

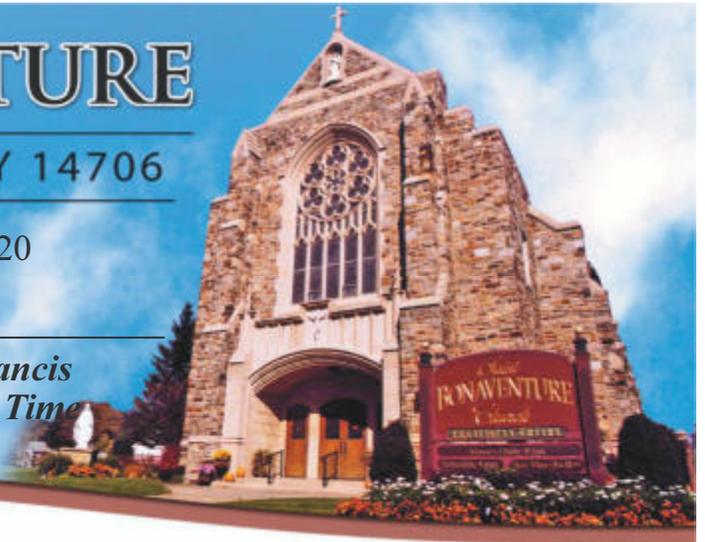
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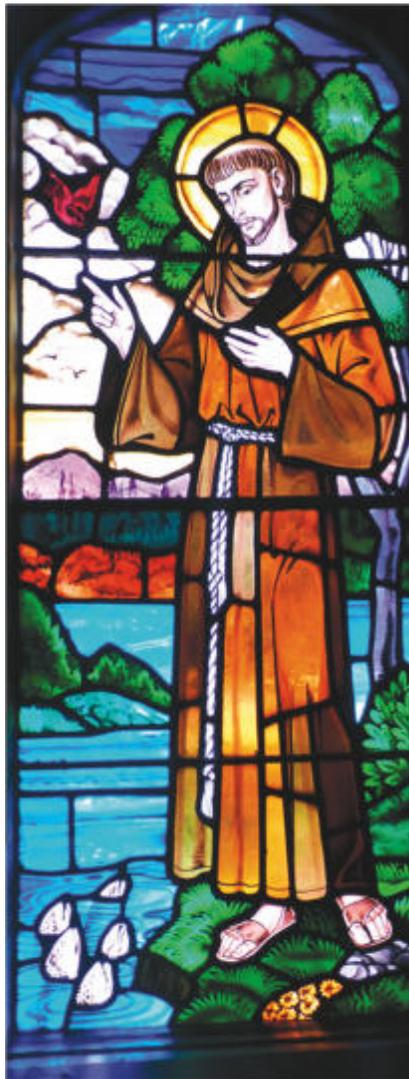
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*Weekend Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis
October 3, 2021 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Most High, all -powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing, To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name. Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs. Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.



Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis - composed 1225-26

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass: 4:p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:a.m. & 11:a.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 8:a.m.

Holy Day Masses: consult the bulletin for times

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

in church Reconciliation Room / Priest Sacristy
or by appointment

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Please call the parish office to
arrange an appointment with Fr. James

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament is available for the ill, elderly, those
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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Holidays: Closed

THE BRIDGE THRIFT SHOP HOURS

Tuesday thru Friday 9:a.m. - 2:p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Holidays: Closed

Words from Pope Francis

On October 3, 2020 Pope Francis issued the encyclical: "Fratelli Tutti." The encyclical calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a plea to reject wars. It focuses on contemporary social and economic problems, and proposes an ideal world of fraternity in which all countries can be part of a "larger human family". This column will re-print in short segments the entire encyclical for you to reflect on. Below are paragraphs 107 - 115



107. Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.

