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*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 7, 2021*



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is less than a month away. For many years now parishioners from Saint Bonaventure Parish have provided the ingredients for the making of a Thanksgiving dinner for needy area families. We usually provide for about 65 families. The names of these families come from social services agencies and school systems. Because of COVID last year we provided vouchers for these families to obtain the dinner ingredients from Park-N-Shop on Front Street in Olean. This year we are once again following this practice. If you wish to make a donation specifically for a Thanksgiving Dinner voucher please place a check payable to St. Bonaventure Parish in an envelop marked: **Thanksgiving Voucher** and place it in the collection box or mail it to the parish office by November 12.

## 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.

## Report on the Road to Renewal:

### Families of Parishes

Parish structure within the Diocese of Buffalo will be taking on a new shape and appearance over the next 3 years. Because of many conditions and circumstances described in previous bulletins the way parishes operate needs to be adjusted. Parishioners must begin thinking in terms of clustered groupings of parishes which will share common tasks, resources, ministerial outreach, clergy and lay personnel. In our Vicariate there will be two Families: St. John's, Olean, St. Mary's Olean & St. Bonaventure, Allegany will be a Family. The other Family will be Our Lady of Peace in Salamanca, Holy Name of Mary in Ellicottville, & St. Philomena in Franklinville. The time line for the official establishment and activation of these Families is yet to be determined. For ongoing information on this entire restructuring consult the diocesan website:

[www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)

## 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 146 - 155



146. There is a kind of "local" narcissism unrelated to a healthy love of one's own people and culture. It is born of a certain insecurity and fear of the other that leads to rejection and the desire to erect walls for self-defense. Yet it is impossible to be "local" in a healthy way without being sincerely open to the universal, without feeling challenged by what is happening in other places, without openness to enrichment by other cultures, and without solidarity and concern for the tragedies affecting other peoples. A "local narcissism" instead frets over a limited number of ideas, customs and forms of security; incapable of admiring the vast potential and beauty offered by the larger world, it lacks an authentic and generous spirit of solidarity. Life on the local level thus becomes less and less welcoming, people less open to complementarity. Its possibilities for development narrow; it grows weary and infirm. A healthy culture, on the other hand, is open and welcoming by its very nature; indeed, "a culture without universal values is not truly a culture".[127]

147. Let us realize that as our minds and hearts narrow, the less capable we become of understanding the world around us. Without encountering and relating to differences, it is hard to achieve a clear and complete understanding even of ourselves and of our native land. Other cultures are not "enemies" from which we need to protect ourselves, but differing reflections of the inexhaustible richness of human life. Seeing ourselves from the perspective of another, of one who is different, we can better recognize our own unique features and those of our culture: its richness, its possibilities and its limitations. Our local experience needs to develop "in contrast to" and "in harmony with" the experiences of others living in diverse cultural contexts.[128]

148. In fact, a healthy openness never threatens one's own identity. A living culture, enriched by elements from other places, does not import a mere carbon copy of those new elements, but integrates them in its own unique way. The result is a new synthesis that is ultimately beneficial to all, since the original culture itself ends up being nourished. That is why I have urged indigenous peoples to cherish their roots and their ancestral cultures. At the same time, though, I have wanted to stress that I have no intention of proposing "a completely enclosed, a-historic, static 'indigenism' that would reject any kind of blending (mestizaje)". For "our own cultural identity is strengthened and enriched as a result of dialogue with those unlike ourselves. Nor is our authentic identity preserved by an impoverished isolation".[129] The world grows and is filled with new beauty, thanks to the successive syntheses produced between cultures that are open and free of any form of cultural imposition.

149. For a healthy relationship between love of one's native land and a sound sense of belonging to our larger human family, it is helpful to keep in mind that global society is not the sum total of different countries, but rather the communion that exists among them. The mutual sense of belonging is prior to the emergence of individual groups. Each particular group becomes part of the fabric of universal communion and there  
(continued next column)

discovers its own beauty. All individuals, whatever their origin, know that they are part of the greater human family, without which they will not be able to understand themselves fully.

