

*January 10, 2021*  
*Catholic Community of Bradford*



*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



*St. Francis of Assisi*



*Our Mother of Perpetual Help*  
*(A Secondary Mission Church)*

*Rev. Raymond Gramata*  
*Pastor*

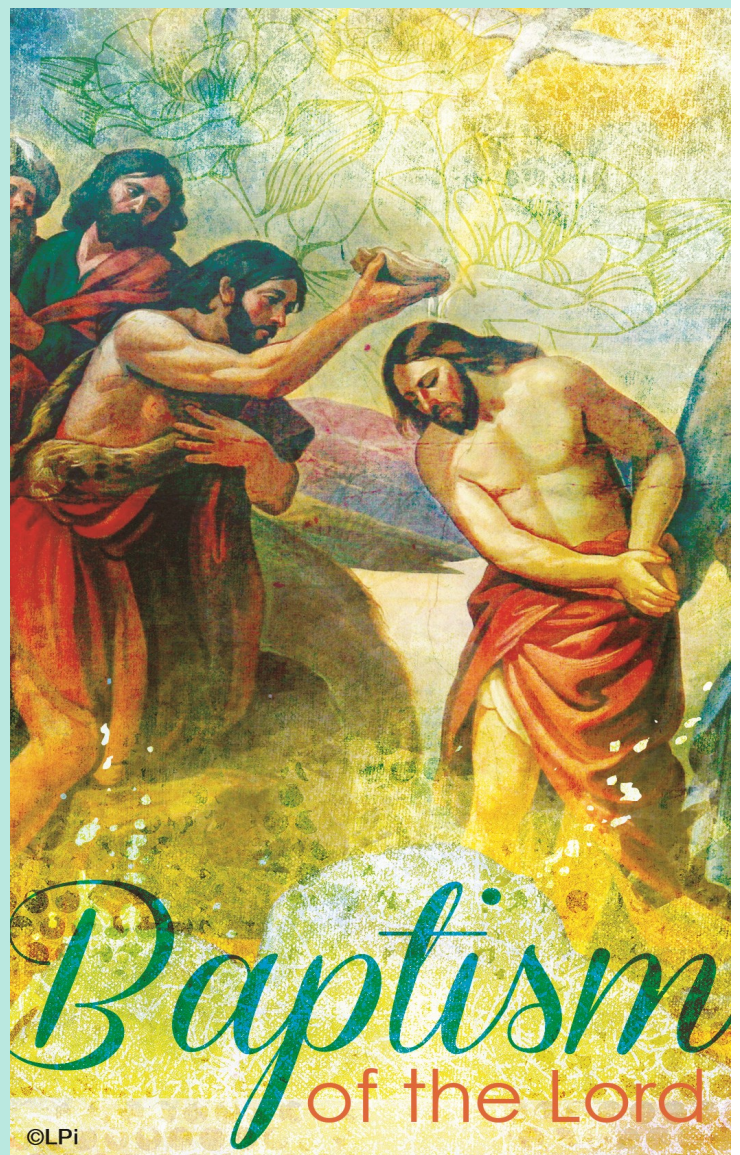
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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers and thoughts. I greatly appreciate your acts of kindness toward me. I came home (Bradford) from St. Vincent hospital on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and am in the process of recuperating. Right now, this is the safest place for me because of COVID-19. I have the help of the staff here, the assistance of two parishes nurses, plus the visiting nurses. Plus, meals have been brought in for me and Fr. Jim. I am adjusting to a diabetic/heart diet. It is definitely a learning experience.

**From  
the  
Pastor**

For those of you who wonder how I got to this point, I will explain. All of this started at 9 p.m. in Greenville on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, where I began to experience chest pains that would not go away. I drove myself to the hospital ER in Greenville, where I was told that I was having a heart attack. I was transferred up to Saint Vincent in Erie at 3 a.m. on Tuesday. I had a heart Cath done later that day. The doctor opened one blockage with angioplasty but since I had three other blockages, I was scheduled for open heart surgery on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. After surgery, the doctor informed me that I actually had 4 blockages that he took care.

Those who know me well, know that I get more out of watching the commercials sometimes than the shows. All I can think of is one famous commercial from the 50's & 60's that seems to fit my condition. It is from a Timex watch commercial. It went like this: "It takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'." I sure did take a lickin' but I'm still tickin'. Through the grace of God and your prayers I am here. While I will be on the IR (injured reserved) list for some time, please be nice to Fr. Jim, for whom I am most thankful. Thank you and God Bless!

