

Welcome to the Parish Community of St. Katharine Drexel & the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

Church: 135 N. Ogden Street, Buffalo, NY 14206
Rectory: 118 Schiller Street, Buffalo NY 14206

Love Includes Everyone

Our family of faith celebrates the gift of all life and welcomes the faith filled and those who struggle with faith. Everyone is welcome to worship with us: including people of every age, color, ethnicity, origin, ability, marital status, sexual orientation, and life situation. Gathered together we learn to forgive, heal, dream, witness, love and welcome each other unto the Glory of God as Jesus has welcomed and loved us.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,
one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15



There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest ...

Mass Schedule:

Sunday	10:00AM
Mon, Wed, & Fri	8:30AM at St. Katharine Drexel
Tues, Thurs	8:30AM at St. John Kanty

Rectory Hours: Mon, Wed, & Thurs. : 9:00 - 11:00AM

Pastor Rev. James M. Monaco
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Baptism: "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit"

Parents are asked to make an appointment with Father Jim Monaco

Marriage: "What God has joined together, no human being must separate."

We highly recommend making arrangements at least 4 months in advance.

Parish Membership: "That they may be one."

Please call the rectory to register to become a part of our community.

Reconciliation: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

Saturday 3 PM or by appointment

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

"Come to me, all you who are weary." Please call the rectory to arrange Holy Communion in your home. Hospitals no longer notify patients' parish community when they are ill. Family and friends please call us!

Letters of Recommendation: "By their fruits you will know them."

Letters are issued to registered parishioners, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who are living and practicing their Catholic faith at Mass, supporting their parish, and caring for the poor.

"Christ wishes the Christian Community to be a body that is perfect because we work together towards a single end, and the higher the motive which actuates this collaboration the higher, no doubt, will be the union."

—Saint Katharine Drexel

Mass Intentions

Make Holy Mass a part of your daily rendezvous with God

Mon. August 1 ~ St. Alphonse Liguori

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Tues. August 2 ~ St. Eusebius of Vercelli &
St. Peter Julian Eymard**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

**10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer Meditation at
St. Katharine Church**

Wed. August 3 ~

8:30 a.m. - Lucille Stiglmeier (John & Susan Gallo)

Thurs. August 4 ~ St. John Vianney

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

**Fri. August 5 ~ The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major**

8:30 a.m. - All Souls

Sat. August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

No Mass

Sun. August 7 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Pro Populo

Lucille Stiglmeier (John Paul, Vincent, & Tina)

Jean Wise & Richard Martsoff

(M/M Michael Morcelle)

Please remember in your prayers...



Please join together in prayer remembering in a special way the Ukrainian people, the sick, those confined at home, medical personnel, first responders, those whose livelihoods are in jeopardy, all victims of violence, abuse, and neglect, racial injustice, natural disasters, those written on our prayer list, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Diocesan Synod

What do you think about the future of our Church? Pope Francis requested that the worldwide Church hold Listening Sessions in each Diocese. Here in Buffalo over 800 people participated in 35 Sessions. Our Diocesan Synod team submitted a 10-page report to the USCCB at the end of June. Reports from Dioceses across the country will be combined and submitted to Rome for use in the Synod of Bishops in 2023. You can read what the participants think at

www.buffalodiocese.org/synod.

Everyone Belongs

Goodness Exposed

Father Richard believes that Jesus' life and teachings offer us a foundational example of God's all-inclusive love that we are asked to emulate:

The absolute religious genius of Jesus is that he utterly refuses all debt codes, purity codes, religious quarantines, and the searching for sinners. He refuses the very starting point of historic religions. He refuses to divide the world into the pure and the impure, much to the chagrin of almost everybody—then and now.

Jesus is shockingly *not* upset with sinners. This is a shock so total that most Christians, to this day, refuse to see it. He is only upset with people *who do not think* they are sinners: these denying, fearful, and illusory individuals are the actual blockage. They are much more likely to hate and feel no compunction. Formerly, religion thought its mission was to expel sin and evil. Through Jesus, we learn that sin lies in the very act of expelling. There is no place to expel it to. We have met the enemy, and the enemy is us. We either carry and transform the evil of human history as our own problem, or we increase its efficiency and power by hating and punishing it “over there.” The Jesus pattern was put precisely and concisely by Paul: “for our sake he made the sinless one a victim for sin, so that in him we might become the uprightness of God” (2 Cor 5:21). I admit, that is counterintuitive for most people. Only mystics and sinners seem to get it.

In the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–37), Jesus tells of a man by the side of the road waking up in enemy territory, realizing that he has been loved by the very one who is supposed to hate him and whom he is supposed to fear. Could this be everybody's awakening? Could this be an accurate image of discovering God and truth? Jesus is clearly presenting the foreign Samaritan as an image of God. He ends the shocking parable by saying, “Go and do the same” (Luke 10:37). The human task has become the very *imitation of God*, which seems almost unthinkable. God, the one that history has been taught to fear, is in fact the utter Goodness that enfolds us and creates a safe and nonthreatening universe for us—a renewed universe that we can now pass on to others.