108. Some societies accept this principle in part. They agree that opportunities should be available to everyone, but then go on to say that everything depends on the individual. From this skewed perspective, it would be pointless "to favor an investment in efforts to help the slow, the weak or the less talented to find opportunities in life".[82] Investments in assistance to the vulnerable could prove unprofitable; they might make things less efficient. No. What we need in fact are states and civil institutions that are present and active, that look beyond the free and efficient working of certain economic, political or ideological systems, and are primarily concerned with individuals and the common good.

109. Some people are born into economically stable families, receive a fine education, grow up well nourished, or naturally possess great talent. They will certainly not need a proactive state; they need only claim their freedom. Yet the same rule clearly does not apply to a disabled person, to someone born in dire poverty, to those lacking a good education and with little access to adequate health care. If a society is governed primarily by the criteria of market freedom and efficiency, there is no place for such persons, and fraternity will remain just another vague ideal.

110. Indeed, "to claim economic freedom while real conditions bar many people from actual access to it, and while possibilities for employment continue to shrink, is to practice doublespeak".[83] Words like freedom, democracy or fraternity prove meaningless, for the fact is that "only when our economic and social system no longer produces even a single victim, a single person cast aside, will we be able to celebrate the feast of universal fraternity".[84] A truly human and fraternal society will be capable of ensuring in an efficient and stable way that each of its members is accompanied at every stage of life. Not only by providing for their basic needs, but by enabling them to give the best of themselves, even though their performance may be less than optimum, their pace slow or their efficiency limited.

111. The human person, with his or her inalienable rights, is by nature open to relationship. Implanted deep within us is the call to transcend ourselves through an encounter with others. For this reason, "care must be taken not to fall into certain errors which can arise from a misunderstanding of the concept of human rights and from its misuse. Today there is a tendency to claim ever broader individual – I am tempted to say individualistic – rights. Underlying this is a conception of the human person as detached from all social and anthropological
(continued next column)

contexts, as if the person were a "monad" (monás), increasingly unconcerned with others... Unless the rights of each individual are harmoniously ordered to the greater good, those rights will end up being considered limitless and consequently will become a source of conflicts and violence".[85]

112. Nor can we fail to mention that seeking and pursuing the good of others and of the entire human family also implies helping individuals and societies to mature in the moral values that foster integral human development. The New Testament describes one fruit of the Holy Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22) as *agathosyne*; the Greek word expresses attachment to the good, pursuit of the good. Even more, it suggests a striving for excellence and what is best for others, their growth in maturity and health, the cultivation of values and not simply material wellbeing. A similar expression exists in Latin: *benevolentia*. This is an attitude that "wills the good" of others; it bespeaks a yearning for goodness, an inclination towards all that is fine and excellent, a desire to fill the lives of others with what is beautiful, sublime and edifying.

113. Here, regrettably, I feel bound to reiterate that "we have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. Once the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests".[86] Let us return to promoting the good, for ourselves and for the whole human family, and thus advance together towards an authentic and integral growth. Every society needs to ensure that values are passed on; otherwise, what is handed down are selfishness, violence, corruption in its various forms, indifference and, ultimately, a life closed to transcendence and entrenched in individual interests.

114. I would like especially to mention solidarity, which, "as a moral virtue and social attitude born of personal conversion, calls for commitment on the part of those responsible for education and formation. I think first of families, called to a primary and vital mission of education. Families are the first place where the values of love and fraternity, togetherness and sharing, concern and care for others are lived out and handed on. They are also the privileged milieu for transmitting the faith, beginning with those first simple gestures of devotion which mothers teach their children. Teachers, who have the challenging task of training children and youth in schools or other settings, should be conscious that their responsibility extends also to the moral, spiritual and social aspects of life. The values of freedom, mutual respect and solidarity can be handed on from a tender age... Communicators also have a responsibility for education and formation, especially nowadays, when the means of information and communication are so widespread".[87]

