

# Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6, 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



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

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**First Reading** Exodus 24:3-8, (168B)  
**Psalm** Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18  
**Second Reading** Hebrews 9:11-15  
**Gospel** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



This weekend, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**. Week after week, day after day, to the table of the altar we are invited. From the table of the altar we feast, as we are privileged, on the choice food and drink for the Christian journey, the Real Presence of Jesus. The offer of the Body & Blood of Jesus is God's free gift.... "without money, without price!" It becomes our strength, sustains us when we most need sustenance in life and joins us into Communion! How can we do anything less than rejoice in thanksgiving for such a great gift! May we become what we consume... who we consume!!

**Special Thanks** to all who made our Blessed Trinity Feast Day celebration such a joy-filled occasion last weekend... those who came to worship together and to gather in friendship to highlight the presence of God – Father, Son, & Holy Spirit - in our lives... reception set-up crew, clean-up crew.... Providers of goodies, beverages, and fun activities!... It was so nice to see everyone joined together and enjoying each other's company. A true modeling of the Family of the Trinity!

### **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 interesting 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!

## Announcements

**Blessed Trinity Stewardship** - The total offertory collection for May 29/30, 2021 was \$1,792.07 including \$260 for Immaculate Conception.

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**Lector for next Saturday, June 12**

Lorna Cameron

**Lector for next Sunday, June 13**

Palma Zanghi



**Blessed Trinity Chicken Dinner Drive Thru** tickets (June 26, 2-6pm) are available from the Welcome Space, Facebook, at the office (716-833-0301) or from many Parish Council members. Half a chicken and homemade salads - all for \$12.

**Our Coffee Fundraiser has begun** and will run until the end of June. We hope you had a chance to taste the delicious and exclusive blend at our Feast Day celebration. \$10/bag (also available are K-Cups and decaf.) Purchase at the Welcome space and from many Parish Council members. These make great hostess gifts for that backyard barbecue and family reunion that is finally happening this year.

**We are looking for two additional people** who can meet Protecting God's Children requirements to help with Wednesday Vacation Bible School for 5 weeks this summer. Contact Pat Dyer or Fr. Bob if you are interested.

**The Catholic Communication Campaign collection** is next week. This campaign connects people with Christ and building Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half the money collected remains here in the Buffalo Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. Visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc) to learn more.

**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>

**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.

ROMANS 10:17

So then

**FAITH**

comes by hearing  
and hearing the  
Word of God.



## KNOW YOUR FAITH

### *Under the Eiffel Tower*

Adam, our youngest son, always wanted to be an architect. He was two weeks into his freshman year at RPI when, he changed his major – to civil engineering. He went to Europe and all we got was pictures of bolts from the underside of the Eiffel Tower. Over the years we've received pictures of cracks in the churches of Rome, rusty bridges and foundations set in swamps. To an engineer, each part is essential to the structure's stability and ability to work. The Church – *the Body of Christ* - is much like those photos he sent to us. Made up of many parts, each with its own purpose and each essential.

Let's look at how St. Paul explains this, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I do not need you.' Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary..." (1 Cor 12:17-22)

We are many parts, but all one body. Each of us has something to contribute, and, when you are missing, the Body of Christ is missing a part. What is your part? Pray about it. Where do you fit in the Body? Which bolt in the Tower are you?

A new initiative at Blessed Trinity will involve us in the **8 Days of Hope**. This project was announced at a press conference on May 28 and will involve repairing owner-occupied homes in the Masten District. Blessed Trinity is part of that district. We hope to be able to get a group of volunteers together from here as well as neighboring parishes. The plans have just begun for us so you will hear more later. Anyone over 14 years of age can participate. Please see me, Fr. Bob or Pam Zanghi for more information. Although the full program runs eight days, we plan on about four. There will be much more information soon.

As you know, over the years individuals have sent cards and letters to shut-ins, people who have experienced a loss, those in nursing homes, and letters of congratulations. One of those individuals is Sr. Liz Savage. Now that we have a few more people joining her, Sr. Liz is creating some guidelines and will be getting this group together so that we can continue this wonderful and much needed outreach as part of Compassion Ministry.

Although I came to Blessed Trinity over a year ago, it sometimes feels like yesterday. There is so much history here, and, as a parish, there is more than meets

the eye. Perhaps I can blame the pandemic, but I've decided to find out as much as I can about the people who are the Church of Buffalo at Blessed Trinity. I plan to reach out to the leaders and those in the know about various projects, groups, committees and ask them to create a synopsis for me. Then we will get this information into the bulletins and a brochure (more about creating a brochure in the near future). Our building is beautiful, but so are we. Perhaps some of this will be new to you, too. Since I have just begun this effort, I have only spoken with a few people. If you lead one of these organizations - look me up - don't wait! This week I would like to introduce you to the Ladies Sodality with this brief synopsis from Vera Andrews.