For Jesus, there are no postures, group memberships, behaviors, prayer rituals, dietary rules, asceticism, or social awareness that, of themselves, transform us or make us enlightened, saved, or superior. There are no contaminating elements or people to expel or exclude. *These answers are exposed as inadequate only when goodness is exposed as the divine field of action.* Everyone and everything belongs.

by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Peace & Everything Good,

Father Jim



Pam Krotz.....7/31
Vito Cataldo.....7/31
Erika Tozzo.....8/1
Mary E. Wasielewski.....8/1
Jeremy Snyder.....8/2
Barbara Slisz.....8/3

What shall I do with my abundance?

Many are the messages that God is giving us to reflect on in the readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, but I finally settled on the warning about greed.

I asked on a Google search: "What is an example of greed? Here is the answer: "The definition of greed is an intense desire to accumulate large amounts of something, such as food or money, especially if you try to acquire more than you need or more than your fair share. An example of greed is when you are obsessed with getting more and more money."

I cannot think of a more important warning today, one that we are confronted with daily in our ministry of advocacy. It is difficult to think of the needs of others, as our political system should, when the priority is getting more and more money. It seems that our society, indeed our world, has lost the notion of community, of neighbor, of the other as my fellow human being living on the same earth. It is the warning that Pope Francis repeats many times in his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*: "...the gap between concern for one's personal well-being and the prosperity of the larger human family seems to be stretching to the point of complete division between individuals and human community..." (31)

It is also what happened to the rich man in the gospel parable. He was only concerned for himself and his future. He wanted to build bigger and bigger barns and then "...rest, eat, drink, be merry!" So, what would be a Franciscan or Christian response to a bountiful harvest? I would think something like this: God, I am so grateful for this gift of a bountiful harvest; although the harvest comes from my hard work, its bounty comes especially as your gift and goodness to me. What can I do with this abundance? I have more than enough for my needs. I know I will share with the people in my village, especially those who struggle to feed their families because they have too small a piece of land to live on. I will make sure that a good part goes to the widows and orphans in my town so that no one will go hungry for a long time. God help me to celebrate your goodness to me. Let us heed today's warning; let us contribute to building God's beloved community by taking care of each other.

Let us ask ourselves: "what guides my choices big and small? Where do I think my happiness comes from, by having more or by sharing more?"

This week let us repeat with the psalmist: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Sr. Maria Orlandini, OSF FAN Director of Advocacy

~ A Message from Pope Francis ~

Following the experience of the Transfiguration, the disciples came down from the mountain with "eyes and hearts transfigured by the experience of the Lord.



We too can "come down from the mountain, recharged by the power of the divine Spirit, to decide on new steps of authentic conversion, and to constantly bear witness to charity as the law of daily life." This transfiguration will allow us to be "signs of the life-giving love of God" for all, especially those who suffer.

The Transfiguration of the Lord...August 6th

Minister Schedule for August 7

Lector

Sun. 10:00 am C. Campbell, P. Gardner

Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 10:00 am M. Morcelle, B. Schmitt

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 31	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
MONDAY Aug 1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95,102/Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY Aug 2	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
WEDNESDAY Aug 3	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
THURSDAY Aug 4	Saint John Vianney, Priest Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
FRIDAY Aug 5	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/ Mt 16:24-28
SATURDAY Aug 6	Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Lk 9:28b-36
19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 7	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1+12, 18-19, 20-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8- 19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... the sick of our parish especially:

Michael M.	Adam K.	Janet	Pam R.
Mary W.	Betty R.	Kim C.	Chris R.
Jerry & Pearl	Diane M.	Anthony M.	Eleanor S.
Nancy U.	Michael A.	Pat D.	Donna S.
Mary D.	Rodney S.	Cheryl H.	Frank B.
Deanna S.	Josephine M.	David B.	Bill S.
Kitty H.	Paul M.	Max T.	Rob M.
Jeffrey P.	Mary Jane	James T.	Rosalie
Phyllis C.	Richie B.	Jerry S.	Emily
John W.	Annalise F.	Ed S.	Bella
Marty B.	Sandy K.	Carol S.	

... their caregivers, those in Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation, in Assisted Living and for those listed in our prayer basket. ,

... all the recently deceased. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, welcome them into the joy of eternal life.

If someone you know is being hospitalized or is seriously ill, please inform the Rectory.

... our military serving us

Sgt. Matthew Keene & Cory Zachrietz

August 1-7 marks World Breastfeeding Week and Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers. WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWIC benefit cards. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, call 716-218-1484 or visit www.ccwny.org/WIC.

"On the Day of Judgment we will not be judged for our ideas, but for the compassion we have shown to others."

~Pope Francis



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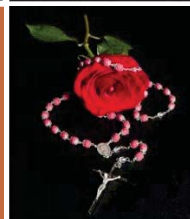
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