



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2012

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.

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 Thursday at 8 AM
- Holy Days:
Holy Day at 8 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:15 PM 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 upon request. Please inform the parish office or Fr. James 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.

The Bridge Thrift Shop Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Holidays closed

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Friday 9 AM to Noon
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays closed

Parish Staff

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Holy Name Province Website: www.hnp.org



PRE-LENTEN & LENTEN READING

We are 2 1/2 weeks away from Ash Wednesday and many people would like to do some extra spiritual practices during that time. One practice to consider is some spiritual reading or updating yourself on Catholic teaching. For the next few weeks, there will be recommendations obtainable from various Catholic publishing companies.

From Liturgical Press, P.O. Box 7500, Collegeville, MN 56321

- “The Bible and Science” by Vincent Smiles - *Some look to the Bible for definition of reality and deny science; others see science alone as the arbiter of truth and deny the Bible. This book draws on numerous sources, ancient and modern, to examine the missteps that have brought us to a point of such confusion and argues cogently against modern philosophy of scientific materialism. With the aid of biblical stories and imagery, it suggests how to find balance, where ancient wisdom and modern science together shed light on humans and their encompassing reality.* ISBN 978-0-8146-5513-9 Cost is \$19.95 paperback and \$9.99 e-book.
- “Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels” by Patrick J. Hartin - *Within each of the four gospels, there is a foundational spirit, a “spirituality of the gospels.” Hartin first looks at each gospel and asks such questions as: Who is Jesus, and what transformation does this encounter with Jesus invite? Hartin then follows with examples of people who have appropriated the transformative power of the particular spiritualities - from St. Anthony and Dorothy Day to St. Augustine and Archbishop Romero.* ISBN 978-0-8146-3317-5 Cost is \$14.95 paperback and \$9.99 e-book.

For your convenience, Liturgical Press order forms can be found at the side entrance of the church or you can order through a bookstore or online by using Amazon.com.

QUESTIONS ON CATHOLICISM

Does the Pope replace Scripture as the final authority for Catholics? (Part II)

Consider the relationship between Scripture and the Church as stated in the Constitution on Divine Revelation (the Latin name is “Dei Verbum”) of the Second Vatican Council. First, the revelation of God in its fullness is Jesus Christ himself. He reveals the will of God and God’s love for us. He entrusts this revelation to his apostles who in turn hand it on to

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their successors as the divine tradition. This handing on takes place already in the New Testament. The New Testament Scriptures are a crystallization of this tradition which preceded them. And the Scriptures must be understood in the light of the living tradition which both produced and interprets them. Here is what is said in “Dei Verbum”:

“Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church. Holding fast to this deposit, the entire holy people, united with their shepherds, remain always steadfast in the teaching of the apostles, in the common life, in the breaking of the bread (Mass) and in prayers, so that holding to, practicing and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the bishops and the faithful a remarkable common effort.

But the task of authentically interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on, has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ. This teaching authority is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching what has been handed on, listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it draws from this one deposit of faith everything it presents for belief as divinely revealed.

It is clear, therefore, that Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the teaching authority of the Church, in accord with God’s most wise design, are so linked and joined together that one cannot stand without the others.”

In “Dei Verbum,” the Church stresses tradition and Scripture not as two sources of revelation but rather as two streams flowing from the one revelation who is Jesus. We see the holistic nature of Catholicism. Christianity is not simply matter of hearing and obeying the word of God. It includes as well the common life, the breaking of the bread and the prayers. Within this community life, the Scriptures are appreciated, understood and interpreted under the authority and guidance of those whom tradition and divine providence has designated to be the caretakers of this deposit of faith - the Magisterium, that is the bishops in communion with the Pope. It is this interchange among the faithful that defines our common effort of discerning and doing the will of God.

Now Scripture because it is inspired has become a norm for the Church along with tradition. Thus, Scripture judges the Church in her actions and teachings. The Scriptures are normative.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK...

