

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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

ANOIDTING 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: 04/28/21

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

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,
17-19 (47B)
Psalm Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel Luke 24:35-48



**He has been raised! He is not here!
Alleluia!**

Sparks of Resurrection Life Fly!

Our scripture readings these days are filled with the vitality and energy of the early church as it takes its first shape in the Spirit of the risen Jesus. Its impetus is the reality and continuance of the Good News, the gospel way of Jesus. Gathering for the breaking of the bread & worship, remembering and sharing the words and stories of Jesus when among them in the flesh, inviting others to hear, and giving witness by lives of service and charity is the Easter happening! It must have been exciting and challenging times.

We are challenged to be caught by that same spirit of life, hope and joy.... and to testify to it! To share and pass along our Catholic faith proudly and confidently as our ultimate lifeline! In that light, we need people eager to be missionaries of our faith in a number of very important ways – as religious educators and formators (catechists) to teach others our faith, prepare people for the sacraments (baptism, reconciliation, confirmation, eucharist, marriage), to faith-share. We need people to be mentors for children and adults. Some ways you might be called to assist: Baptism Preparation Program, Confirmation sessions, religious education teachers for our young people, Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions on Sundays, RCIA (preparing adults for initiation into the Catholic Church). If you feel the Spirit moving your spirit in the ways of teaching and forming others in the ways of Jesus Christ, "making disciples" for Christ, spreading the Good News..... **WE NEED YOU!** Please contact me or Patricia Dyer, our parish Pastoral Associate, about how you can get involved in some aspect of this important mission of evangelization.

A Big THANK YOU - In a spirit of deep gratitude, join me in thanking Roy Laciura, parishioner and parish bookkeeper, as he retires from his position of stewardship, serving this parish and the Diocese of Buffalo, for many, many years. Roy has been a pleasant, committed and steady presence. We wish him well with our thoughts and prayers for a happy retirement. Please extend your personal thanks to him as you see him at mass or parish functions.

Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for April 10/11, 2021 was \$1,739, including \$3 Holy Land, \$3 Home Missions, \$3 Latin America and \$190 for fuel.

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Lector for next Saturday, April 24

Lorna Cameron

Lector for next Sunday, April 25

Bob Heicklen

Loss of a Parish Champion.....

There will be more of a loss than simply an empty seat in one of our pews at the passing of parishioner Judy Casassa. She was a fixture and stalwart member of the parish family of Blessed Trinity. Foremost was her strong faith and commitment to gospel service. Her gentle presence and undying efforts, on behalf of the parish, will be sorely missed. Working the kitchen, caring for our parish grounds, keeping an eye on parish finances as a member of the Finance Council, attaining and maintaining the grant that allowed our most recent major restorations with unfailing persistence, and so much more will be the marks of her legacy. May Judy's example inspire all of us in the ways of gospel living! With sadness we commend Judy to God's eternal loving embrace but with joy we celebrate her going home to the Lord. May she rest in peace!

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=Z1ZueTgvTHZRZDJoL000d1krQU8zQT09>

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



John Bell (b. 1949) was born in the Scottish town of Kilmarnock in Ayrshire, intending to be a music teacher when he felt the call to the ministry. But in frustration with his classes, he did volunteer work in a deprived neighborhood in London for a time and also served for two years as an associate pastor at the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam. After graduating, he worked for five years as a youth pastor for the Church of Scotland, serving a large region that included about 500 churches. He then took a similar position with the Iona Community, and with his colleague Graham Maule, began to broaden the youth ministry to focus on renewal of the church's worship. His approach soon turned to composing songs within the identifiable traditions of hymnody that found began to address concerns missing from the current Scottish hymnal:

"I discovered that seldom did our hymns represent the plight of poor people to God. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised. There was nothing about child abuse... that reflected concern for the developing world, nothing that helped see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution." [from an interview in Reformed Worship (March 1993)]

This past week, we laid our dear friend Judy Casassa to rest and we celebrated her life using not one but two different arrangements by John Bell. It seemed fitting, given Judy's dedication not only to our church, but also to those who suffer. John Bell also composed "Over My Head," one of Judy's all-time favorites.

The Summons ~

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?*

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?*

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?*

*Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,*

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

- Elizabeth Clay

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.ujscb.org/home-missions.

Give back and start a new friendship at the same time. The Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County and Home Visitation Program in Genesee County, as well as the Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) in Erie County are free volunteer services providing regular telephone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5-to-15 minute call. These friendly calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone in Orleans and Genesee counties who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call 585-343-0614, ext. 18 for Friendly Phones and 585-481-5224 for Home Visitation Program. **If you live in Erie County, you can connect with TAP by calling 716-218-1400. Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.cwny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**



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.

Mass



Intentions

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
Monday, April 19	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Tuesday, April 20	11:00 am	In Memory of Alfreda Dawidzik - Gregory Allgrim
Wednesday, April 21	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, April 23	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, April 24	4:30 pm	Members of the Benefactors Memorial Book - Our Lady of Victory
Sunday, April 25	10:00 am	Eternal Joy for Bernadette Dorsheimer - Family

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

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in remembrance of a loved one or
to commemorate a special occasion.
If you are interested in memorializing a loved one or special occasion,
please contact the rectory (833-0301).*

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