

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity May 30, 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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*Ms. Patricia Dyer
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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



Trinity
SUNDAY

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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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B)
Psalms Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
Second Reading Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20



A Memorial Day weekend, 115 years of parish life, our Feast Day, the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – so much to celebrate, everything “community!” Today, especially, we recommit ourselves as a parish family to accept, in faith, **The Way of the Trinity** – Father, Son, & Holy Spirit – as the model for our living. The community relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit becomes undeniable. We profess a Trinity whose ways are unconditional love, mutual respect, and equality in their exchanges with each other. How can we not be grateful for the grace of the Trinity? How can we not be overwhelmed by the challenge to live these very attributes in our daily lives? How can we not remember that our surrender to *The Way* makes all things possible through God who strengthens us (Phil 4:13)?

We have many ways to describe God – omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, omnibenevolent – all of which fall far short of the God who exceeds our greatest understanding in Mystery! Yet, we become a people of The Three. Through our baptism, we are branded an “Omni-Trinity” people! So much to Celebrate! So much for us to share with the world around us in witness, word and love of the Trinity. Our world needs the MODEL we are called to emulate. Thanks for the “Parish Community” of the Blessed Trinity! Happy Feast Day!!

Special Thanks to Barbara Shanahan, director of the Catholic Biblical Studies Program in the Diocese of Buffalo, for her scholarly and lively presentation “*I Believe in God...*” and what **DO I believe?** As part of our parish feast day celebrations, her insights and offerings certainly help us to deepen and enrich our relationships with our Triune God. We are blessed indeed for her willingness to share her love of God and scriptures with us. Thank you also to all who assisted with and participated in this opportunity. Together we go forth to touch our world in the love of the God we profess.

Announcements

Blessed Trinity Stewardship - The total offertory collection for May 22/23, 2021 was \$1,880.50 including \$10 for Ascension and \$10 for fuel.

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Lector for next Saturday, June 5

Greg Gaglione

Lector for next Sunday, June 6

Mary Kresse

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Parish Feast Day Celebration

✠ **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**

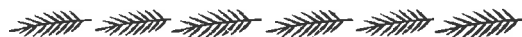
Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ 11:00AM

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.)

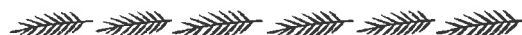
Chicken Barbecue Dinner to benefit Blessed Trinity Saturday, June 26 from 2-6pm. Drive thru only. Presale tickets available after Masses for \$12 each. See fliers.

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!**



Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer.

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



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 session will be June 8 and every other Tuesday via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/76287228149?pwd=Z1ZueTgyTHZRZDJ0L000d1krQU8zQT09>



From the Loft

What a beautiful weekend for Liturgy - the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, followed by Memorial Day, and then Friday's Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today's musical selections are rich with joy and praise - and all well loved by our Parish Family.

Our Communion hymn this week was actually a Swedish folk tune with a text written by Stuart K. Hine in 1949. This happened frequently in our Catholic music tradition - new words praising God were written for tunes that were already well-known in the community so people would more easily remember them. I believe this text captures our reverence for the Blessed Trinity perfectly on our Feast Day.

Oh Lord, my God!
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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- Elizabeth Clay

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 this Sunday and – weather permitting – give you a chance to search out the spot before "the big reveal."

You don't have to struggle with mental health, familial or marital problems. Catholic Charities can help. The agency offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. For more information visit www.ccnny.org and click on the "Counseling & Mental Health" tab under the "Services" menu on the right-hand side. **Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30.** To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccnny.org/donation. **HOPE for all seasons.**

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.

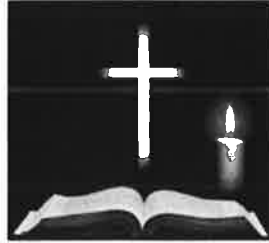


To remember in our prayers all who are sick, especially parishioners: Sr. Ann Helene, Naoma Allen, Thomas Andrew, Yvonne Andrew, Bernice Bradley, Anthony Hartmann, Madonna Hartzell, Sionen Laciura, Marilyn Lang, Shirley Parks, Fr. Reger, Mary Ellen Roach, Janeva Tabb, Cortez Wells, Freddie White and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


We hope to resume Bingo after the 4th of July. Please pass this information on to your friends and continue to watch the bulletin and website for updates.

NativityMiguel students enjoyed an "unplugged learning day!" Students at St. Augustine and St. Monica spent the day learning and engaging with each other in person and without a device in sight. Projects included identifying bones in owl pellets, experimenting with paper mache, giving science presentations, and practicing jump roping skills in the sun.