Today as church, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. What does this feast mean for us? When Jesus left the water, He was a changed Man; He heard His Father say to him: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Our Baptism likewise transforms us. We now look to Jesus for how to live out our Baptism. Each of the four Gospels gives us a glimpse of the actions of Jesus. When Jesus encountered anyone, He would always bring out the good that was hidden within them. Many times, that person was not aware of the goodness that they possessed.

Since I have been home and watching more TV than I would like to admit. I see none of the kind acts that Jesus would have us do. I see fear, prejudice and hatred. Through truly listening to one another and trying to understand each other's position, we can agree to disagree, while still seeing the good within others. Remember the story of the rich man who came to Jesus but went away sad. Even then Jesus did not put him down, but let him go. Can't we, can't our political parties, can't our country do the same - learn to disagree while still respecting the opinion each other? God Bless, *Fr. Ray*

### **A Note from Fr. Ray:**

**St. Francis Parishioners:** Thank YOU!! We have now met our CSA goal of **\$23,846**. In fact, we have been blessed with a surplus of **\$844** that we will be able to add to our daily operating account.

**St. Bernard Parishioners:** Thank YOU too! While our \$31,968 CSA goal was met sooner, we now have a surplus of **\$4,162** that will also help us with our daily operating expenses.

**Final 2020 CSA pledge payments were due by the end of December. Any payments received in January will be held for the 2021 Catholic Service Appeal which begins in February. Watch the bulletins for more information on Commitment Sunday!**

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**St. Bernard - Needed Weekly: \$ 6,990**

Christmas Dec 25.....\$ 4,153  
December 27 .....\$ 3,398  
January 3 .....\$ 5,562

**2020 SB CSA Assessment.....\$ 31,968**  
**SB 2020 CSA Collected.....\$ 36,130**

**St. Francis of Assisi - Needed Weekly: \$ 3,288**

Christmas Dec 25.....\$ 1,373  
December 27 .....\$ 3,103  
January 3 .....\$ 1,951

**2020 SF CSA Assessment.....\$ 23,846**  
**SF 2020 CSA Collected.....\$ 24,690**

**OUR PARISHES THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

- **Catholic Women:** Meetings cancelled until March 2021
- **REP 1-7:** **Tentative** Jan 17th @ 11:15 am - SB Social Ctr
- **REP 8 -11:** **Tentative** Jan 10th @ 5:45 pm - SB Social Ctr
- **Rosary Altar:** Meetings cancelled until February 2021
- **K of C #403 :** TBA

The Marriage and Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie is happy to offer a new, completely online, community-focused option for marriage preparation beginning in 2021. The Mentor-Cohort option takes place over four weeks in a small group with one or two mentor couples and engaged couples. It includes private time for couples to discuss and grow, space in a small community to process and wrestle with significant themes, and direct instruction from Dynamic Catholic's Better Together program. For more information, dates and a profile of couples for whom this would be a benefit, please see the attached flier or visit <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/mentor-cohort.html>.

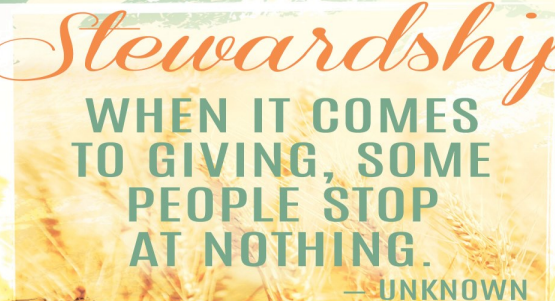
thank  
you!

## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

### January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Who are the perpetrators? Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including family members, foster parents, friends, gangs, trusted adults, or “boyfriends.” Much of the trafficking of children has moved from street corners and truck stops to the internet where children are sold for sex. Online classified sites allow traffickers and buyers anonymity and accessibility when exploiting children. In some case, there is no identified trafficker, and it is the person buying sex from the child who is exploiting the child’s vulnerabilities. A child cannot consent to being bought and sold for sex, and anyone purchasing sex from a child is committing a serious crime. If you suspect a case of Child Sex Trafficking you can call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at [www.CyberTipline.org](http://www.CyberTipline.org). Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families, it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.



*Stewardship*

WHEN IT COMES  
TO GIVING, SOME  
PEOPLE STOP  
AT NOTHING.

— UNKNOWN

As COVID cases rise, pastors and people are reminded that Bishop Persico continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days. Also, everyone is reminded that if they are not well or are high-risk or have contact with someone who is high-risk for COVID, they are not obligated to attend, and it may be safer to stay home. Those unable to attend Mass in person are warmly encouraged to visit [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) to find a list of Masses that are livestreamed by parishes in the diocese.

