



Blessed Sacrament Church

BUFFALO

1029 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14209

JULY 11, 2021 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

PARISH OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE

DURING RE-OPENING PHASE

Sat. | 4:30pm, Sun. | 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Mon., Wed., Fri. | 12:00pm/Noon
Tues., Thur. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Please call the rectory for an appointment while the pandemic protocols are in place.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to active participation in our parish life. New families and individuals should register with us online or at our Parish Office.

MOVING AWAY

Our parish will miss you! Please notify our office and call us at 716-884-0053 to give us your new address.

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OF WEST BUFFALO
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PARISH STAFF

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated after consultation with parents. Parents should notify the Parish Office at least one month before the date of Baptism. A Pre-Baptismal instruction is held for parents.

MARRIAGE

The prospective bride and groom should make arrangements for their wedding at

least eight months prior to the wedding date. No weddings may be scheduled at, or near, the times set for parish liturgies (confession, Saturday afternoon Mass, etc.).

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZATION

Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone who is in the hospital, nursing home facility, or homebound and in need

A Reflection on today's Readings and Gospel

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mark 6:7-13

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

I am the mother of young children, so that means I am a packer. I am a maker of lists and a checker of inventory. I may not be organized, but I am prepared. Take a dive into my messy purse and my even messier minivan, and you will find the stores of a Doomsday prepper. I have bandages, I have water bottles, I have snacks, I have sunscreen, I have hairbands, I have pepper spray — I even have one of those things that breaks the window of a car and slices the seatbelts in case you drive off a bridge and your vehicle becomes submerged in water. I. Am. Ready. That's why this week's Gospel sometimes makes me want to tear my hair out. Take nothing for the journey but a walking stick? Are you insane? No food? No pepper spray? No second tunic? What if we're beset by marauders? What is a walking stick going to do? The whole idea horrifies me.

It horrifies me because I spend far too much of my life thinking that I actually *have* the ability to be prepared — that all my lists and packing give me control. Ah, control — it can be a beautiful thing, sometimes. It's important to have control when you are shepherding small children to and from activities. It's important to have control when there is a global pandemic and you are the designated family mask-keeper, and as you are pulling out of the driveway for church every weekend your husband, without fail, turns to you and says, "You've got my mask and the hand sanitizer, right?"

But control can also be a dangerous illusion, because, of course, as much as we try to tell ourselves otherwise, really *don't* have it — not when it comes to anything meaningful.

We have been sent on the journey with no food, no sack, and no money in our belts. We have been given sandals to guard our steps, and a walking stick upon which to lean when the road seems too long.

The second reading today beautifully describes us as "God's possession," which is such a lovely thought, especially for those of us who are almost pathologically self-reliant. A possession cannot care for itself; its entire existence relies on its possessor. Likewise, the first reading gives us the image of Amos, being ejected from the Temple at Bethel by Amaziah the priest. What does Amos do? In essence, he tells Amaziah that he is but God's possession, walking the path laid before him by God, equipped only with what God has given him for the work. And he shakes the dust from his feet.

I can control the number of band-aids I have in my purse; I cannot control whether or not my children are injured. I can control the masks we wear in public; I cannot control COVID-19. I can control my behavior, my faithfulness to God's laws, and my public witness to the Gospel message; I cannot control whether or not those things bring anyone closer to Christ, or simply lead them to reject me. I can get caught up in this lack of control, and let it break my heart — or I can remember that I am but God's possession, walking the path set out for me, with precisely the provisions I need.

LPI - Connect! Sunday Reflection
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

MASS INTENTIONS

SUN., JULY 11 **15TH SUN., ORD. TIME**

10:00AM | Thomas LaPenna

by Connie E. LaPenna

MON., JULY 12

12:00pm | Father's

Day Intention

TUES., JULY 13

8:00am | For the Parishioners - Fr. Joe

WED., JULY 14

12:00pm | Special Intentions by Maureen Myers

& Friends

THUR., JULY 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

8:00am | Lucille & Salvatore Tripi and the Tripi &

Sandino Families

FRI., JULY 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12:00pm | For the intentions of Isabella, Ricky,

Hokan & Olivia

by Parents: Peter & Tracy Cormwell

SAT., JULY 17

4:30PM | Miss Claire M. & George O'Neill

SUN., JULY 18 **16TH SUN., ORD. TIME**

COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$2,352.00
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LIVESTREAM MASS

Join us for weekend Mass via livestream by subscribing to our YouTube channel (Blessed Sacrament Church Buffalo). You will be notified when we are livestreaming. Another option is to visit our webpage before Mass and clicking the livestream button. Thank you for joining us in prayer.