Saturday, February 4, 2012

4:00 Michael, Mary & John Ballak by Family
(2) Charles Martiny by Virgie & Family

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:00 Kevin O'Keefe by Dorothy Rittberg & Family
(2) Mr. & Mrs. Michael Srsen by Mr. & Mrs. Mario Zakel

11:00 Frederick Hemmerly by Family
(2) For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 6, 2012

7:30 Michael, Mary & John Ballak by Family

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:00 Robert "Bobby" Sassone by Harry & Mary McGavisk

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:00 Frank & Louise Yehl by Virgie Martiny

Thursday, February 9, 2012

8:00 Kevin O'Keefe by Edward & Ruth Thierman

Saturday, February 11, 2012

4:00 Tom Louser by West Branch Neighbors
(2) Tess Questa by Sr. M. Immaculate Ballak

Sunday, February 12, 2012

8:00 Mark Bednar by Carole Dallas
(2) Linda Crisafulli by Dave, Lynda, Joe & Arlene Rado

11:00 Catherine A. Geise by Ann Scanlon
(2) For the People of the Parish



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.*



- Samantha Armison
- Liz Barnes
- David Buchinger
- Jim & Gail Colegrove
- Betty Doyle
- John Forness
- Gerald Gardner
- Robert Giudice
- Paul Hanson
- Betty Hermann
- Kalissa Hoag
- Allen Kibby
- Harold McCord
- Shelly Meyers
- Patricia A. Mielko
- Clarence Mohr
- Kristine Nolan
- Linda Sciandra
- Jeanie Sewell
- Randy Spring
- Amy Frisina Stowell
- Cameron Suchora

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10/Mark 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13/Mark 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19/Mark 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mark 8:1-10
 Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/
 Mark 1:40-45



Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Linda Crisafulli requested by friends Ron and Carol Kyser.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING...

Weekly Offertory	\$4,481.10
The Catholic Relief Services	\$321.00

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING...

This weekend, **February 4 and 5**, there will be **one collection**, which includes a **second envelope** for the **Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe**.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING...

Next weekend, **February 11 and 12**, the **monthly envelope for February** is for **The Bridge Outreach** and will be a **second collection**.

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:*



- Bobby Fox
- Timothy Horan
- Jonathan Hoshal
- Adam Jacobs
- Lynn McLaughlin
- Michael McLaughlin
- Ray McLaughlin
- Dylan Menter
- Max & Jamie Murray
- Michael J. Oeser
- Eric Perry
- T. J. Richey
- Walter Ross
- Dan Simpson
- Andrew Wells

<p>Reminder: Monday, February 6 Mass at 7:30 AM</p>

FULL AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION: REVISED MASS TEXTS - Reprise VI

This series has concerned itself with those parts of the Mass where there has been modification and adjustments in the English translation so that it conforms closer to the Latin text of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal. In this, Part VI of the series, we will look at the Creed. But before delving into the modifications to the wording of the Creed, let us be aware that prior to the Gospel reading the priest or deacon has greeted again the assembly with: "The Lord be with you." And the assembly has responded: "And with your spirit." Again, a liturgical reminder that we are all here to celebrate the presence of the Lord among us and within us. Now we will hear of the words and actions of Jesus in the Holy Gospel and then hear a reflection (homily) on the Scriptures by the priest or deacon.

After the homily, the members of the assembly, as committed individuals within the communal setting, profess their faith by reciting either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed. The revised translation of the Nicene Creed begins with "I believe in one God" instead of "We." Why? The beginning of the Creed throughout the history of the Church, when professed publically, has shifted between "I" and "We." It all depended on the particular emphasis - one's personal baptismal commitment or the baptismal identity of all who are assembled. With the revised wording, it seems to be a combination of both. We assemble as committed individuals joined together by our common baptism, and together profess what it is that each one of us has been immersed into - a relationship with One God, who comes to us in Jesus and is present through the Spirit who unites and guides the Church. Beginning each of the principle articles of faith which are professed in the Nicene Creed is a statement of personal conviction: "I believe in one God.... I believe in Jesus Christ, begotten Son of God, who is consubstantial with the Father.... I believe in the Holy Spirit.... I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church."

In the second article, "I believe in Jesus Christ...who is consubstantial with the Father," we express in terminology that is philosophically rooted a central mystery of the Christian Faith: That the relationship of Jesus and the Father is unique. They are the same, yet they are different; God is One, yet possesses a relational character expressed in the identity and mission of Jesus. The term consubstantial is not something we use everyday nor is the concept it attempts to convey rationally clear. But that's because it is a mystery. The term translated as consubstantial, or formerly: One in being (in Greek - omoousion; in Latin - consubstantialis) is not a biblical term nor is it a term that is divinely revealed. It's a term that attempts to express what is divinely revealed: "The unique identification and unity of Jesus with the Father, yet the unique status each one is unto themselves." That may sound rationally confusing or what is called a mental tongue-twister. But the eyes of faith understand that this is a mystery beyond our intellectual and rational understanding but certainly can be comprehended and appreciated for what it is: Belief. Perhaps, that's why we say: "I believe."