**"The Ladies Sodality of Blessed Trinity** is our oldest parish organization, having come into existence as The Women's Sodality shortly after the formation of the parish in 1906. Over a century later, it remains dedicated to meeting the religious, social, emotional, and financial needs of our parish community. Sodalists contribute to parish life by maintaining ties with the sick and homebound, supporting community social justice efforts, honoring our deceased, hosting social events, and conducting fundraisers. Member programming is designed to provide opportunities for women to share their emotional strengths and faith experiences and increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Membership remains open to any woman of the parish, and a Sodality officer is designated to serve as an appointed member of The Parish Council. The organization met at least six times a year prior to restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and in-person meetings will resume as soon as practicable." Please contact Vera, if you'd like to know more.

**The Pope's Prayer Intentions for June:** "Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience."

Mass is the highest and greatest form of  
prayer.

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



**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 4<sup>th</sup> of July.* Let your friends know, and continue to watch the bulletin and website for updates.

Mass



Intentions

Saturday, June 5	4:30 pm	In Memory of James Sheehy - John E. Curtin
Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6	10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, and Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Monday, June 7	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of the Betz Families - Our Lady of Victory
Tuesday, June 8	11:00 am	Repose of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman - Our Lady of Victory
Wednesday, June 9	11:00 am	In Memory of Rita E. Curtin - John E. Curtin
Friday, June 11	11:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, And Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Saturday, June 12	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, And Pfeiffer Families - Estate of Mary Reilly
Sunday, June 13	10:00 am	In Memory of Thomas & Rita McCarthy and James & Helen Foley - Brian McCarthy  In Memory of Charles Frederiksen - The Robert J. Kresse Family

† 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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## For the Feast of Corpus Christi



A sequence (Latin: sequentia, plural: sequentiae) is a chant or hymn sung or recited during the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist for many Christian denominations, before the proclamation of the Gospel. There are only four days in the liturgical year that have a sequence: Easter Sunday ("Victimae Paschali Laudes"), Pentecost ("Veni Sancte Spiritus"), Corpus Christi ("Lauda Sion Salvatorem") and Our Lady of Sorrows ("Stabat Mater Dolorosa"). On Easter Sunday and Pentecost, the sequence must be sung, whereas on Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Sorrows, the sequence is optional.

Did you know that some of the Latin text for the Corpus Christi sequence actually appears on the Altar rail right in our beautiful church? The 21st line of the Lauda Sion Salvatorem becomes the first line of the shortened version of the sequence in our Breaking Bread Hymnal and has been etched on our altar rail:

*Ecce Panis Angelorum, factus cibus viatorum vere panis filiorum, non mittendus canibus.*



The English translation is:

*Behold the Bread of Angels, made the food of wayfarers, truly the bread of children, not to be given to the dogs.*

For the first time in recent history, we will be singing the (shortened) sequence on Corpus Christi to acknowledge this bit of Liturgy written right onto our church home. Many thanks to docent Mickey Dick for



discovering this hidden gem and sharing it with the music ministry and providing the photos to highlight the Feast of Corpus Christi.

- Elizabeth Clay

**Calling all laborers in the vineyard!** Blessed Trinity is excited to be participating in **8 Days of Hope**. This year they are concentrating on the Masten District of which Blessed Trinity is a part. Two families who live here and own their homes will get some significant work done by volunteers. This is all paid for with donations. We are hoping to field a team of laborers for 3-4 days as well as to establish a regular maintenance team here at Blessed Trinity. Everyone aged 14 and older is welcome to participate. Teens are encouraged to come with their parents, but we will have a team of adult supervisors who meet all of the Protecting God's Children requirements. The maximum ratio of teens to adults is 4:1 adult. A meeting of volunteers is planned before the end of June. Contact Fr. Bob, Pat Dyer, or Pam Zanghi if you want to hear more.

**Ready For Renewal?** The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the *Road to Renewal* that began with a planning phase last August. Since then a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails. Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the *Renewal* work at hand, Fr. Bryan will help keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The *Renewal* offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org) for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo's *Road to Renewal*.

**Are you or a family member at risk for out-of-home placement?** Do you need help navigating complex healthcare and social support systems? If so, we can help. Catholic Charities offers Care Coordination Services for a range of ages through Children's Health Home Care Management and Project HOPE (Helping Older People Excel) programs. If you have a mental health diagnosis and/or multiple chronic conditions and feel you would benefit from linkage and referral to services, as well as advocacy and intervention, visit [www.cwny.org](http://www.cwny.org) to learn more about our Care Coordination Services and complete a referral form. **Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30. HOPE for all seasons.**