

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2007

Humility

Today Jesus teaches us how to come to his heavenly wedding feast, not by crowding forward but by seeking a place after everyone else. Humility, the confidence to be oneself, is a lifetime's work. This strategy, if used, allows all to find their best place before God. Jesus himself did this at the Last Supper when he did the slaves' job of washing the apostles' feet. The heart of a sensible person will reflect on the parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. Are we, are you, listening to the Lord today?

The Franciscan Parish of ST. BONAVENTURE

*Invites you to **WORSHIP** through the Sacraments:*

Eucharist

- Weekends:
Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday at 8 AM & 11 AM
- Weekdays:
Monday to Friday at St. Bonaventure at 8 AM
Saturday at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse at 8 AM
- Holy Days:
Vigil at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse at 4 PM
Holy Day at St. Bonaventure at 8 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 11:30 AM in Church Reconciliation Room or by appointment.

Baptism

Please call the parish office to obtain a copy of our policy during the fifth month of pregnancy.

Marriage

Please call the parish office to obtain a copy of our policy. The preparation period is one year.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament is available for the seriously ill, elderly or those facing surgery on Thursday after the 8 AM Mass or upon request. Inform us when a family member enters or leaves the hospital.

*Invites you to **WITNESS** Good News through:*
Religious Education Programs K - 10
Adult Faith Formation Programs
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

*Invites you to **SERVICE** by providing opportunities to reach out to those in need through hands on experience, advocacy and education in social justice.*

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Friday 8:30 AM to Noon
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays closed

Parish Staff

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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome and hope that you will find St. Bonaventure a place where your faith will be nourished. We invite newcomers to register at the parish office.



Saint Bonaventure

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"Called to Prayer, Study and Action"

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bonaventure Parish is a rural Christian community called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. We fulfill our mission by our worship, our witness and our service to the people of the parish as well as to those in the wider community. Our task is to affirm the individual gifts of people of all ages in order to minister the Gospel in solidarity with people of good will.

FROM THE PASTOR...

In the last few years, the Christian community has witnessed both a hunger for prayer and an interest in Scripture. Evidence of that yearning is the development of prayer groups and Scripture study groups. Here at St. Bonaventure, we have a weekly group that meets for prayer every Thursday in the Cornerstone Chapel. We also have a group that meets for the study of Scripture. Both groups have been in place for several years. They are always open to new people.



This year we would like to combine Scripture and Prayer in a practice called Lectio Divina. We will hold Lectio Divina on the first Thursday evening of every month in place of the usual prayer group. It will be in the Cornerstone Chapel from 7 PM to 8 PM. Lectio is an ancient monastic practice that is simple and uncomplicated. We will use the Gospel for the following Sunday as our text. The procedure is to gather for silence and then read the same reading three times with some silence after each reading. Finally, after the silent reflection, there is the opportunity to share the way that particular Scripture has touched your heart. The only procedure for Lectio Divina is listening to the Word of God, listening to the silence and then being open to share what touches your heart. There is no constraint to speak but only the opportunity.

My hope is that anyone who has a thirst for the Word of God will allow this format to be a moment of grace for yourself and for anyone else who gathers. Scripture and prayer are at the heart of our faith life. I ask you to take some time to think about how both can become central in your life. Perhaps, it is time for you to join our regular Thursday evening Prayer and Praise group. Perhaps, becoming part of the next Scripture discussion group might respond to your needs. Or perhaps, taking part in the ancient format called Lectio Divina is what God is asking of you.

Fr. Richard, OFM

FROM THE STAFF...

Our summer is almost over, and it will be back to our old routines. As you have noticed, the choir had the summer off for a well-deserved break from weekly practices and commitment to one specific Mass.