**You may want to choose a week-day mass to attend and treat as a Sunday mass. There is lots of room for social distancing in the churches during the week. Or feel free to watch Mass on TV.**

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## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat" (Isaiah 55:1) In these uncertain times, perhaps you are the one with no money. May your faith community feed you. If you are among those who have enough food, may your faith lead you to feed another. Talk with your beloved about how.



REP winter bulletin board in Fr. Leo J. Gallina Social Center

## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF REP STUDENTS:

Please sign up for "REMIND" to receive messages regarding class schedules, etc.

To receive text messages - text my class code@rep91 for grades 8-11; @cfcg68 for grades 1-7 to the phone number 81010 or (678)719-0487.

To receive smartphone notifications - download the Remind app on your smartphone. Open the app and create an account. Tap the + by "classes joined" and enter the class code as noted above.

This is the best way to know what's happening in your child(ren) religious education class.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

REP classes began October 4, 2020 for **grades 1 - 7** and meet at the Father Gallina Social Hall on Sunday mornings from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. **Next class: Jan 17 (if public schools in - person)**

REP classes for **grades 8 - 11** began October 25, 2020 and **also meet at Father Leo J. Gallina Social Hall** Sunday evenings from 5:45 - 7:15 pm. **Next class: Jan 10 (if public schools in - person)**

**Classes will remain "At Home Learning" until the School District goes back to "in person" classes. Watch for "Remind" notifications.**

## Online Giving is easy, safe and convenient

Check it out: [www.osvonlinegiving/1845](http://www.osvonlinegiving/1845)



♦Visit [www.osvonlinegiving/1845](http://www.osvonlinegiving/1845), St. Bernard's web site for on-line giving, to sign up and begin contributing to St. Bernard in this convenient way.

♦You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and MasterCard/VISA or DISCOVER credit cards to make donations to our parish. You have complete control of amounts and withdrawal dates. **Your offering goes directly into St. Bernard's checking account.** Making changes is easy! You can even generate a tax report at year end. Visit the website today!


## Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap your arms around our world  
and hold us in your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen.

## HOLY HUMOR

BAPTISM OF THE LORD





### GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

January 11 - 15      **TEAM 1:**  
 L. Hogue / S. Carns / R & J Geis  
 P. Pyle / S. Brochetti

**We are in need of more housekeepers. Please consider giving a couple hours per month to help your church.**

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

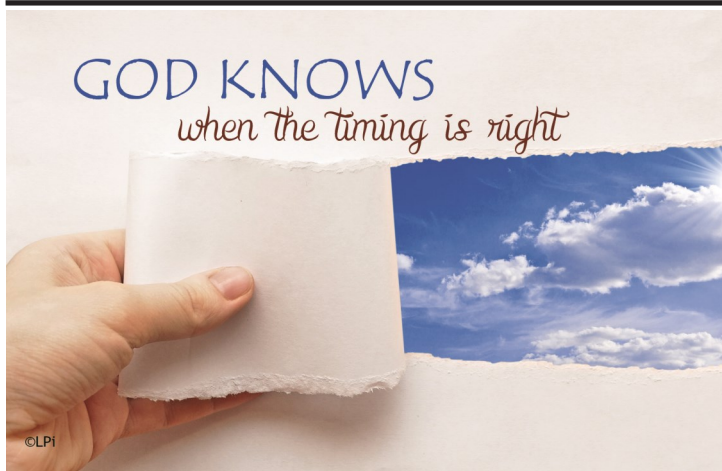
The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. Raymond C. Gramata, *Pastor*  
 Rev. James Gutting, *Senior Associate*

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday thru Friday: 8 am to 4 pm**  
**(Now OPEN through lunch hour)**

Wendy Thomson, *Office Manager*  
 Lisa Kuret, *Administrative Assistant*

**MASS SCHEDULE:** Please consult bulletin

**CONFESSIONS:**

*St. Bernard* — Saturdays from 4:30 to 5 pm before  
 5:15 mass, Thursday before First Friday  
 from 4:30 to 5 pm.

*St. Francis* — 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 meets at  
 follows:

Grades 1-7, 11:15 am **every other** Sunday morning  
 at St. Bernard in Fr. Leo Gallina Social Center

Grades 8, 9, 10 & 11(Confirmation), 5:45 pm  
**every other** Sunday evening

**at Fr. Leo Gallina Social Center**

For more info call the parish office 362-6825

**Please write separate checks for each different type of  
 donation:**

CSA, candles, fuel, 2nd collections, masses and any oth-  
 er. These collections are processed separately.

