

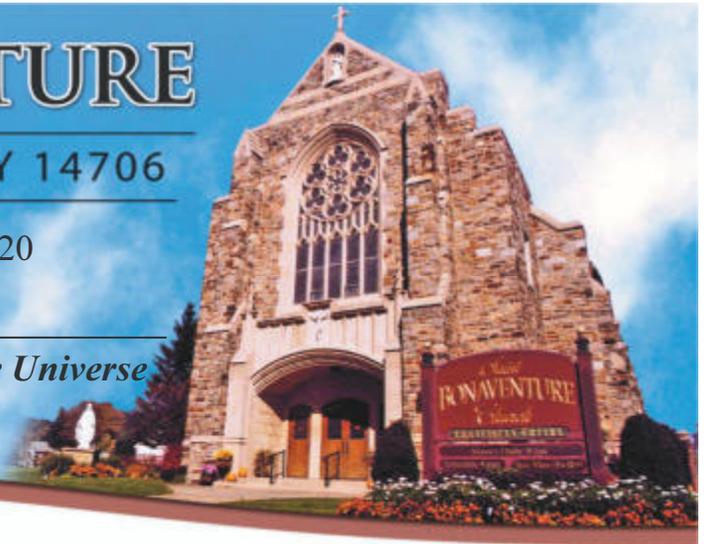
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*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 21, 2021*



Thanksgiving Vigil 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.

Thanksgiving Day Meal Blessing

 **Leader:** Generous God, you lavish your people with plenty. With joy as we gather at this meal we pray:

ALL: O God, continue your blessing

Leader: Help us to care for the land, steward the earth's resources, and distribute food with justice, we pray:

ALL: O God, continue your blessing

Leader: Heal relationship wounds, and comfort those who are separated from loved ones, we pray:

ALL: O God, continue your blessing

Leader: Support efforts to ensure security for the weak, medical care for the sick, wisdom and compassion to all in positions of authority, we pray:

ALL: O God, continue your blessing

Leader: And for all the insight, vision, abilities, and grace-filled moments which sustain us and nurture us, we pray:

**ALL: O God, continue your blessing.
AMEN**

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 163 - 169



163. The concept of a "people", which naturally entails a positive view of community and cultural bonds, is usually rejected by individualistic liberal approaches, which view society as merely the sum of coexisting interests. One speaks of respect for freedom, but without roots in a shared narrative; in certain contexts, those who defend the rights of the most vulnerable members of society tend to be criticized as populists. The notion of a people is considered an abstract construct, something that does not really exist. But this is to create a needless dichotomy. Neither the notion of "people" nor that of "neighbor" can be considered purely abstract or romantic, in such a way that social organization, science and civic institutions can be rejected or treated with contempt.[138]

164. Charity, on the other hand, unites both dimensions – the abstract and the institutional – since it calls for an effective process of historical change that embraces everything: institutions, law, technology, experience, professional expertise, scientific analysis, administrative procedures, and so forth. For that matter, "private life cannot exist unless it is protected by public order. A domestic hearth has no real warmth unless it is safeguarded by law, by a state of tranquility founded on law, and enjoys a minimum of wellbeing ensured by the division of labor, commercial exchange, social justice and political citizenship".[139]

165. True charity is capable of incorporating all these elements in its concern for others. In the case of personal encounters, including those involving a distant or forgotten brother or sister, it can do so by employing all the resources that the institutions of an organized, free and creative society are capable of generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example, needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of neighbor is concrete and squanders none of the resources needed to bring about historical change that can benefit the poor and disadvantaged. At times, however, leftist ideologies or social doctrines linked to individualistic ways of acting and ineffective procedures affect only a few, while the majority of those left behind remain dependent on the goodwill of others. This demonstrates the need for a greater spirit of fraternity, but also a more efficient worldwide organization to help resolve the problems plaguing the abandoned who are suffering and dying in poor countries. It also shows that there is no one solution, no single acceptable methodology, no economic recipe that can be applied indiscriminately to all. Even the most rigorous scientific studies can propose different courses of action.

166. Everything, then, depends on our ability to see the need for a change of heart, attitudes and lifestyles. Otherwise, political propaganda, the media and the shapers of public opinion will continue to promote an individualistic and uncritical culture subservient to unregulated economic interests and societal institutions at the service of those who already enjoy too much power. My criticism of the technocratic paradigm involves more than simply thinking that if we control its excesses everything will be fine. The bigger risk does not come from specific objects, material realities or institutions,
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but from the way that they are used. It has to do with human weakness, the proclivity to selfishness that is part of what the Christian tradition refers to as "concupiscence": the human inclination to be concerned only with myself, my group, my own petty interests. Concupiscence is not a flaw limited to our own day. It has been present from the beginning of humanity, and has simply changed and taken on different forms down the ages, using whatever means each moment of history can provide. Concupiscence, however, can be overcome with the help of God.

