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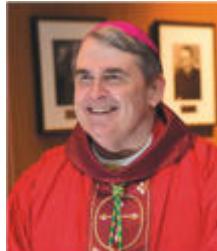
*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021*

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 present at the dedication Mass which was celebrated by the pastor at the time: Father Bonaventure McIntyre, O.F.M.



In celebration of the 90th anniversary of our church building this coming Saturday, October 23, the 4:p.m. Mass will be celebrated by our present bishop, Bishop Michael Fisher.



Come and meet Bishop Mike as he joins us in commemorating the 90th anniversary of our parish church structure.

Some historical points about our church building:

- The formal ground breaking took place on March 17, 1931. According to pictures from the time the ceremonial shovel was placed in the ground on or near the spot where the outdoor statue of Mary now rests.
- The stained glass windows were designed by the Von Gerichten Art Glass Company of Columbus, Ohio and the glass used is both imported and American antique glass. In 1931 to create and install the windows cost: \$3,452. Utilizing a Google Search it is estimated that the 1931 figure in 2021 would be \$70,000. This figure is probably an under-calculation given the high costs of materials and labor going on at this present time.
- Cost of church construction in 1931: \$80,000
- The first couple married in the church were: Bernice Carls & Daniel B. Donovan, which took place on October 17, 1931 the day before the actual first parish Mass.
- The first baptism to take place after the formal dedication was of Marjorie Birmingham on November 21, 1931.



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 facing surgery or medical tests upon request.

Please inform the parish office or Fr. James when a family member enters or leaves the hospital.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 124 - 131



124. Nowadays, a firm belief in the common destination of the earth's goods requires that this principle also be applied to nations, their territories and their resources. Seen from the standpoint not only of the legitimacy of private property and the rights of its citizens, but also of the first principle of the common destination of goods, we can then say that each country also belongs to the foreigner, inasmuch as a territory's goods must not be denied to a needy person coming from elsewhere. As the Bishops of the United States have taught, there are fundamental rights that "precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God".[104]

125. This presupposes a different way of understanding relations and exchanges between countries. If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or elsewhere. My own country also shares responsibility for his or her development, although it can fulfil that responsibility in a variety of ways. It can offer a generous welcome to those in urgent need, or work to improve living conditions in their native lands by refusing to exploit those countries or to drain them of natural resources, backing corrupt systems that hinder the dignified development of their peoples. What applies to nations is true also for different regions within each country, since there too great inequalities often exist. At times, the inability to recognize equal human dignity leads the more developed regions in some countries to think that they can jettison the "dead weight" of poorer regions and so increase their level of consumption.

126. We are really speaking about a new network of international relations, since there is no way to resolve the serious problems of our world if we continue to think only in terms of mutual assistance between individuals or small groups. Nor should we forget that "inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations".[105] Indeed, justice requires recognizing and respecting not only the rights of individuals, but also social rights and the rights of peoples.[106] This means finding a way to ensure "the fundamental right of peoples to subsistence and progress".[107] a right which is at times severely restricted by the pressure created by foreign debt. In many instances, debt repayment not only fails to promote development but gravely limits and conditions it. While respecting the principle that all legitimately acquired debt must be repaid, the way in which many poor countries fulfil this obligation should not end up compromising their very existence and growth.

127. Certainly, all this calls for an alternative way of thinking. Without an attempt to enter into that way of thinking, what I am saying here will sound wildly unrealistic. On the other hand, if we accept the great principle that there are rights born of our inalienable human dignity, we can rise to the challenge of envisaging a new humanity. We can aspire to a world that provides land, housing and work for all. This is the true path of
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peace, not the senseless and myopic strategy of sowing fear and mistrust in the face of outside threats. For a real and lasting peace will only be possible "on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family".[108]

A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD

128. If the conviction that all human beings are brothers and sisters is not to remain an abstract idea but to find concrete embodiment, then numerous related issues emerge, forcing us to see things in a new light and to develop new responses.

BORDERS AND THEIR LIMITS

129. Complex challenges arise when our neighbor happens to be an immigrant.[109] Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development. Yet until substantial progress is made in achieving this goal, we are obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs and those of their families, and where they can find personal fulfilment. Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. For "it is not a case of implementing welfare programs from the top down, but rather of undertaking a journey together, through these four actions, in order to build cities and countries that, while preserving their respective cultural and religious identity, are open to differences and know how to promote them in the spirit of human fraternity".[110]

