

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2024*

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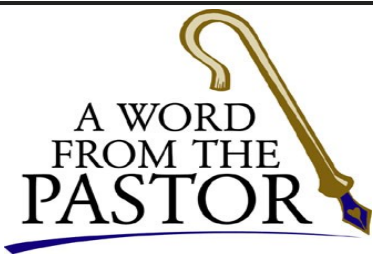


*St. Francis of Assisi*



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15



Hard to believe it is already September. This is one wonderful month of the year – weather-wise and new possibilities. Hope you got some good reading in over the summer. Here are some of my favorites:

We all suspect that some death row inmates are innocent, and lawyer Brian Stevenson is very intent on getting justice for them, but one story that truly stands out is Anthony Ray Hinton’s *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* (2018). Here is a man who could not possibly have committed the crimes for which he was sent away and sentenced to die, and the excruciating pitfalls of the criminal justice system in a southern state for an African-American man. It shines a light on so many issues that need fixing. I only wish this story could have been told a little more succinctly. But, then, since his own vindication was dragged out so long, it does make a greater impact to tell it this way.

Why not a little pure science? Neil DeGrasse Tyson has written *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* (2017). Perhaps you know this author has taken the place of Carl Sagan in our modern world, and like Sagan he has little use for religion. But when he says things like “we have attained true cosmic vision after seeing the unseeable,” (referring to infrared and ultraviolet radiation) and his explanation that dark matter and dark energy make up the major portion of the matter-energy inventory of the universe – you can begin to draw your own faith-filled conclusions. This book is a kind of short course on the topic, not really an astronomy book (about stars and planets) but what makes them behave as they do and their relationships to each other. Maybe it’s not your cup of tea – but it was, refreshingly, mine.

I had never sat down with E.M. Forster, but just read two of his novels, one of which was *Howard’s End* (1910). It’s set in England – both London and a couple rural areas not far away – and deals with the social conventions and human relations of a few intertwining families. Whom can you trust? What skeletons are in your closet? Why do people treat each other so? Such things revolve around the so-named home, which includes the tension between poverty and wealth, men and women, family and acquaintances. One commentator mentioned it gives a pretty good snapshot of Europe (and the tensions between nations) before the two World Wars changed that forever. What have you learned lately?

Fr John



**FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. BERNARD**

We will have **Confessions on Thursday, September 5th** beginning at 4:30 pm at **St. Francis**. If we need to stretch that beyond 5:00, that’s okay. God’s mercy knows no boundaries.

**First Friday morning, September 6th** we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel after 8:00 am Mass until closing at noon with Benediction. 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. At around 11:54, closing prayers and Benediction will be conducted



We are currently seeking a part time facilities manager. 15-20 hours per week. General knowledge of plumbing & electrical is required as well as 5 years related experience. Please submit your resume with references, by mail to St. Bernard Church, PO Box 2394, Bradford or email to Gina at [sbchurch@breezeline.net](mailto:sbchurch@breezeline.net)

**The 2024 Catholic Education Collection** will take place on September 14-15. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Bernard/St. Francis parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Rosary Altar: Thursday, September 12th @ 6:30 pm  
 Widow's Group: TBA  
 K of C #403 : **Tuesday, Sept. 10th @ 7:00 pm @ YWCA Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, September 11th @ 11:15am  
 Pastoral Council: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:00 pm  
 Finance Council: Thursday, September 12th @ 4:30 pm  
 SF 50+ Club: Wednesday, September 11th @ 11 am



**REP GRADES 6-9 MEET** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH FROM 5:45—7:15 PM IN GALLINA HALL. **GRADES 1-5 MEET** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH FROM 11:15 AM—12:30 PM IN GALLINA HALL.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS**

REP starts next weekend. Registration packets, with a calendar, are available at St. Francis Church or the parish office now. 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).