Mass



Intentions

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
 Monday, May 31	11:00 am	Homer Dick, Sr., Memorial Day Remembrance - Bud & Mickey Dick
Tuesday, June 1	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday, June 2	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Friday, June 4	11:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, And Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Saturday, June 5	4:30 pm	In Memory of James Sheehy - John E. Curtin
Sunday, June 6	10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, And Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly

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

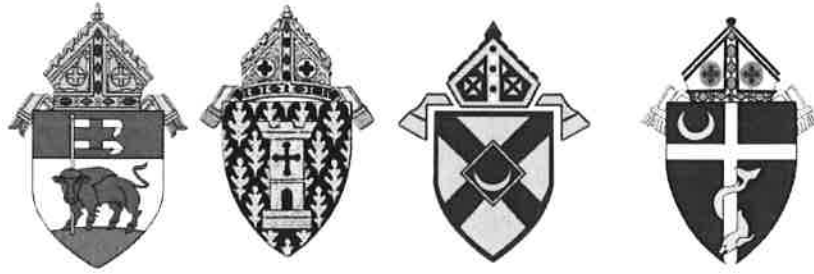


The Sanctuary Lamp burns for week in remembrance of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.

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

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Homer H. Dick, Jr., Blessed Trinity Trustee



*Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021*

***A Statement on a Return to Sunday Mass by the Roman Catholic Bishops
of the Upstate New York Dioceses of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse***

Praise be to Almighty God, who has been by our side throughout this long and devastating pandemic. He has heard our cries of mourning and been our rock in this stormy sea. He has delivered us through this crisis and brought us to the point where we can now clearly see an end in sight to the suffering, lockdowns, and isolation. Alleluia!

Today, with vaccination rates rising, infection numbers across the state are falling and we are seeing the reopening of every sector of society, including businesses, restaurants and sporting events. ***Now it is also time to return to Sunday Mass.***

The obligation to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day is a sacred one. Anyone who is frail or at risk due to advanced age or medical conditions is *always* excused from this obligation, and we encouraged you to use your prudential judgement throughout this pandemic to determine if it was unsafe for you to attend Mass. This remains true.

However, for those who are healthy and not at great risk, the presumption of the faithful should be that, unless they are at an enhanced risk, sick, or caring for others who are at risk or sick, ***the obligation to attend Sunday Mass now resumes, effective the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in our dioceses.***

One should consult their local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend. All required safety protocols and liturgical directives of each Diocese remain in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

We are grateful to God to have reached this point, and we speak for all of our brother priests in saying we can't wait to see you again. ***Come home to Mass!***

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse

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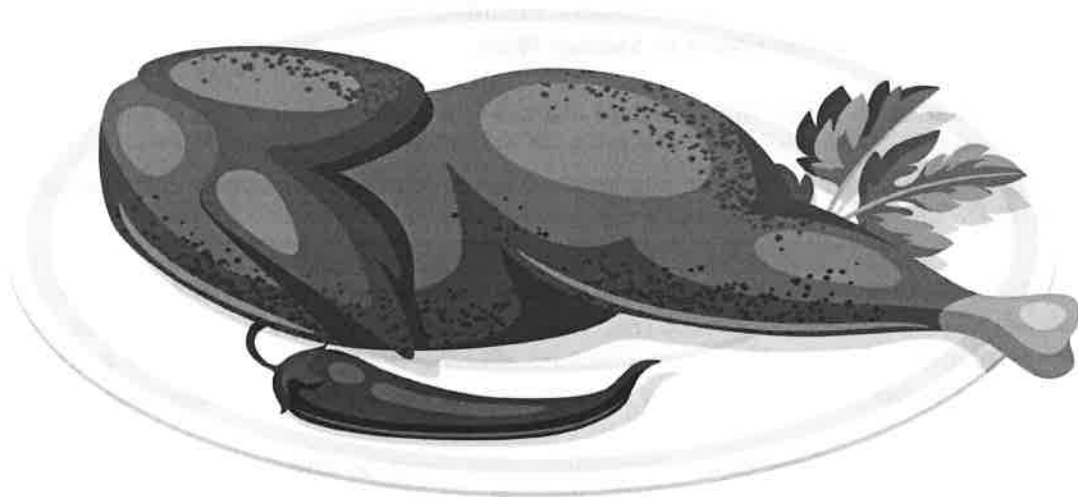
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Chicken Barbeque Dinner

Saturday June 26, 2021

2-6 p.m. or sold out Drive thru only

½ chicken, homemade salads,



cornbread and dessert

\$12.00

**Tickets available at 833-0301 or after
Masses**

**Presale tickets guarantee dinner
availability**