

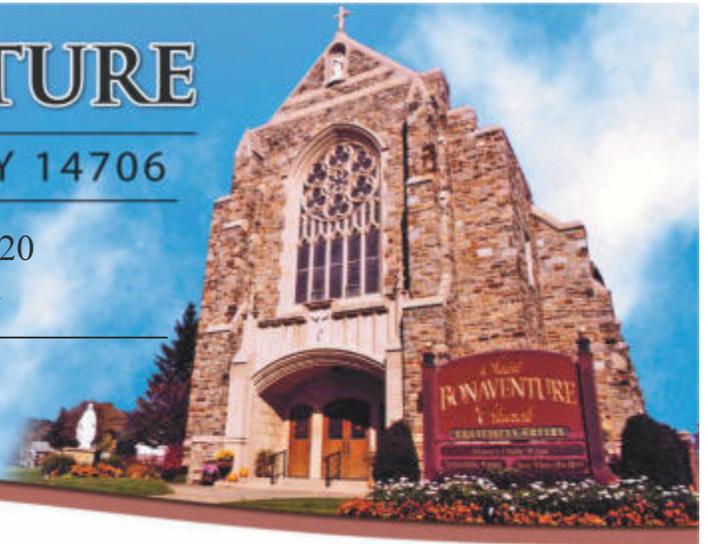
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*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021*



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is in a couple of weeks. For many years now parishioners from St. 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.

Greater Olean Community Thanksgiving

In cooperation with the Greater Olean Association of Churches a Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided for people who are alone, dealing with disabilities, or extreme financial difficulties. In the past guests were welcome to dine at St. Stephen's Church Hall. But because of COVID meals are now to be picked up at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Hall, 109 South Barry Street, Olean on Thanksgiving Day between 11:a.m - 2:p.m. or the meals can be delivered between 10:30 a.m. - 2:p.m. Those requesting meals are asked to call 716-372-5628 by November 20.

Volunteers are needed to make deliveries and desserts are needed for the dinners. Cakes & fruit pies are welcome. *(Because of the Health Code Regulations no Pumpkin or Custard pies can be distributed).* To volunteer to deliver meals or to donate a dessert please call 716-372-5628.

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.

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

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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 156 - 162



156. In recent years, the words “populism” and “populist” have invaded the communications media and everyday conversation. As a result, they have lost whatever value they might have had, and have become another source of polarization in an already divided society. Efforts are made to classify entire peoples, groups, societies and governments as “populist” or not. Nowadays it has become impossible for someone to express a view on any subject without being categorized one way or the other, either to be unfairly discredited or to be praised to the skies.

157. The attempt to see populism as a key for interpreting social reality is problematic in another way: it disregards the legitimate meaning of the word “people”. Any effort to remove this concept from common parlance could lead to the elimination of the very notion of democracy as “government by the people”. If we wish to maintain that society is more than a mere aggregate of individuals, the term “people” proves necessary. There are social phenomena that create majorities, as well as megatrends and communitarian aspirations. Men and women are capable of coming up with shared goals that transcend their differences and can thus engage in a common endeavor. Then too, it is extremely difficult to carry out a long-term project unless it becomes a collective aspiration. All these factors lie behind our use of the words “people” and “popular”. Unless they are taken into account – together with a sound critique of demagoguery – a fundamental aspect of social reality would be overlooked.

158. Here, there can be a misunderstanding. “‘People’ is not a logical category, nor is it a mystical category, if by that we mean that everything the people does is good, or that the people is an ‘angelic’ reality. Rather, it is a mythic category... When you have to explain what you mean by people, you use logical categories for the sake of explanation, and necessarily so. Yet in that way you cannot explain what it means to belong to a people. The word ‘people’ has a deeper meaning that cannot be set forth in purely logical terms. To be part of a people is to be part of a shared identity arising from social and cultural bonds. And that is not something automatic, but rather a slow, difficult process... of advancing towards a common project”.[132]

159. “Popular” leaders, those capable of interpreting the feelings and cultural dynamics of a people, and significant trends in society, do exist. The service they provide by their efforts to unite and lead can become the basis of an enduring vision of transformation and growth that would also include making room for others in the pursuit of the common good. But this can degenerate into an unhealthy “populism” when individuals are able to exploit politically a people’s culture, under whatever ideological banner, for their own personal advantage or continuing grip on power. Or when, at other times, they seek popularity by appealing to the basest and most selfish inclinations of certain sectors of the population. This becomes all the more serious when, whether in cruder or more subtle forms, it leads to the usurpation of institutions and laws.

