

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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.



Rev. Robert Gebhard
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Religious Education Coordinator

Ms. Elizabeth Clay
Music Director

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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: 05/12/21

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



St. Joseph the Worker Award

With great pleasure, I share the good news that parishioner Robert Heicklen is receiving the 2021 *St. Joseph the Worker Award* this Sunday at St. Joseph Cathedral from Bishop Michael Fisher. This diocesan award annually celebrates Catholic laity who help spread the Gospel message of Christian charity and service. Bishop Fisher states, "In this year of St. Joseph, patron of both the universal Church and our Diocese of Buffalo, we are presented with an extra special opportunity to recognize individuals who epitomize the spirit of St. Joseph, who as our Holy Father proclaimed, "helped us see more clearly the importance of 'ordinary' people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day" and in doing so, play "an incomparable role in the history of salvation".

Bob's involvement in gospel stewardship includes:
Organizations – Finance Council Member, Parish Council Member, Parish Membership Committee Chairman, Parish Human Resources.
Ministry and Outreach – Lector, Provides Transportation to Parishioners Needing Rides.
Charity Stewardship – Annual Catholic Charities Appeal Parish Chairman, Weekend Collection Counter, Bingo Worker.

Bob is an unassuming individual. His heart and efforts are always directed toward, and focused on, the good of the parish. He is a gentle man of faith. We all know Bob to be constantly willing to lend a hand wherever and whenever needed. *Please take the opportunity to congratulate Bob and celebrate his witness of faith!*

Parish Grounds Clean-Up – More Than a Dirty Dozen ~

Last Saturday was another parish **gold star** effort! Volunteers showed up with rakes, shovels, trash bags, gloves and loads of energy. I am amazed at the difference that a few hours of outdoor TLC has made. Pride in Parish was certainly in the air. It will be enjoyable for all of us to enjoy our outdoor spaces with the coming good weather. I'm hoping for many moments that we can spend "on the green" some great spaces to enjoy each other's company and

God's good earth! Hot dogs, sausages, chips and drinks fueled the workers.... with fresh baked cookies to top off a perfect afternoon. **Special thanks to all!**

Annual Catholic Charities Appeal ~

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

Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for April 24/25, 2021 was \$3,688 including \$10 Easter, \$70 for fuel and \$178 Catholic Home Missions.

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Lector for next Saturday, May 8

John Curtin

Lector for next Sunday, May 9

Palma Zanghi

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$181 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.uscch.org/home-missions.

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=Z1ZueTgyTHZRZDJ0L000d1krQU8zQT09>

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.



Today's reading from 1 John tells us "We should believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." Whether we are with family, colleagues, or in a church community during a pandemic, we are called to love one another. Every time I hear this, I remember my childhood, growing up post-Vatican II in a large suburban parish. Perhaps it is because the reading begins with "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Unlike many of the other readings at Mass that were seemingly geared for adults, I somehow believed in my child's brain that this was personally directed to *me*.

Music Ministry was not very diverse in my home church, and we sang the same hymn every week, without fail, placing it firmly in my brain not only during the week between Sunday Masses, but also obviously permanently etching it on my brain so that it remains there *decades* later. This week's closing hymn, *They'll Know We Are Christians*, brings back my childhood, and I will once again carry this song in my heart for the week to come. Composed by Peter Scholtes, the lyrics ring true as we learn to love one another while socially distant.



*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love
They will know we are Christians by our love*

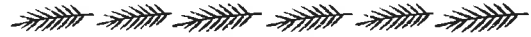
*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in
hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in
hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our
land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love
They will know we are Christians by our love*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by
side
We will work with each other, we will work side by
side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each
one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love
They will know we are Christians by our love*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our
love
They will know we are Christians by our love

...And way pray that all unity may one day be restored.

-Elizabeth Clay



NativityMiguel was featured on Channel 7 Eyewitness News this week! Reporter Taylor Epps visited the St. Monica campus and talked to our president Nancy Langer, lead teacher Mrs. Ward, and 7th grader Iyana about how NativityMiguel has overcome the challenges of the last year while finding new ways to meet the needs of our students. You can watch the full video at bit.ly/nativitymiguelnews.

Spring is a time of HOPE. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, we can help. **Catholic Charities Chemical Dependency Treatment Program** in Buffalo has immediate openings. The outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. More information on the program can be found at www.ccnny.org/addiction. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at 716-895-1033. Also, counseling for individuals and families is always available at our neighborhood offices across WNY. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccnny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.
Case No. 20-10322

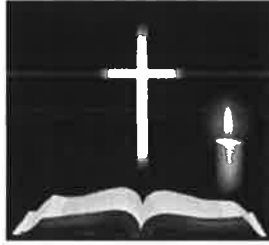
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("**Diocese**") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date**"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.**

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Mass



Intentions

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
Monday, May 3	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Tuesday, May 4	11:00 am	In Memory of Alfreda Dawidzik - Gregory Allgrim
Wednesday, May 5	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, May 7	11:00 am	Rest of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, May 8	4:30 pm	Benefactors of OLV Homes - Our Lady of Victory
Sunday, May 9	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. †

*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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Homer H. Dick, Jr., Blessed Trinity Trustee