



# The Cathedral Chronicle

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*June 13, 2021— Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b

**CATHEDRAL MASSES**

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:30 p.m. Sunday (Choir) 10:30 a.m.  
**Monday — Friday...12:10 p.m.** (in the Cathedral)  
 Holy Days and Holidays as announced

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass is available every week via  
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral>

**CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday & Friday at 11:45 a.m.  
 Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
 (or call for appointment)

**OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of Roland & Carmoleta Kelley, at the request of their children.



**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 12: (Vigil Mass for Sunday) Parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	June 13: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Kathleen Williams (Maureen & James Denman) †
Monday 12:10 p.m.	June 14: Weekday In Thanksgiving to the NYS Dept. of Health for all their work during the Pandemic (Michael Truscott)
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	June 15: Weekday Roland & Carmoleta Kelley (Children) †
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	June 16: Weekday Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More Guild †
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	June 17: Weekday Special Intentions of the Caputi, Gentile & Griffis Families (Family)
Friday 12:10 p.m.	June 18: Weekday Rebecca Conti-Cole (Michael Truscott) †

**Time is running short for Appeal 2021!**



For nearly 100 years, Catholic Charities has been a beacon of HOPE for those in need in Western New York.

**Today, we are asking you to be there for us – so we can continue to be there for the at-risk teen, the mother with nowhere else to turn, the couple in need of restorative counseling, the family just barely getting by, and so many others who rely on our services.**

Help us continue bringing hope to others by giving the gift of HOPE today at [ccwny.org/donate](http://ccwny.org/donate) or by calling (716) 218-1400.

**Word of Life-June 13:** “It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions— which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

**Vocations:** “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,” writes St. Paul. So many people are unprepared for their eternal judgment! If only there were more ministers of God to remind and admonish the world. Perhaps God is calling you to this mission? Fr. Dave can help direct you at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**Ready for Renewal?**

The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the Road to Renewal that began with a planning phase last August. Since then, a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails.

Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the Renewal work at hand, Fr. Bryan will keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The Renewal offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org) for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo’s Road to Renewal.

**CATHEDRAL STAFF**

- Bishop** Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
- Cathedral Rector** Rev. Seán Paul Fleming
- Music Director** Timothy Socha
- Secretary** Elaine Kishbaugh

## WELCOME BACK!

Hopefully, you received a postcard from us this week. I am re-iterating here just in case you didn't receive it.

It's been a year, hasn't it? We've all been through a lot. Maybe we've lost friends or family to the coronavirus, a job or income, or just given into frustration a time or two. A big part of life has been lost—that basic sense of feeling connected to one another.

One thing I hope you haven't lost is your faith. I'm grateful that technology and things like our recently-installed livestream system have been able to "bridge the gap" formed by our time apart. Thankfully, prayer, family gatherings, or just the ability to check in with each other over a cup of coffee are finally getting easier. I hope and pray for the day when all of us will gather together again around the altar at "the Old Cathedral."

For now, we plan to take things slow and keep things safe for those of you who are ready and plan on joining us in the near future. We clean the Cathedral after each liturgy and remain committed to your safety in whatever regard possible. So think about joining us in person soon! **Know that you are invited, you are welcome, you are loved!**

It's been a little over a year since I assumed the position of Rector of the Cathedral, and I'm excited to get to know more of you in a more personal way.

**Our monthly hospitality will take place on Sunday, June 13th after the 10:30 Mass.** Stop in for some coffee, juice, or a sweet treat (we'll even have gluten-free options)!

Building on the success of the past, with a hopeful look to the future, I'd like to know what we at the Cathedral can do for you. Our primary mission, of course, remains bringing everyone closer to Christ. Our neighborhood is changing and expanding, preparing to welcome more residents, and hopefully more parishioners to our great community. I hope that you will continue to be an important building block of what is to come.

Please feel free to call me or email me any time at (716) 854-5855 or [spfleming@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:spfleming@buffalodiocese.org). My door is always open.

May God continue to bless you and all those dear to you.

**St. Joseph, Pray for us!**

Peace & Prayers,



Fr. Seán Paul.

**Holy Land Gifts.....On June 19 & 20, 2021,** there will be a display of handmade articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and much more. Holy Land Gifts represents over 150 Christian families who make a living by selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families who live and work with dignity in the region fraught with tension.

**Please stop and shop after Mass in the Narthex of the Franklin Street entrance.**

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.**

Case No. 20-10322

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT,** On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").**

**If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.**

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

**IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

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