160. Closed populist groups distort the word “people”, since they are not talking about a true people. The concept of “people” is in fact open-ended. A living and dynamic people, a people with a future, is one constantly open to a new synthesis through its ability to welcome differences. In this way, it does not deny its proper identity, but is open to being mobilized, challenged, broadened and enriched by others, and thus to further growth and development.

161. Another sign of the decline of popular leadership is concern for short-term advantage. One meets popular demands for the sake of gaining votes or support, but without advancing in an arduous and constant effort to generate the resources people need to develop and earn a living by their own efforts and creativity. In this regard, I have made it clear that “I have no intention of proposing an irresponsible populism”.[133] Eliminating inequality requires an economic growth that can help to tap each region’s potential and thus guarantee a sustainable equality. [134] At the same time, it follows that “welfare projects, which meet certain urgent needs, should be considered merely temporary responses”.[135]

162. The biggest issue is employment. The truly “popular” thing – since it promotes the good of the people – is to provide everyone with the opportunity to nurture the seeds that God has planted in each of us: our talents, our initiative and our innate resources. This is the finest help we can give to the poor, the best path to a life of dignity. Hence my insistence that, “helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work”.[136] Since production systems may change, political systems must keep working to structure society in such a way that everyone has a chance to contribute his or her own talents and efforts. For “there is no poverty worse than that which takes away work and the dignity of work”.[137] In a genuinely developed society, work is an essential dimension of social life, for it is not only a means of earning one’s daily bread, but also of personal growth, the building of healthy relationships, self-expression and the exchange of gifts. Work gives us a sense of shared responsibility for the development of the world, and ultimately, for our life as a people.

(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.*

World Wide Synod

Pope Francis has called for a world wide gathering of Bishops to map out the Church’s life and mission in the 21st century. This gathering, called a synod, is scheduled to take place in October 2023. While there have been a number of synods since the reintroduction of them following Vatican Council II (1962-1965) this upcoming synod is unique. Pope Francis is seeking global input. Thus, each diocese is to schedule listening sessions and other types of ways of seeking input from the laity on their concerns and their perspective on the general themes being addressed at the Synod. More information will be forth coming. In the meantime check the Vatican Website concerning the Synod for further information:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>



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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 21	January 9 January 23
December 5 December 19	February 6 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.



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.

Stewardship & Attendance:

October 31- \$2,772 - communions 213
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.

Thanksgiving Mass

This year there will be a vigil Mass for Thanksgiving. In celebration of this national holiday let us gather to give thanks for the many blessings we have as a nation and as a constitutional government and society. The Thanksgiving Mass will be on Wednesday evening, November 24 at 6:p.m. There will be no Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

St. Joseph's Maronite Church 'Breakfast for Dinner' Fundraiser

Come and indulge on breakfast foods: pancakes, sausage, and sweets on Saturday, November 20 from 4:p.m. to 7:p.m. (*dinner time*) at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Walnut Street, Olean. Tickets are: Adults - \$10 and under 6 yrs. old - \$6.

The Parish Office and The Bridge will be closed from November 21 to November 30

The Bridge -

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Mass Intentions

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
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Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer):

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

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Saturday, November 20

- 4:p.m. (1) Rhea Moszak by Robert & Alice Moszak
(2) Patricia Conroy by Cookie & Philippe Yates
(3) For the People

Sunday, November 21

- 8:a.m. - (1) Bill Turner by The Heyer Family
(2) Margaret Hickok by Kevin & Judy French
(3) Jeanette Layton Bouchard
by Joe & Arlene Rado
11:a.m. - (1) Arilio Cruz by Ned Mollica
(2) Janet Schuman Birthday by Claire
(3) Shirley Papasergi by The Bridge

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Nathan Fish	Austin Pastore
Jim Stayer	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 family of Patsy Collins. May Patsy rest in God's eternal peace and may the family be given comfort and assurance.

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