First, I would like to thank our four cantors who sang during the summer. They did a great job. I would also wish Sean Conklin and Lindsay Montague good luck for their first year at college. With Sean and Lindsay moving on, we have three new cantors to rotate with Christa Nianiatius this year. Our new cantors are Danielle Kellogg, Daniella Martinez and Ricky Trietley. Please give them your encouragement.

Also, it is time for the choir to gather and start preparing for a new year. Our first practice will be on Thursday, September 13, at 7 PM. Our first 11 AM Mass will be on September 16. We are always looking for new members to join our choir family. If you are interested, you can call me at 372-3546 or just come to our first practice on September 13 at 7 PM. Our junior choir will also start practicing on September 13 at 6:30 PM and start singing at the 8 AM Mass on September 16. All students are welcome. Remember: Whenever you sing, you are praying twice.

Judy Pastore

LITURGY MEMO...



The Gospel reading is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. It is one of the ways in which Christ is present to us during the Liturgy. We stand to hear stories of Christ's life on earth. This is not a biography, but a faith witness by those who wished to share with others their own experience of Christ. The Gospel reading is taken from one of the four evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. This year we are in the "C" Cycle, listening to the Gospel of St. Luke.

Fr. Richard, OFM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK...



Saturday, September 1, 2007

4:00 Dorothy Karl by Jerry & Maggie Collins
(2) Jim & Angie Rogers by Family

Sunday, September 2, 2007

8:00 Helen Birmingham by Joe, Arlene & Dave Rado
11:00 Edward Rehler Family by Bob & Susan Bubbs
(2) For the People of the Parish

Monday, September 3, 2007

9:00 Fr. John Marshall, OFM by Theresa Ballak

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

8:00 Tony, Lena & Jack Scarlato by Bernie & Ann Scanlon

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

8:00 Marjorie Ehman by Gus & Joan Napoleon

Thursday, September 6, 2007

8:00 Clinton Riehle by Mary Riehle

Friday, September 7, 2007

8:00 Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 8, 2007

8:00 (St. Elizabeth Motherhouse)
4:00 Fr. Gregory Brennan, OFM by Harry & Mary McGavisk
(2) Vincent Monachino by Bob & Deb Phillips

Sunday, September 9, 2007

8:00 Dennis Burton by St. John's Parish
(2) Frank Ryan
11:00 Ed & Anna Allen and Al & Jane Gates by Allen Family
(2) For the People of the Parish



Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Joseph "Jack" Scarlato as a Birthday Remembrance requested by Bernie and Ann Scanlon.



LAST WEEK'S OFFERING...

Each week we offer to the Lord a portion of our resources in response to all that God gives to us. We thank you for your generosity to the parish. May our contributions always be an indication of how blessed we are by God.

Weekly Offertory \$4,041.00

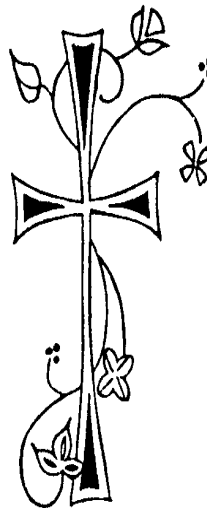
Labor Day
Monday, September 3,
Morning Mass at 9 AM

Morning Mass
In Church
Starting September 3

PRAYER LIST...



As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. The following list of people are in acute need of our prayers. Anyone who asks to be on this prayer list will be listed for six weeks. After that time, his/her name will be put in our Intention Book, which is on the table in front of the Tabernacle. Both groups are remembered in our daily Mass through the Prayer of the Faithful. *For all those we hold in our hearts, we pray: Lord hear our prayer.*



Linda Abrams
Angela DeArmitt Allard
Mary Kay Booth
Robert DaPolito
Theresa Earle
Marion Elling
Joe Fluent
Patrick Flynn
Marty Gleason
Jolie Hammond
Sue Johnson
Mary Karl
Amelia Salmonson
Elmer Severtson
Jeanie Sewell
John Thompson
Julie Wolf



PRAYERS FOR MILITARY...

