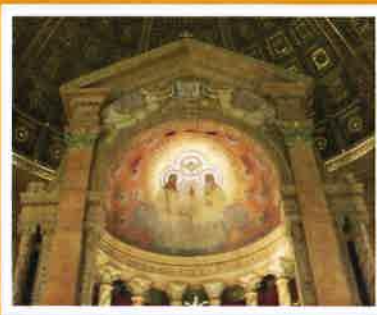


Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

We are a loving, welcoming community of Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church, endowed with a diversity of backgrounds, gifts and experiences. Our lives are based on faith, hope and charity, guided by the Holy Spirit and sustained by the sacraments. Our faith life extends to the larger community around us, and we enthusiastically commit ourselves to serve our neighbors and each other.



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CONFESSIONS Saturday, 4pm

SCRIPTURE STUDY Alternate Tuesdays, 7pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Third Sunday after Mass

VISITS TO THE SICK Last Friday afternoon

BAPTISMS By appointment

WEDDINGS Arrange six months in advance

Catholic Central Food Pantry - 350 Dewey Avenue

Alternate Wednesdays 10am-2pm

NEXT: 04/14/21

Rectory Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday
10:30 am - 2:30 pm



Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri - 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (44B)
Psalm Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel John 20:18-31



***The Spirit of the Risen Jesus Lives!
Alleluia!***

Alleluias Ring Out in Many Forms!

What a powerful community experience for me as I watched so many people surrendering themselves to the life, suffering, death, & **RESURRECTION** of Jesus these past holy days! The sincerity of everyone's faith was palpable and moving, the prayer was deep, the worship intense, the spirit one of holiness... as the journey we've been on took us through a roller-coaster array of experience and emotion with Jesus. The victory in our Christian story seemed to overflow in so many "alleluia" ways... in the voices of proclaimers of Word and singers of songs, in leaders and followers, in cleaners and decorators, in ministers of hospitality and ushering, in masters at the altar directing and executing beautiful ceremony, in lending instruments and instrumentalists, in sound and technology, in fire and water, in blossoms and bread-wine, in incense bearers and water bearers, in so many sights and sounds and smells, and, so importantly, in worshippers of all ages, sizes, shapes and colors from near and from far! No darkness here! Only Easter! Only Light, New Life, & Love excelling! Thanks to the **MANY** who made it a wonderful expression of the Real Presence Christ who unites us.

Special Thanks to all who promoted our Holy Week-Triduum-Easter liturgies and prayer opportunities & experiences with our Blessed Trinity faith community, the press, and the virtual world! Gratitude to our technology folks, those who created & assembled worship aids for the many liturgies, and to our choir directress, Elizabeth Sands, who – in addition to her regular music ministry leadership responsibilities during these intense days- recruited the brass quintet, members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, to enhance our celebration of the Resurrection at our Easter Sunday morning mass!

Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for April 3/4, 2021 was \$3,878, including \$5 Easter flowers, \$260 Holy Land, and \$75 for fuel.

Thank you for your generous donations of \$486 for Catholic Relief Services.

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Lector for next Saturday, April 17

Greg Gaglione

Lector for next Sunday, April 18

Mary Kresse



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week of 4/11-4/17
in memory of Helen Gerharpstein
by Sr. Elizabeth Savage, SSJ.**

If you are interested in memorializing a loved one or special occasion, please contact the rectory (833-0301).

We are looking for a couple of people interested in helping us out! If you are interested in any of these ministries please see Pat Dyer for more information.

Welcome Desk ~ staffing on weekends and special Masses like Holy Days and Holy Week.

Compassion Ministry ~ helping our current volunteer send out cards and notes to shut-ins, the ill and families after a death occurs - all materials provided and can be done from home.

Caring for God's Creation ~ helping to plan for and work on the day of a neighborhood and church grounds cleanup. Many hands make light work. We will serve hot dogs, chips and hot drinks. Besides "hands and feet" we need a grill, trash bags and food donations, a cook or two. Celebration will take place on a Saturday afternoon toward the end of April and will end with Mass. Planning meetings to be set up once we have a few volunteers.

Future of Parishes

Discussion study group on the document issued by the Vatican July 2020 on the possibilities for the future of parishes as they respond to the changing needs of people. Our next meeting is April 13 at 7PM and every other Tuesday via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76287228149?pwd=Z1ZueTgvTHZRZDJ0L000d1krQU8zQT09>

Remember in our prayers all who are sick, especially parishioners: Sr. Ann Helene, Naoma Allen, Thomas Andrew, Yvonne Andrew, Judy Casassa, Anthony Hartmann, Madonna Hartzell, Sionen Laciura, Marilyn Lang, Shirley Parks, Fr. Reger, Mary Ellen Roach, Janeva Tabb, Cortez Wells. Freddie White and Pedro Zola.

