CCHD invests in long-term strategies and approaches that can achieve lasting and impactful results to strengthen communities. CCHD also supports Economic Development efforts that significantly include the voice of poor and marginalized people in developing new businesses and enterprises that create social benefits, offer good jobs, and/or develop assets that will be owned and enjoyed by local communities. Now more than ever, the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is vitally important.

**Annual Hollyday Fair at Hill Memorial Church**  
**44 Kennedy Street**  
**Saturday, November 23, 2024**  
**Handcrafted Items, Tupperware, Handmade Jewelry,**  
**Baked Goods**  
**Homemade Christmas Cookie Sale — Chinese Auction**  
**Luncheon: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How long are holy oils kept for use?

Answer: Twelve months.

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**MASCHO FUNERAL HOME**  
**PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

November 10 .....\$ 7,782  
 All Saints Day.....\$ 1,491

**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**  
 2024 CSA Collected .....\$ 59,916

**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. John B Jacquel, *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. Call the parish office for more information. **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 [rbytmor@gmail.com](mailto:rbytmor@gmail.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,

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

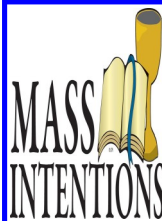
Organist St. Bernard	Rita Bennardi
Organist St. Francis	Michael Hicks
Resurrection Choir	Joan Raabe
God's Housekeepers	Parish Office
Liturgy	Fr. John B Jacquel

**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 NOVEMBER 18TH—NOVEMBER 24TH

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 18th**

SBC 8:00 am Joan Kemick (Mike Kemick)  
SF 9:00 am Suzanne South (Gina Davidson)

**Tuesday, November 19th**

SF 9:00 am Vogg & Beeman Families (Dan & Tammy Beeman)

**Wednesday, November 20th**

SBC 8:00 am Andrew Taylor (Family)

**Thursday, November 21st**

SBC 8:00 am Peter Buchheit (Stauffer Family)  
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, November 22nd**

SBC 8:00 am John & Mary Curcio (Mary Lou & Vince Iaderosa)

**Saturday, November 23rd**

SF 9:00 am Beverly Holmes (Joyce, Bunny & Louise)  
SF 4:00 pm Louis DeSantis (Family)

**Sunday, November 24th**

SF 8:00 am Josephine McNamara (Family)  
SF 10:00am Joseph & Mary Fabian (Kris & Darcy Goll)  
SF 11:30 am Eugene J. Vinca (Dave Vinca)

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

**Readings for the week of November 17, 2024**

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

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 18:35-43



**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/  
Jn 18:33b-37



**NOVEMBER 23RD, 2024**

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

**Lector:** Peggy Johnson

**EM:** Tammy Black **CUP:** Dick Williams/Chris Pehonsky

**Servers:** Cooper & Peyton Haight

**NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024**

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

**Lector:** Anne Frownfelter

**EM:** Chris Pehonsky **CUP:** **VOLUNTEERS**

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Francis 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Jody Randolph

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

**Servers:** Abigail Carlson/Claire & Teddy Henretta

**St. Francis 11:30 am**

**Lector:** Sue Lee

**EM:** Charlotte Cuthbertson

**CUP:** Judy LeRoy/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.**