If you would like the name of a family member, relative, or friend serving in the military listed for prayers in our bulletin, please call the parish office at 373-1330. *Loving God, protect and bless all those who today selflessly work to preserve our freedom:*

Steven Bernal
Damian A. Bess
Timothy Bush
Amanda Foreman Coniglio
Joseph Coniglio
Matthew DeFiore
James Doyle
Tony Dubin
Fred Duttlinger
Joseph Fisher
Michael Frank
Yann Germain-Tardieu
Gino Giardini
Bernard Jackson Jr.
Steve Johnson
Mark Keenan
Casey Marino
John McLaughlin

Michael McLaughlin
Ray McLaughlin
Paul Mikolajczyk
Patrick Miller
James Morin
Dan Nenno
Elizabeth Noble
Colin Pascal
Urban Picard
Dennis Schoonover
Jessica Shaffer
Patrick Shane
David Spencer
Patrick Steffan
Gregory Swarthout
Michael Wiehagen
Justin Wilcox

Reminder:

When a name can be removed from our military list, please call the parish office at 373-1330.

Volunteers Needed for Italian Platter Dinner

Our Second Annual Italian Platter Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 29. This dinner is a fundraiser for our church. Last year's dinner was a huge success, and we are hoping this year's will be even better. To make this happen, volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Set up—Friday evening from 5 PM to 7 PM.
- Dining Room—Wait on and clean tables.
- Desserts—Dish up sherbet and plate cookies.
- Runner—Needs to be strong to bring food in large pans from kitchen to cookers in dining room.

If you can help, please call Peg Reitz at the parish office at 373-1330 ext. 12. Many hands will make the load lighter for others.

Co-Chairs—Joyce Louser & Peg Reitz



The Sacrament of Letting Go

I worry too much. Autumn trees ask me not to worry. They, like Jesus, suggest trust rather than worry. So often in autumn I want to go lean my head against a tree and ask what it feels like to lose so much, to be so empty, so detached, to take off one's shoes that well, and then simply to stand and wait for God's refilling. It sounds so simple, so easy. It isn't easy. But it's possible.

I think I've met one person in my lifetime who was truly empty. I didn't ask her what it felt like, but I remember a quiet joy that seemed to permeate her spirit, and she looked free.

We autumn strugglers must try hard not to wear discouragement as a cloak if we can't wear enough emptiness to make us free. It takes a long time to get as far as even wanting to be empty.

Our hearts are hungering for the *Sacrament of Letting Go*. Once we discover that we already possess enough grace to let go, trust begins to form in the center of who we are. Then we can take off our shoes and stand empty and vulnerable, eager to receive God's next gift.

Seasons Of Your Heart
Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB



FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE...

Monthly envelope for September is for printing and mailing and will be a second collection next weekend, September 8 and 9. As much as we have tried to cut the cost of stationery, printing and mailing, these items continue to be an ongoing expense of any parish.

In Remembrance

It is an age old tradition to offer a Mass on the one-month anniversary of the death of a person. It is called Month's Mind, the unofficial name for an anniversary Mass. How appropriate that we come together on the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, which is Monday, September 17, for a 6:30 PM Mass in the church for Fr. Gregory Brennan, OFM, in thanksgiving to God for his ministry to the people of the parish.

At all weekend Masses on September 15 and 16 and at this Mass on September 17, a special collection will be taken for donations to purchase a stone (\$1,000) for our Tree of Life in memory Fr. Gregory Brennan, OFM.



