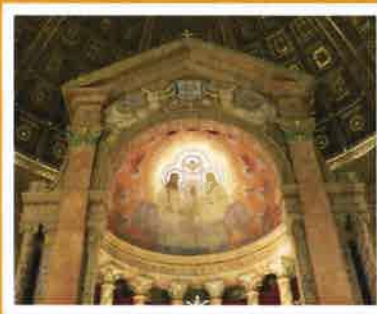


Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 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 Will resume post pandemic

VISITS TO THE SICK Call rectory during business hours

BAPTISMS By appointment

WEDDINGS Arrange six months in advance

Catholic Central Food Pantry - 350 Dewey Avenue
Every Wednesday 9:30am - 1:30pm

NEXT: 05/26/21



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

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B)
Psalms Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20:19-23

*Pentecost
Come Holy Spirit!*

In the rush of the great wind of Love against us, in the igniting of fire in our lives, filled with a new energy and courage, enabled to witness and proclaim... the promises of Jesus find fulfillment in Pentecost! As one author wrote, "the appearance of the risen Lord and his gift of the Spirit served to fulfill the promises Jesus made to his disciples... that they would know great joy and peace (John 14:27), that they would be able to do the same and even greater works than he (John 14:12), that he would send to them a helper and an advocate (John 14:16-17, 26), and that he would always be with them... all these promises were fulfilled in the gift of the Spirit." We must trust this.

During the challenges of these days, - in our parish, diocese, our church, our nation, and beyond... In the face of what appears some insurmountable odds and obstacles... stung by so many sad realities that look to unravel us... we remember that a small band of disciples, just like us, cowering behind the locked doors of a room in fear, were overcome by the promised Spirit who stood them to their feet and ordered their steps out into the word, carrying and carried by the Good News of Jesus. No need to doubt, fear, or succumb! As the same author as above reminds us, "Pentecost, or the gift of the Spirit, is not a one-time event but a never ending fruit of the dying-rising Lord." We are never alone, never abandoned, never doomed!

I feel so blessed to live among this parish of believers. To see the Spirit so present in our diversity, tenacity, rich giftedness, commitment to common good, concern for justice, deep faith, and desire to be united in the One Body of Christ assures me that the Spirit lives! "Come Holy Spirit. Continue to fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your Love."
Great Joy and Peace!

(quotes from *The Word We Celebrate*, Patricia Datchuck Sánchez, Sheed & Ward, ©1989, p. 183)



Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for May 15/16, 2021 was \$1,896.69 including \$18 for Latin Mission, \$240.26 for Ascension, \$3 for Catholic Communication, \$3 for Mission Cooperative, \$100 Donation and \$40 for fuel.

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Lector for next Saturday, May 29

John Curtin

Lector for next Sunday, May 30

Bob Hecklen



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Parish Feast Day Celebration

Presenter: Barbara Shanahan - Buffalo Biblical Studies Program

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

7:00 – 8:00PM

In person, Blessed Trinity Church Building
Remote, Live on Facebook

✠ Trinity Sunday Feast Day Mass

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ 10:00AM

(Starting Outdoors by the Bell with Procession into Church)

✠ Feast Day Outdoor Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ 11:00AM

Immediately Following Mass

(Bring a pastry or baked good to share. Sign-Up Sheets at the doors of the Church. Also, bring a lawn chair for your comfort.)

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer.

Contact the rectory to request a mass for yourself, your loved ones or any intention.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a few extra hours, here and there, to help keep us Parish Proud? We can always use volunteer hands and hearts for those endless cleaning and cleanup/cleanout jobs, mowing, and gardening. If you are interested in offering some of your time and talent, please let me (Fr. Bob), Pat Dyer, or one of our parish trustees (Madonna Hartzell, Bud Dick) know.

We can put you quickly to work!

ROMANS 10:17

So then

FAITH
comes by hearing
and hearing the
Word of God.



KNOW YOUR FAITH

Membership has its benefits

I recently ordered some summer clothes for work. When the package arrived, I was leaving for a meeting so I left it unopened. My husband was home and saw the side of the package: "Become a member and get 10% and free shipping with every order beginning with this one." So he opened the package. The contents didn't interest him at all. He wanted to make sure that I was getting the benefits of being a member. After I returned home and found that he had opened the package, I told him that "membership" would cost more than I save every year unless I start buying a lot more clothes. For me, that wasn't worth the cost.

It is this way when we become members of any organization (teams, scouts, clubs etc.) we give something – we get something. We examine what is expected of us and what is given to us. Then we ask ourselves, "Is it worth the cost?"

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ (the Church). As adults we are expected to become disciples – learners and followers of Jesus. For those of us Baptized as infants, our parents and Godparents profess their belief in God and promise to be our first teachers. As Church, we promise to be there to help.

Some of us probably studied the Baltimore Catechism's definition of Sacrament. "A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace." So, now you know what you get for being a member. Or, do you?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2000), "Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and eternal life." That is a mouthful. What does it mean?

Simply, grace is a relationship with God. As the kids might say, God becomes our BFF. How do we develop this relationship with God? We do this in the same way that we develop all relationships. We spend time together (prayer, worship and sacraments), we learn about each other (study, homilies and read scripture), and we show our love for each other with respect (tell our other friends and follow Commandments and Catholic Social Teaching).

***Is membership worth it? It is so worth it.
Give it a try. Use your benefits.***

Thank you for your generous support last week for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$98 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Your gift does make a difference.

Trinity Sunday & "The Big Reveal." Last September, a former Buffalonian sent us a photo of his grandfather, a bricklayer who worked on the construction of Blessed Trinity Church. We now think we have identified the wall where Francis Gajewski was standing when he posed for the photo, circa 1926. We will share the photo at the social following Mass next Sunday and – weather permitting – give you a chance to search out the spot before "the big reveal."

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. **There will be no scripture study on May 25** due to the Trinity presentation. **Our next session will be June 8 and every other Tuesday via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76287228149?pwd=Z1ZueTgVTHZRZDJ0L000d1krQU8zQT09>

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **2021 Appeal** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and the homeless have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** You may make a secure online donation at www.ccnny.org/donation.

We are looking for a couple of people interested in helping us out! If 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.



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

Mass



Intentions

Saturday, May 22	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Pentecost Sunday, May 23	10:00 am	In memory of Judy Casassa - A Grateful Parish
Monday, May 24	11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Tuesday, May 25	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday, May 26	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, May 28	11:00 pm	Members of the Crib Donors Guild - Our Lady of Victory
Saturday, May 29	4:30 pm	In Memory of Ellen Bitskay - Barbara Sercu
Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30	10:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Trinity Church - Blessed Trinity Church

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week of May 23 -29 in remembrance of Doris LaSpada by Palma Zanghi.

If you are interested in memorializing a loved one or special occasion, please contact the rectory (716-833-0301).

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