

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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: 04/28/21

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

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First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 (50B)
Psalm Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel John 10:11-18



Alleluia!

Easter Water of Life

With gratitude to God, this weekend we celebrate the newest member of God's family, Dmitri Viktor DeJac, through the Sacrament of Baptism! Proud parents, Derek and Jessica, were married here at Blessed Trinity. We welcome their family and friends as we share in the joy of the DeJac family!

Clean as the Driven Snow

Saturday brought a lot of Clean after a little mid-week snow! Special thanks to Pat Dyer for organizing parish volunteers to join forces to tackle our parish and neighborhood grounds clean-up. Details on our day together, and the many efforts to beautify our Leroy block, in our next bulletin edition.

Road to Renewal Process

Under our new Bishop, Michael Fisher, the process of renewal for our diocese and parishes, begun before his appointment to Buffalo, is continuing. Our Parish Council has received the latest update on this process for their review. Details will be made available as the process continues to unfold.

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

Please consider a donation to Catholic Charities. If you need any information regarding this, please contact the rectory at 833-0301. Our parish chairperson, Bob Hecklen, will be glad to assist you.



Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for April 17/18, 2021 was \$1,800 including \$10 for fuel.

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Lector for next Saturday, May 1

Lorna Cameron

Lector for next Sunday, May 2

-Mary Kresse

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 27 at 7PM and every other Tuesday via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76287228149?pwd=Z1ZueTgvTHZRZDJoL000d1krQU8zQT09>

These are challenging, uncertain times. But one thing remains a constant: **Just as we have for nearly 98 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now.** If you have an emergency need for food or toiletries, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and more, Catholic Charities is ready to answer your call. Our **Helpline can be reached at 716-218-1419.** The Helpline is staffed weekdays from 8:45 am to 4:45 pm and you can leave a message at any time. Check out all of our services at www.ccnw.org/services. **Appeal 2021** is online through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccnw.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

To 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.

ROMANS 10:17

So then

FAITH

comes by hearing
and hearing the
Word of God.



KNOW YOUR FAITH

Jesus knocks, will we open the door?

When adults come to the Church asking to be Baptized, they knock on the door, and it is opened for them. That is the symbol used, because Baptism is the ritual of the Church that makes us Christians. "What do you ask of the Church?" Each of us came to the Church through Baptism - some of us as adults responding to the question for ourselves - some of us as infants with our parents making the request.

When Luke and I were expecting our youngest child we already had four busy young children. Our first four had been Baptized in other parishes, but we had moved to a new community, so this was a new parish for us. One morning after Mass, we were approached by the pastor who spoke to us. "Pregnant again? Well, at least you didn't have an abortion." He went on to ask us to find babysitters so that we did not bring the children as they caused a disturbance. So, over the next several weeks, we either took turns or didn't go to Mass at all. We really did not feel welcome there.

When our son was born, I made an appointment with the pastor to talk about Baptism. We were required to bring the Godparents with us - my mom and dad. On the afternoon of our meeting, my brother and sister stayed home with our children. The first thing we were asked was where we had been going to Mass for the past several weeks (remember, I had just had a C-Section delivery of my fifth baby.) After I explained about the recent surgery and that we just could not afford to hire a babysitter, he refused to Baptize our baby. There wasn't much left to say. I walked out the door, and I probably would never have returned. I do not know what either my husband or parents said, but they came out about twenty minutes later.

At one time it was common to teach that unbaptized innocent babies would go to a place referred to as "Limbo." It is not a teaching of the Church and never was. It is found nowhere in scripture. Nevertheless, a small part of me felt like he had just damned my baby. What I thought was an end - a door shut rather than opened - became the welcome we needed. Within a couple of days, I received a phone call from my dad. He had spoken to his pastor, where I had been Baptized and married. Adam would be Baptized there, and my parents would babysit all of the children at their house every Sunday evening so we could go to Mass.

When an infant is Baptized, there must be a reasonable expectation that the baby will be raised in the faith. When parents come for the Baptism of their

baby, it is our opportunity to welcome them and to confirm for them their worth and our desire for them to be part of Christ's Church. It was not for me, nor should it be for anyone, a social obligation.

Over the next few weeks, we will learn more about the rights and responsibilities of those to be Baptized, parents, and Godparents and the Church as well as the symbolism of the different parts of the rite.

"The Pope's prayer intentions for May 2021: *The world of finance, Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*"

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that building vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

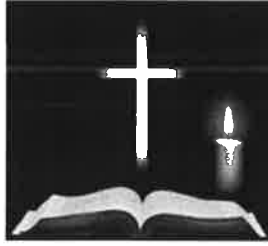


The Future of Camp Turner. For nearly a century Camp Turner, nestled in Allegany State Park, has been an invaluable resource for youth in our diocese: summer camp experience for boys and girls, overnight lodging for confirmation retreats and parish catechetical teams, to name but a few. Unfortunately, due to the significant financial challenges of the diocese, Camp Turner's future was in jeopardy. However, following Father Baker's example of service to youth, OLV Charities will serve as the new sponsoring organization, providing stability. But Camp Turner still needs ***your*** help to secure a strong future! We invite you to partner with Friends of Camp Turner to give youth, especially those unable to afford camp, the experience of God's creation and gracious love through this treasure. Please send your donation to **Camp Turner Fund, c/o OLV Charities, 780 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218.**

NativityMiguel's 7th and 8th grade St. Monica students had the opportunity to visit the new Nardin Academy Athletic Center, where they were introduced to the game of squash! Nardin's Head Squash Professional Pamicka Marinello-Modrzynski taught students the basics of squash and coached them through several activities in a class funded by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation's Legacy Fund for Youth Sports. The girls had a great time and are already asking to get back on the court.



Mass



Intentions

Saturday, April 24	4:30 pm	Eternal Joy for Bernadette Dorsheimer - Family
Sunday, April 25	10:00 am	Eternal Joy for Judy Casassa - John E. Curtin
Monday, April 26	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Tuesday, April 27	11:00 am	In Memory of Alfreda Dawidzik - Gregory Allgrim
Wednesday, April 28	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, April 30	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, May 1	4:30 pm	Members of the Crib Donors Guild - Our Lady of Victory
Sunday, May 2	10:00 am	For the Intentions of Sr. John Francis Schilling, OSP - John E. Curtin

† 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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