167. Education and upbringing, concern for others, a well-integrated view of life and spiritual growth: all these are essential for quality human relationships and for enabling society itself to react against injustices, aberrations and abuses of economic, technological, political and media power. Some liberal approaches ignore this factor of human weakness; they envisage a world that follows a determined order and is capable by itself of ensuring a bright future and providing solutions for every problem.

168. The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith. Whatever the challenge, this impoverished and repetitive school of thought always offers the same recipes. Neoliberalism simply reproduces itself by resorting to the magic theories of "spillover" or "trickle" – without using the name – as the only solution to societal problems. There is little appreciation of the fact that the alleged "spillover" does not resolve the inequality that gives rise to new forms of violence threatening the fabric of society. It is imperative to have a proactive economic policy directed at "promoting an economy that favors productive diversity and business creativity"[140] and makes it possible for jobs to be created and not cut. Financial speculation fundamentally aimed at quick profit continues to wreak havoc. Indeed, "without internal forms of solidarity and mutual trust, the market cannot completely fulfil its proper economic function. And today this trust has ceased to exist".[141] The story did not end the way it was meant to, and the dogmatic formulae of prevailing economic theory proved not to be infallible. The fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic has demonstrated that not everything can be resolved by market freedom. It has also shown that, in addition to recovering a sound political life that is not subject to the dictates of finance, "we must put human dignity back at the center and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need".[142]

169. In some closed and monochrome economic approaches, for example, there seems to be no place for popular movements that unite the unemployed, temporary and informal workers and many others who do not easily find a place in existing structures. Yet those movements manage various forms of popular economy and of community production. What is needed is a model of social, political and economic participation "that can include popular movements and invigorate local, national and international governing structures with that torrent of moral energy that springs from including the excluded in the building of a common destiny", while also ensuring that "these experiences of solidarity which grow up from below, from the subsoil of the planet – can come together, be more coordinated, keep on meeting one another".[143] This, however, must happen in a way that will not betray their distinctive way of acting as sowers of change, promoters of a process involving millions of actions, great and small, creatively intertwined like words in a poem".[144] In that sense, such movements are "social poets" that, in their own way, work, propose, promote and liberate.
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Continuation of Words from Pope Francis:

They help make possible an integral human development that goes beyond “the idea of social policies being a policy for the poor, but never with the poor and never of the poor, much less part of a project that reunites peoples”.[145] They may be troublesome, and certain “theorists” may find it hard to classify them, yet we must find the courage to acknowledge that, without them, “democracy atrophies, turns into a mere word, a formality; it loses its representative character and becomes disembodied, since it leaves out the people in their daily struggle for dignity, in the building of their future”.[146]

(To be continued next week)

For referencing footnotes (numbers in []) go to:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_encyclica-fratelli-tutti.html .See the last page for reference notes.

Swaddling Clothes Drive

During the Sundays of Advent parishioners are asked to help re-supply the area transition houses & half-way houses with basic clothing items and toiletries. Please place any of the following items in the chest used for the food pantry:

Clothing: adult (women & men) socks, hats, gloves

Toiletries: soap bars, shampoo, hair conditioner, body wash, disposable razors, shaving cream, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant

Please NO mouthwash because most contain alcohol. Alcohol based products are prohibited from these special care facilities. So please check the labels on any liquids

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 Parish Office and The Bridge will be closed Nov. 21 - 29. Both will re-open on Tuesday, November 30.



Mass Intentions

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

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No Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) this week.

Wednesday, November 24

- 6:p.m. Mass - Vigil of Thanksgiving
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Saturday, November 27

- 4:p.m. (1) Anita C. Nazemetz
- by M/M Samuel DeFazio
- (2) Leo Terrell by Ned Mollica
- (3) For the People

Sunday, November 28

- 8:a.m. - (1) Patricia Conroy by Maggie Smith
- (2) Margaret ‘Peg’ Tupper
- by Dave & Barbara Lippert
- (3) Birthday remembrance: Joe Crisafulli
- by Joan & Family

- 11:a.m. - (1) Bill Turner by The Heyer Family
- (2) Doug Huber by a friend
- (3) Tim Dougherty
- by Order of Ancient Hibernians

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
Lois McLaughlin	Tom Gosney
Colt Matz	Joe Stayer
Kellie Baxter	Fr. Ron Pecci

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 For the Road to Renewal plan for the Diocese of Buffalo
 For refugees and those dealing with immigration issues

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