**You do not need to return every week's envelope with  
 your check when combining weeks.**

*Do NOT make any checks out to OMPH. OMPH is part of  
 St. Francis and we have no bank account for OMPH.*

**Please do NOT staple or tape your envelope.**

**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***

Music Director

Organist St. Francis

Resurrection Choir

God's Housekeepers

Liturgy

Michael Hicks

Joan Raabe

Parish Office

Fr. Raymond C. Gramata

**Parish Community**

Parish Council

Catholic Women's Club

Rosary Altar Society

Telephone Prayer Chain

Fr. Raymond Gramata

Teri Everett

Dawn Kozminski/Theresa Bond

Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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## WEEK OF JAN 11 – 17

### Monday, January 11

**SB 8:00 am** Mary Holmes (a) (*Kathy Symington*)

**SF 9:00 am** Frank Ross (b) (*Louise Stoltz*)

### Tuesday, January 12

**SF 9:00 am** William O'Donnell (a) (*Nancy O'Donnell & Family*)

### Wednesday, January 13

**SB 8:00 am** Beverly Angello (*Judy & Jeff Brown*)

### Thursday, January 14

**SB 8:00 am** Genevieve Chiodo-Killen (*David & Andy Nuzzo*)

**SF 9:00 am** All Parishioners

### Friday, January 15

**SB 8:00 am** Clara Camas (*Charmaine Viola*)

### Saturday, January 16

**SF 9:00 am** Angela & Joseph Piersimoni (*Joyce Schaming*)

**SB 5:15 pm** L & D Members of O'Connell & Newhouse Families (*Tom & Mary O'Connell*)

### Sunday, January 17

**SF 8:00 am** Michael F. Pecora (*Patricia Sexton*)

**SB 10:00 am** J. Harry Hannon Family (*Ron & Kathy Symington*)

**OM 11:30 am** Dorothy Chohrach (*Louise Stoltz*)

(Weekly confessions Saturdays after 9 am St. Francis Mass and before 5:15 pm St. Bernard Mass)

## MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MASSES JAN 16 - 17

### Saturday - SB 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Jean Truman

**EM:** Kim Vanhorn

**Servers:** Ryan Hughes/ Joyce Loncki

### Sunday - SF 8:00 am

**Lector:** Jody Randolph

**EM:** Chris Pehonsky

**Servers:** Samantha Soyke

**SB 10:00 am**

**Lector:** Rhett Kennedy

**EM:** Pat Pascarella

**Servers:** Ward & Rhys Kennedy

**OM 11:30 am**

**Lector:** David Ditz

**EM:** Kim Ditz

**Servers:** Jacob Hannahs

**Hospital/Pavilion:** No visits until further notice

**Chapel Ridge:** No visits until further notice



## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

*Please Pray for the Following Priests*

Sun, Jan 10 - Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos

Mon, Jan 11 - Rev. Robert Horgas

Tues, Jan 12 - Rev. Casimir J. Wozniak

Wed, Jan 13 - Rev. Thomas L. Tyler

Thurs, Jan 14 - Rev. David J. Wilson

Fri, Jan 15 - Rev. Richard J. Toohey

Sat, Jan 16 - Rev. Joseph P. Staszewski



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### READINGS FOR WEEK JANUARY 10, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3,  
4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/  
Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7,  
8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,  
6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/  
Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,  
10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Please pray for those who are  
sick or suffering:

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Mary Beth Behan, Barb Bernheisel, Theresa Bond, Barbara Boser, Kathy Bryant, Bonnie Buccolini, Gigi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Annie Champagne, Dick Clark, Billie Cummins, Paul Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, Alliyson Feldman, Stepheny Franco, Virginia Frigo, Pat Geary, Pat Girard, Fr. Ray Gramata, Jill Henry, Dominic Iaderosa, Jody Iaderosa, Mary Lou Iaderosa, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Mason LaBrozzi, Rita Leone, Shirley Lerch, Paula Louk, Jude Luke, Barbara Matto, Dick Melka, Mariana Militelio, Joe Monago, Lou Monti, Cheri O'Mara, Karla Giordano Petrino, Dom Piganelli, John Pockey, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, Stacie Riddel, Angela Rimer, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Hailey Smith, Bonnie Swackhamer, Alex Tingley, David Tominez, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Corrine Wilson, Donna Whitford, Lisa Zurat, and

**All those affected by the Covid-19 virus**

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