**REP REGISTRATION PACKETS** are in the back of the church and available in the church office. They are also available online on our website. Please click on Religious Education for the links to the paperwork. **Please note: Grades 1-5, 1 packet PER FAMILY. Grades 6-9, 1 packet PER STUDENT.**

**REMIND** is the app we use to keep in touch about REP classes. You must rejoin NEW groups this year. Information to join **REMIND** can be found in the registration packets, on the bottom of the 2024-25 schedule. We always need volunteers for Grades 1-5! If you're interested, please contact Kim VanHorn via the church office.



**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 September 10th will be at the YWCA.**

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



**Catholic Women's Club**

Sunday, September 8th, following 10 am Mass, Communion Breakfast at Togi's Blue Room. Officer Installation & new member Introductions. \$15 per person. Please RSVP (if you didn't sign up at the Picnic) by calling the Parish Office. Member dues (\$20) are due at that time. Anyone interested in joining is invited to RSVP as well.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

Question: How many archangels are officially recognized by the Catholic Church?

Answer: Seven. Three are biblical and four are from tradition.

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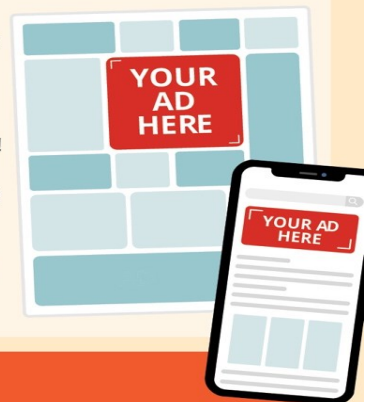
**AVAILABLE NOW!**  
**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated**

**Christine Reeves** from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our


**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**LPi** Christine Reeves  
 (716) 863-8414

# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Very Rev Nicholas Rouch, VG</i>	2 	3 <i>Rev Vincent Cieslewicz</i>	4 <i>Rev. Mark Nowak</i>	5 <i>Rev Stephen Collins</i>	6 <i>Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw</i>	7 <i>Rev David Carter</i>
8 <i>Rev John Chaplin</i>	9 <i>Rev David Renne</i>	10 <i>Rev. Cory Pius</i>	11 <i>Rev. Gregory Passauer</i>	12 <i>Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, V.F.</i>	13 <i>Rev Richard Allen</i>	14 <i>Rev John Jacquel</i>
15 <i>The Most Rev Lawrence Persico</i>	16 <i>Rev. Walter Packard</i>	17 <i>Rev. Stephen Schreiber</i>	18 <i>Rev Msgr Bruce Allison</i>	19 <i>Rev William O'Brien</i>	20 <i>Rev Philip Oriole</i>	21 <i>Rev Zab Amar</i>
22 <i>Rev Benjamin Dagher</i>	23 <i>Rev Luke Dagher</i>	24 <i>Rev James Piszker</i>	25 <i>Rev. Msgr Richard Siefer</i>	26 <i>Rev Robert Manning</i>	27 <i>Rev Alexander Amico</i>	28 <i>Rev Jason Feigh</i>
29 <i>Rev Thomas Aleksa</i>	30 <i>Rev Mark O'Hern</i>					



**September 14, 2024—Allegany River Park, W. Union St, Allegany, NY** Registration starts at 10 am & event starts at 10:30 am **We are looking forward to seeing you at our 32nd annual Walk For Life!**

The Walk For Life is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and one we always look forward to. This is a family event; everyone is invited to participate even if they cannot do the physical walk. The day includes free food and games, as well as T-shirts and merchandise, and raffle baskets that can be purchased with cash or check.



**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.



**A PRAYER FOR WORKERS**

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,  
How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the  
sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard  
and assist your work  
to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call,  
make us attentive to those who seek work  
but cannot find it.

Help us listen to the struggles of those  
who work hard to provide for their families  
but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited  
and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions,  
the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.

For work was made for humankind  
and not humankind for work.

Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation  
but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts  
that we may pause from our work  
to receive your gift of rest.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that you might work through us to let your justice reign.  
Amen.