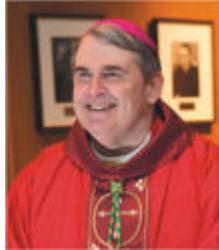
115. At a time when everything seems to disintegrate and lose consistency, it is good for us to appeal to the "solidity"[88] born of the consciousness that we are responsible for the fragility of others as we strive to build a common future. Solidarity finds concrete expression in service, which can take a variety of forms in an effort to care for others. And service in great part means "caring for vulnerability, for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people". In offering such service, individuals learn to "set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable... Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, 'suffers' that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people".[89] (To Be continued next week)

90th Anniversary of the Church Building

On October 18, 1931 Mass was celebrated for the first time in the present church building. The solemn dedication Mass of the church was held 8 days later on October 26, 1931 with Bishop William Turner presiding at the dedication Mass.



In celebration of the 90th anniversary of our church building the Saturday 4:p.m. Mass on October 23, 2021 will be presided over by Bishop Michael Fisher, the present Bishop of Buffalo. Bishop Mike when he first became Bishop of the diocese expressed that he wanted to visit every parish in the diocese early on in his tenure. Fr. James thought it appropriate and timely to invite him to preside at a Saturday Mass near the anniversary date of the church dedication. More information on this anniversary Mass and the Bishop's visit to the parish in upcoming bulletins.



2022 Mass Book is Now Open

Weekend Mass Remembrances are now being accepted for 2022. Please be aware that because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the possibility of changing conditions dates and times of the Mass Remembrance may need to be adjusted during the year. But at least for now we are scheduling weekend Mass Remembrances for requested dates and times. Call the parish office (373-1330) to make an appointment with Jacki so to schedule your Mass Remembrances for 2022



Altar Servers picture taken September 4, 1932

Back row: (L to R) Fr. Ronald Friel, William Feuchter, Harlan Eaton, Clayton Eaton, Albert Rich, Donovan Lippert, Thomas Wiles, Fr. Bonaventure McIntyre
 Front Row: (L to R) Edward Wintermantel, Forrest Jones, Joe Stetz, Jim Krampf, John Lang, Francis Ryan, Francis Kampf, Ed Lippert, Dan Reedy
-picture provided by Bill & Ellen Weidner -

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2

- 4:p.m. (1) Michael Stayer
 by Mike & MaryAnn Taylor
- (2) Jeanie Sewell by mom & family
- (3) For the People

Sunday, October 3

- 8:a.m. - (1) Van Karl Family by estate
- (2) Frances Reamer by a friend
- (3) Helen Jones a former student
- 11:a.m. - (1) Francis Ryan Family by Estate
- (2) Norm & Helen Kersch by Family
- (3) Rosemary Ryan
 by Maureen Finch & Family
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Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer):

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:a.m.
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Saturday, October 9

- 4:p.m. (1) Gail Crisafulli by Karl & Kay Kiffer
- (2) Families dealing with suicide
- (3) For the People

Sunday, October 10

- 8:a.m. - (1) Rhea Moszak by Robert & Alicia Moszak
- (2) Zakelj & Srsen Families
 by Mr & Mrs Mario Zakel
- (3) Ted Cottillion by Frank & Judy Pastore
- 11:a.m. - (1) Francis Ryan Family by Estate
- (2) Patrick Premo by Helen & Bob Brill
- (3) Anthony J. Marro by Nash Family

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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| Nathan Fish | Carol Rado |
| Jack Karl | Nick Pircio |
| Chris Carl | Michael O'Brien |
| Fr. Bernadine Kessing | Brandon McCord |
| Carmen Daniels | Victor Edwin |
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- For the Sisters and Friars in the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Infirmary and in other Assisted Care Facilities
- For those suffering from the coronavirus variants
- The patients in the Olean General Hospital and in area nursing homes
- For the Road to Renewal plan for the Diocese of Buffalo
- For the victims of physical and emotional abuse.
- For businesses looking for employees
- For school systems looking for bus drivers and aids
- For those struggling with issues of sexual orientation
- For refugees and those dealing with immigration issues



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