TUESDAYS WITH GOD'S WORD

Please join us by phone each Tuesday at 8:30am. We discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. Simply call 716-214-3776. No previous Bible study is required. You are welcome anytime.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Please encourage those you know to send their children to our Catholic School. Call 885-6111 for information. Please keep our students, faculty and staff in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Monthly Food Collection

scheduled for July 10th and 11th:

the pantry at the Network of Religious Communities needs canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta, tuna fish, rice, beans, peanut butter, jams and jellies, coffee and tea. Please place your contributions in the blue bin in the church vestibule. **Thank you for serving those in need.**

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to serve as a priest or in religious life? If you are considering such a life, please call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

JULY LECTORS

Sat, July 3 - S. LaDuca
 Sun, July 4 - M. McCracken
 Sat, July 10 - R. Lehner
 Sun, July 11 - P. Flaherty
 Sat, July 17 - F. Conti
 Sun, July 18 - J. Turner
 Sat, July 24 - P. Jones
 Sun, July 25 - M. J. Carroll

CAMP TURNER IS HIRING!

Camp Turner is looking for male and female counselors, activity assistants and kitchen staff. If interested, visit www.campturnerOLV.com. Or perhaps you can help by sending a donation to Camp Turner Fund, c/o OLV Charities, 780 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218. Thanks.

Message from Ann Marie Zon

We have received an **Thank You** card from Ann Marie Zon of the Nicaragua Mission. She expressed her thanks for your gracious welcome and generous response to the needs of the Nicaragua poor. Should you wish to contribute, please make your check out to the Nicaraguan Mission Project and drop it off at the rectory

**Capen Garden Walk**

The 20th annual Capen Garden Walk will be Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, 2021, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, rain or shine. This is a free self-guided tour of about 60 private gardens and carefully nurtured public spaces in the neighborhoods surrounding the University at Buffalo South Campus. In addition, some of the private gardens will be open for Capen by Night on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00-10:00 pm.

The Capen Garden Walk is designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and collaboration as well as to build strong communities. It is named for Samuel P. Capen, the first full-time, salaried Chancellor at the University at Buffalo. The Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk began in 2002 with 24 gardens, in an effort to showcase the neighborhoods near the University at Buffalo, including University Heights, Eggertsville, Amherst, and the Town of Tonawanda.

Maps for the walk will be available at the UB Anderson Gallery, 1 Martha Jackson Place, Buffalo (between Montrose and Englewood Avenues) until 4:00 pm both days. Free parking is available at the gallery. Maps will also be available to download on our web page, ourheights.org/gardenwalk after July 14. For more information, visit <http://ourheights.org/GardenWalk/>.

ROAD TO RENEWAL

Where is Jesus in the Renewal?

The Road to Renewal means that we have to take a hard look at ways in which our Diocese and parishes have not responded to the mission of Jesus. The Renewal must be about introducing people to Jesus Christ, inviting them to become missionary disciples and journeying with them on their pilgrimage towards heaven. Our Renewal must be about saving souls! All of us can be better at this and our Renewal will help in our efforts.

How does the Renewal impact my parish?

Parishes are where ministry is lived. When our parishes are strong and vibrant, our church is strong and vibrant. The Renewal's focus is to strengthen our parishes by working together to develop collaboration among parishes in a family. The Family of Parishes model allows parishes to work more collaboratively and capitalize on what each parish's strengths are. When we work together we are able to accomplish more of Jesus' mission. A Family of Parishes are parishes that are grouped together with a shared pastoral plan (mission) that they work together to accomplish. By working together resources and staffing are focused on the pastoral plan for all of the parishes within the family.

Will all parishes be affected by the Renewal?

Every parish has gifts and talents to offer. Each parish will be participating in the Renewal and will be part of a family of parishes. Since all of us are part of the Roman Catholic Church, this is an opportunity to recognize the larger church at work. When we work together, we not only share in a common mission but we make up the larger Body of Christ.

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