150. To see things in this way brings the joyful realization that no one people, culture or individual can achieve everything on its own: to attain fulfilment in life we need others. An awareness of our own limitations and incompleteness, far from being a threat, becomes the key to envisaging and pursuing a common project. For "man is a limited being who is himself limitless".[130]

151. Thanks to regional exchanges, by which poorer countries become open to the wider world, universality does not necessarily water down their distinct features. An appropriate and authentic openness to the world presupposes the capacity to be open to one's neighbor within a family of nations. Cultural, economic and political integration with neighboring peoples should therefore be accompanied by a process of education that promotes the value of love for one's neighbor, the first indispensable step towards attaining a healthy universal integration.

152. In some areas of our cities, there is still a lively sense of neighborhood. Each person quite spontaneously perceives a duty to accompany and help his or her neighbor. In places where these community values are maintained, people experience a closeness marked by gratitude, solidarity and reciprocity. The neighborhood gives them a sense of shared identity.[131] Would that neighboring countries were able to encourage a similar neighborly spirit between their peoples! Yet the spirit of individualism also affects relations between countries. The danger of thinking that we have to protect ourselves from one another, of viewing others as competitors or dangerous enemies, also affects relations between peoples in the same region. Perhaps we were trained in this kind of fear and mistrust.

153. There are powerful countries and large businesses that profit from this isolation and prefer to negotiate with each country separately. On the other hand, small or poor countries can sign agreements with their regional neighbors that will allow them to negotiate as a bloc and thus avoid being cut off, isolated and dependent on the great powers. Today, no state can ensure the common good of its population if it remains isolated.

154. The development of a global community of fraternity based on the practice of social friendship on the part of peoples and nations calls for a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good. Sadly, politics today often takes forms that hinder progress towards a different world.

155. Lack of concern for the vulnerable can hide behind a populism that exploits them demagogically for its own purposes, or a liberalism that serves the economic interests of the powerful. In both cases, it becomes difficult to envisage an open world that makes room for everyone, including the most vulnerable, and shows respect for different cultures.

(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](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 is in progress. 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:

November 7	January 9
November 21	January 23
December 5	February 6
December 19	February 13
	March 6
	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 be dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word at the 8:a.m. Sunday Mass on the days of Religious Ed. They will be led to the sacristy to listen to the Sunday scripture using a translation adapted to the vocabulary of a young child.

### Stewardship & Attendance:

October 24 - \$2,618 - communions 263  
*Thank you to all who financially support the parish. For information about enrolling in the monthly Direct Deposit method of submitting contributions please call the parish office or speak to Fr. James.*



**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.**

### Catholic Charities Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP)...

...is available to parents who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. Develop a "business" relationship and encourage co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of the conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce; child development and implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative or parallel approaches to parenting, overview of family law as it effects custody and visitation. For further information call Catholic Charities at 716-896-6390 or consult their website: [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org)

### World Wide Synod

Pope Francis has called for a world wide gathering to map out the Church's life and mission in the 21st century. He is seeking global input. More information forthcoming, but in the meantime consult the following: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/synod/>

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, November 6

- 4:p.m. (1) Dan Pfeiffer by Mom & Brothers
- (2) Mark Keefer by Cookie & Philippe Yates
- (3) For the People

#### Sunday, November 7

- 8:a.m. - (1) Van E. Karl Family by estate
  - (2) Frank J. Bateski by Mary Elizabeth Koch
  - (3) Bill Turner by Heyer Family
  - 11:a.m. - (1) Francis Ryan Family by estate
  - (2) M/M James E. Nolan & Paul Nolan by Eugene & Jeanne Nolan
  - (3) Larry Elder by Ned Mollica
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#### Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer):

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

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#### Saturday, November 13

- 4:p.m. (1) Gail Crisafulli by Rita & Don Policastro
- (2) 55th Wedding Anniv. & 4th year anniv. of death of David Finch by Maureen & Family
- (3) For the People

#### Sunday, November 14

- 8:a.m. - (1) Zakelt & Srsen Families by M/M Mario Zakel
- (2) Dan Bongino by Ned Mollica
- (3) Shirley Papasergi by Joe & Arlene Rado
- 11:a.m. - (1) Francis Ryan Family by estate
- (2) Jack Degnan by Pat
- (3) Ted Cottillion by Janet & Nick

#### Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Nathan Fish	Austin Pastore
Jean Robbins	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 refugees and those dealing with immigration issues

**The Parish extends its sympathy to the families of**  
 Joanne Watkins & Jerome Nannen May Joanne & Jerry rest in God's eternal peace and may their families be given comfort and assurance.

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