130. This implies taking certain indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises. As examples, we may cite: increasing and simplifying the granting of visas; adopting programs of individual and community sponsorship; opening humanitarian corridors for the most vulnerable refugees; providing suitable and dignified housing; guaranteeing personal security and access to basic services; ensuring adequate consular assistance and the right to retain personal identity documents; equitable access to the justice system; the possibility of opening bank accounts and the guarantee of the minimum needed to survive; freedom of movement and the possibility of employment; protecting minors and ensuring their regular access to education; providing for programs of temporary guardianship or shelter; guaranteeing religious freedom; promoting integration into society; supporting the reuniting of families; and preparing local communities for the process of integration.[111]

131. For those who are not recent arrivals and already participate in the fabric of society, it is important to apply the concept of "citizenship", which "is based on the equality of rights and duties, under which all enjoy justice. It is therefore crucial to establish in our societies the concept of full citizenship and to reject the discriminatory use of the term minorities, which engenders feelings of isolation and inferiority. Its misuse paves the way for hostility and discord; it undoes any successes and takes away the religious and civil rights of some citizens who are thus discriminated against".[112]

(To Be continued next week)

For referencing footnotes (numbers in []) go to:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html. See the last page for reference notes.



Religious Education - Calendar 2021-2022

The parish religious education program for grades 2-10 will begin on Sunday October 24. This year we are offering both in class and virtual programs. Classrooms have been arranged according to safety standards developed by the CDC for schools. Both students and teachers will be wearing masks or face shields. In-Class sessions will meet from 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on the following Sundays:

October 24	January 9
	January 23
November 7	February 6
November 21	February 13
December 5	March 6
December 19	March 20
	April 3
	April 24

First Penance - March 2 (Ash Wednesday)
First Communion - weekend of April 30 - May 1
Confirmation - TBA

Kindergarten & First grade students will meet during the Liturgy of the Word at the 8:a.m. Mass on the days of Religious Ed. The Kindergarten children & the First Graders after the opening prayer for Mass will be called forth and then led to the sacristy to listen to the Sunday scripture using a translation adapted to the vocabulary of a young child. They will then have a simple lesson taught and then return to the congregation after the creed.

Upcoming Special Collections:

Weekend of October 23 & 24:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY...It is important to remind ourselves that the church has a missionary call. Even at times where we face multiple challenges there exists our communal responsibility to assist fledgling Christian communities in providing resources for the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of these new communities of faith. Envelops for this collection can be found in your packets. Those who do not receive church envelops can write a check or use a regular envelop and mark it: World Missions.

Weekend of October 30 & 31:

RELIEF COLLECTION FROM NATURAL DISASTERS... At the request of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops a collection is being taken to assist Catholic Charities USA & Catholic Relief Services provide emergency aid and assistance to areas of natural disasters. The needs are great in Haiti and in Louisiana who have suffered much from earthquakes and flooding. This collection will take place on October 30-31. An envelop will be provided in the bulletin the weekend prior to October 30-31 for this collection.



The Bridge -

Store Hours: Tuesday - Friday:

9:a.m. - 2:p.m.

Donations received only during open hours. DO NOT LEAVE any items outside when The Bridge is closed.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16

- 4:p.m. (1) Gail Crisafulli by Ned Mollica
- (2) Rhea Moszak by Robert & Alicia Moszak
- (3) For the People

Sunday, October 17

- 8:a.m. - (1) Susan Yehl by Family
- (2) Paul Nolan by Eugene & Jeanne Nolan
- (3) Janet Kyser by Jerry & Maggie Collins
- 11:a.m. - (1) Ted Cottillion by Ned Mollica
- (2) Scott Paschen by The Howden Family
- (3) Anthony J. Marra
by Lea Caruso & Derrick Webb
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Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer):

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:a.m.

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Saturday, October 23

- 4:p.m. (1) Gail Crisafulli by Bill & Betsy Karl
- (2) Jim Lai b y Ned Mollica
- (3) For the People

Sunday, October 24

- 8:a.m. - (1) Rose Mary Koch by Mary Elizabeth Koch
- (2) Tony Marra by Mark Carpelletti
- (3) Susie Noonan by Bill & Betsy Karl
- 11:a.m. - (1) Sylvia Hoffman by Ned Mollica
- (2) Lois Smith by Patricia Rinebolt
- (3) Patricia Conroy
by Ancient Order of Hibernians

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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| Nathan Fish | Carol Rado |
| Ruth Keller | Nick Pircio |
| Chris Carl | Michael O'Brien |
| Fr. Bernadine Kessing | Brandon McCord |
| Carmen Daniels | Victor Edwin |
| Colt Matz | Joe Stayer |
| Kellie Baxter | Fr. Ron Pecci |

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

The Delta Variant of the COVID virus is spreading very rapidly in the area. You are encouraged to wear your masks in any indoor public places.



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