Women's Spirituality Day

Saturday, September 29

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

St. Elizabeth Motherhouse

373-0200

This day will explore God's love and the surprising and unique ways that it comes into our lives as women. We will look at the life of Jesus Christ to see tangible examples of love in action with the women who companioned with Jesus. We will also spend time reflecting on our own lives to become more aware of the presence of God's love. At the same time, we will explain how living a more prayerful and contemplative life—even in the midst of challenging times—can increase our awareness of God's extraordinary love. During this retreat, we will pray, draw, meditate and laugh together. The retreat will be a "rest stop" where women can refuel for their spiritual journeys in this complex world. Our presenter will be Sr. Anne Dougherty, OSF, an Allegany Franciscan. The schedule is as follows:

9:30 AM—Coffee

10 AM to Noon—Presentation

Noon to 1 PM—Lunch

1 PM to 2:30 PM—Presentation & Sharing

Registration form is available at both church entrances and must be submitted by Monday, September 24, with a \$15 donation. If paying by check, please make check payable to St. Elizabeth Motherhouse.

PARISH NEWS...

Journey of Faith Set

Just a reminder that if you would like to order the complete set of four-fold handouts on about 42 topics in the Journey of Faith series at a cost of \$12 per set for yourself and/or a Religious Education teacher, please place your order by this Sunday, September 2.

Angel Food Ministries

The September menu/order form is available at both church entrances. The deadline for placing an order is Tuesday, September 4.

Italian Platter Dinner Committee

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, at 6 :30 PM in Memorial Hall.

Lectio Divina

This Scripture and prayer combination will be held on the first Thursday of every month from 7 PM to 8 PM in the Cornerstone Chapel. This month it will be on Thursday, September 6.

More Than Pancakes

The monthly breakfast buffet will resume on Sunday, September 9, from 8 AM to 11 AM in Memorial Hall. The buffet features: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, fruit, doughnuts and beverages. The cost is only \$4 for adults and \$3 for children with a family maximum of \$12. Come and enjoy not only good food at an inexpensive price but also the fellowship of friends and family.

Walk for Hunger Relief

There will be a meeting on Monday, September 10, at 6 :30 PM in Memorial Hall.

Environment Planning Committee

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 PM in the Church.

Outreach Volunteers

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 PM in Room 104.

Bonafest Journals

The remaining copies of this year's Bonafest Journal are available at both entrances to the church. Perhaps, you would like to send a copy to an out-of-town family member, relative or friend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Southern Tier Catholic School

STCS in Olean is searching for a principal to provide leadership for tomorrow's Catholics. Please check www.wnystcs.org for more information.

Diocese of Buffalo to Honor Anniversary Couples

This celebration is only for those couples celebrating their **50th, 60th or 70th** Anniversary this year and will be held on Sunday, **October 14**, with a 3 PM Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral followed by a reception at the Buffalo Convention Center. Reservations are necessary and must be made by calling the parish office at 373-1330 by Tuesday, September 4. Family members are most welcome to attend.

Hospitality Weekend

Come see how we live...

...where we minister

...pray with us.

If you are a Roman Catholic male under the age of 39 and you are interested in the Franciscan way of life, come join our Franciscan community at St. Francis Parish in Long Beach Island, NJ, from September 7 to September 9 for a weekend of hospitality, prayer, discernment and fraternity. Our ministries have long served as a refuge for prayer and solace to the many faith-filled people served by Holy Name Province. Get a glimpse and feel for the Franciscan way of life as we pray, share meals and reflect on the Gospel life of joy, compassion and service inspired by St. Francis. With an informal schedule from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning, you will have the opportunity to meet with the Friars serving Long Beach Island on the New Jersey shore. There will also be time to speak with the Vocation Director and other Friars personally about our Franciscan life. We look forward to you joining us. Please contact Franciscan Vocation Ministry at www.vocation.org or phone (646) 473-0265 ext. 345 or 1-800-677-7788 or e-mail Vocation@hnp.org.

Walk for Hunger Relief

Our GOAC Walk for Hunger Relief will be held on Columbus Day, Monday, October 8. Fliers with information are at both entrances to the church. Please plan on making this walk, which is a reminder that there are still people in our area and in our world who go hungry. Numbers can make a difference. Be a participant. Be a sponsor.