This week incorporate the Nicene Creed into your prayer. Don't force yourself to try to comprehend it intellectually. Allow faith to surface an understanding and a respect for the divinely revealed mysteries contained within this formal pronouncement of the Church's belief.

Part VII - Reprise - The Offering of the Gifts - Next week.

Grief Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 8**, at **5:30 PM** at **EB's Eatery**.

Pathways to Parish Vitality

On **Wednesday, February 8**, from **7 PM to 8:15 PM** in **Memorial Hall**, **Dennis Mahaney** from the Diocesan Office of Parish Life will be giving a presentation to members of area parishes on how we can make our parishes vibrant and irresistible places for people. He will address issues such as: How do we invite others to follow Jesus? What can a parish community do to invite the fallen away Catholic to participation in the Church? How does a parish address the various needs within it with the constraints of restricted funds and limited parish personnel? This workshop-presentation is free and is open to all. Reservations are needed so that enough handout material can be prepared. If you would like to be a part of this workshop, call Fr. James (373-1330) or e-mail Dennis Mahaney (dmahaney@buffalodiocese.org).

Praise and Prayer will be held on **Thursday, February 9**, at **8:45 AM** in **Room 104**.

Ash Wednesday Services—February 22

6 AM - Short service of marking with Ashes
6:30 AM - Short service of marking with Ashes
6:45 AM to 7:45 AM - Confessions
8 AM - Liturgy of Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes and Communion
11 AM to Noon - Confessions
12:15 PM - Short service of marking with Ashes
3 PM to 5 PM - Confessions
5:15 PM - Liturgy of Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes and Communion

Lenten Parish Retreat

Opening the Gates to Paradise is the **theme of our inter-parish Lenten retreat**. Please join the parishioners of the area Catholic Churches as we gather with our Maronite Catholic sisters and brothers to explore the transforming potential of the season of Lent. **Fr. Anthony Salim**, pastor of St. Joseph's, will lead our reflection each night as we open our hearts to be captivated by the teachings of Jesus and renew our appreciation for the season which draws us to the joy of Easter. Our retreat runs from **Sunday, February 26, thru Tuesday, February 28**. Each session will **begin at 7 PM and end by 8:30 PM** at **Transfiguration Oratory**, 1102 Walnut Street, Olean. Come each night or for as many evenings as you can.

Questions on Catholicism Continued

Therefore, the Church or the Pope may not teach anything in conflict with them. So Catholicism has a measure of checks and balances so that the word of God can truly be proclaimed and lived out in a dynamic and ongoing way.

February Church/Parish Calendar is available at both entrances to the church.

The Bridge has initiated its **Volunteer of the Month** program. **Brendan McCord** was our December 2011 recipient. He brings his pleasant smile and dedicated work ethic to The Bridge each Friday afternoon. Stop by and congratulate Brendan any Friday afternoon.

Message from Fr. Bernardine

To the wonderful people of Allegany: Thank you to so many of you who sent Christmas greetings and birthday wishes. I saw from reading the bulletin of January 1 that a former associate of mine turned social informant spilled the beans. But THANKS EVER SO MUCH for remembering. God Bless.

Opening for Switchboard Operator

St. Elizabeth Motherhouse is accepting applications for a switchboard operator. The successful candidate must be flexible and able to work evenings, holidays and weekends as needed. Also, must be able to pass pre-employment screening. Please apply at 115 East Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5:

- **Grade 4 - "Souper" Bowl of Caring** - Students will be collecting after each Mass.

Sunday, February 12:

- **Class Grades K-1** - 8 AM to 9 AM.
- **Class Grades 2-10** - 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM.
- **Grade 7 Mass 8 AM** - Parent meeting - 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM in Memorial Hall.
- **Grade 8** - Mrs. Dennis' class - Funeral home tour with Dennis Casey - 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM.

Bible Story: Lot and Abram divide the land

(*Genesis 13:1-18*) The lesson is that God wants us to put ourselves first. "*Do to others as you would want them to do to you.*" (*Luke 6:31*)

Ash Wednesday, February 22:

- **Grade 2** - First Reconciliation.