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



**HOLLENBECK-CAHILL FUNERAL HOMES**  
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

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

August 25.....\$7,296  
Church in Latin America.....\$1,774  
Assumption of Mary.....\$1,669

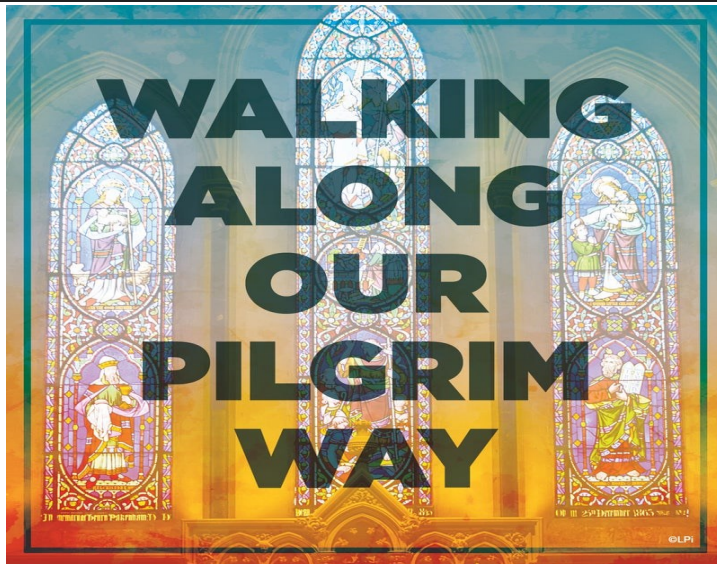
**2024 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 89,918**  
2024 CSA Collected ..... \$ 52,846

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



Thank you to all who participated and helped with this year's St. Bernard feast day event. Of particular note: Rita Bennardi and the choirs for the lovely music, to the Rosary Altar Society for helping to set-up the parish hall, Fr. John who was our celebrant for the evening, the Lay Minister volunteers, and of course the parishioners for participating and enjoying the fellowship opportunity. Lastly, sincere thanks for the many people who stayed and helped to clean up. Thank you!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!

**PASTORAL STAFF:**Rev. John B Jacquel, *Pastor*Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate***LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM:**

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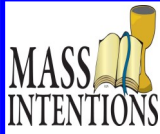
**WEBSITE:** <https://stbernardcatholic.org/>**FACEBOOK:** St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 2394  
Bradford, PA 16701**OFFICE HOURS:****Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm**Gina Davidson, *Business Manager*Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant***CONFESSIONS:****St. 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  
SaturdaysPrivate 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 will begin in September and  
continue through May. Please look for registration packets  
in August 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 [rubymor@gmail.com](mailto:rubymor@gmail.com).**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.**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 2ND—8TH

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 2nd

SBC 8:00 am Maureen Ackerman (Mary & Pat Rose)  
SF 9:00 am Paul "Gene" Westerburg (Jim & Carol Vinca)

### Tuesday, September 3rd

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

### Wednesday, September 4th

SBC 8:00 am Connie Cavallaro (Family)

### Thursday, September 5th

SBC 8:00 am Carrol Vecellio (Mary Anne Satterwhite)  
SF 9:00 am All Parishioners

### Friday, September 6th **FIRST FRIDAY**

SBC 8:00 am Dominic Piganelli, Jr. (Rose Piganelli)

### Saturday, September 7th

SF 9:00 am Christine Geist (Norman Geist)  
SF 4:00 pm Vickie Girard (Girard Family)

### Sunday, September 8th

SF 8:00 am Jean Everett (Rita Stark)  
SF 10:00 am Angelina & Sylvio Vecellio (Nellie Vecellio)  
SF 11:30 am Moira Wheeler (Christine & Patrick Geary)

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



## SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024

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

**Lector:** Jim Long

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

**Servers:** Aiden & Sean Kramer

## SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024

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

**Lector:** Anne Frownfelter

**EM:** Deb Woodley **CUP:** Suzie Sperry/Cindy Greek

**Server:** David Hill

**St. Francis 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Jim Colligan

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

**Servers:** Daniel Marasco & Caleb McAndrew

**St. Francis 11:30 am**

**Lector:** Carol Vinca

**EM:** Judy LeRoy

**CUP:** Craig Cuthbertson/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, 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.**

## Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,  
102/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-  
6/ Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/  
Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20,  
21/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