ROMANS 10:17

So then

FAITH
comes by hearing
and hearing the
Word of God.



KNOW YOUR FAITH

Lessons of Covid

I was going to compare the "Who's who?" of 2019 with 2020 thinking that things have changed, but alas, Prince Harry and Donald Trump have been the top headline getters for over two years now. But which jobs were essential? That we learned. Not high paid executives, athletes or performers - those all stayed home as we found we couldn't get services at the IRS, city hall, movie theaters or stadiums - even the libraries closed. Reruns of old movies and television shows and how-to videos became front and center. How many people dragged out old sewing machines to make masks? Everyone learned to bake bread - well, almost everyone. And delivery drivers and personal shoppers were king. No one says "just a nurse" anymore! We put off dentists, vision exams, vaccines and well visits to primary care providers. Colds and flu are down (97%) and so was street violence - for a while. Grocery clerks got passes to be on the roads. Chaplains knew no rest as they held the hands of those dying without their families. Vodka factories made hand sanitizer - but it wasn't long before people wanted that vodka again. And, thankfully, trash collection continued. Plumbers showed up. (Yay!) What does all of this say about work? Something that Catholics have always taught: **There is dignity in work.** By the very fact that those who work are made in the image of God and that God commanded us to work.

Consider the many references to farmers working the land and to fisherman. Jesus does not call anyone to be a physician or a lawyer, but he says "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) We are encouraged to work to provide for ourselves and our families: "There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and provide themselves with good things from their toil. Even this, I saw, is from the hand of God." (Ecclesiastes 2:24)

And workers have rights. What are the rights of workers? Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum* and, more recently, Pope Benedict XVI in *Caritas in Veritate*, affirm the right to a just wage and working conditions.

One of the principal thoughts of Catholic Social Teaching is that all rights come with responsibilities. While the worker has the right to a just wage, he has the obligation to put forth full effort, to arrive on time, to do his best in his work, and to protect the property of his employer etc.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a nice concise summary on their website, "The economy must serve people, not the other way around. (Mark 2:27) Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. (Genesis 2:15 and Deuteronomy 14:28-29) If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. (Deuteronomy 24:14-15, Sirach 34:26-27, Isaiah 58:3-7, Jeremiah 22:13, Matthew 20:1-16, Luke 3:10-14 and 12:13-21, and James 5:1-6) "

The current pandemic has given us occasion to pause and consider the relative value of work and those things that are important remembering that all work done faithfully and honestly has inherent value.

In an effort to promote community, acknowledge the value of work, and to care for our little patch of earth, we will meet on April 24 at noon to clean up the grounds at Blessed Trinity and the front yards of some of our neighbors. A hot dog lunch will be served. Bring your rakes, shovels and trash bags! Ending with Mass.

There is a sign up in the Welcome Space.

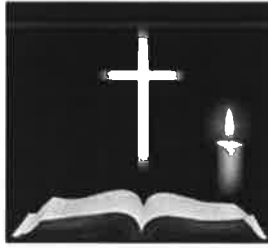


NativityMiguel Middle School is now interviewing students for the 2021-22 school year! Our school offers small classes for 5th-8th grade students with personal attention from teachers, single-gender campuses, and scholarships for all students, and continued support through high school graduation. To begin the application process for your child or to learn more about our program, call us at 716-836-5188 or visit www.nativitymiguelbuffalo.org/how-to-apply.

In the Christian faith, Jesus is the epitome of HOPE for all seasons. His death and Resurrection showed us that after a definitive amount of time, ultimate good can be dispersed to all. We rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory! We want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Ignatius Loyola who called us to respond in faith and to find God in all things. We thank you for being attuned to God's presence in everyday circumstances a he taught us and responding in faith with a gift to the Appeal. With your help, we give **HOPE for all seasons.** Thank you for your continued support of **Appeal 2021.**

Soon parishes will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to support those dioceses here in the United States and its territories that face fragile financial situations, vast distances, or difficult terrain that significantly affects their ability to offer the most basic pastoral programs to the faithful. Your generosity makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the continental United States and beyond.

Mass



Intentions

Saturday, April 10	4:30 pm	In memory of Karen Kovach - John Curtin
Sunday, April 11	10:00 am	Eternal Joy for Mary Solomon - Blessed Trinity Ladies Sodality
Monday, April 12	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Tuesday, April 13	11:00 am	In Memory of Alfreda Dawidzik - Gregory Allgrim
Wednesday, April 14	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, April 16	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, April 17	4:30 pm	For intentions of Mary Alice Bagwell - John Curtin
Sunday, April 18	10:00 am	Members of the Crib Donors Guild - Our Lady of Victory

† A remembrance in your will and last testament keeps alive the beauty and works of this church. †

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