

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 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
Temporary Administrator*

*Ms. Patricia Dyer
Pastoral Associate
Religious Education Coordinator*

*Ms. Elizabeth Clay
Music Director*

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CONFESSIONS	Saturday, 4pm
BIBLE STUDY	Suspended until September
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

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24 (92B)
Psalms Psalm 92:2-3,13-14, 15-16
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel Mark 4:26-34



After an Easter season filled with the encouragement of Resurrection's New Life!! Then, the Ascension, Pentecost, Solemnity of the Blessed Trinity, Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus! Our days have been filled with opportunities to experience hope, peace, strength and encouragement in Jesus. Now we entered into a new liturgical season or should I say return to the second

part of what is called the season of Ordinary Time, represented by the liturgical color green (i.e., green Altar cloth, priest & deacon vestments, banners, green plants, etc). Ordinary does not mean dull or mundane or boring... anything but!!! It simply indicates how our scripture readings and Mass prayers are ordered. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops state, "Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

Road to Renewal – This current diocesan process to renew our parishes and the entire Church of Buffalo will bring about many changes. Please take the time to read the flyer inserted in this week's bulletin in order to become informed of how this process affects you, our parish and our diocese.

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!**

--Fr. Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for June 5/6, 2021 was \$2,718.90 which includes Catholic Communication \$20, fuel \$211, and Donation \$100.

Lector for next Saturday, June 19

John Curtin

Lector for next Sunday, June 20

Bob Heicklen

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.

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Buffalo Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today.

Future of Parishes ~ Discussion study group on the document issued by the Vatican July 2020 is suspended until September.

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.

Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer. Contact the rectory to request a mass for yourself, your loved ones or any intention.



The times, they are a changin' - and so is our Mass setting! Throughout Lent, Easter, Pentecost and then the Feast Days of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, we have been utilizing the *Mass of Christ the Savior* by Dan Schutte. A "Mass Setting" are those parts of Mass that we sing at every week - the *Glory to God; Holy, Holy, Holy; Mystery of Faith; Great Amen; and Lamb of God*. This week we resume Ordinary Time by changing gears and picking up a different Mass Setting for the summer months.

Paulist Fr. Ricky Manalo is a composer, author and educator and the composer of the *Mass of Spirit and Grace*. He studied composition and piano at the Manhattan School of Music, theology at the Washington Theological Union, liturgy and culture at the Graduate Theological Union, and sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. He holds a doctorate in Liturgy and the Sociology of Religion. He speaks internationally about enhancing the Liturgy with music and visited Buffalo several years ago to conduct a workshop for the members of the Church Musician's Guild. Fr. Manalo talks about "praying at the piano" - utilizing our gifts to enhance the Liturgy through all aspects of music, including composition. Fr. Manalo has made Asian Liturgical music more prevalent in our mainstream western culture. This Mass setting, composed in 2010, is a lovely addition to our Blessed Trinity tradition.

Whether we are praying at the piano, the organ, the Altar, or from the pews, our Blessed Trinity Liturgies are enhanced by better understanding our Catholic musical heritage - it is anything but ordinary!

~ Elizabeth Clay

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was observed on Friday, June 11. During this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, take time to appreciate the Sacred Heart Shrine on right side of our church. In addition to the figure of Christ, artist Vincent Mundo included two saints known for their devotion to the heart of Jesus: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Bonaventure. The overhead symbols each represent a phrase from the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Look for a throne ("Heart of Jesus...of infinite majesty"), open gates ("House of God and Gate of Heaven"), and a heart together with a balance ("Abode of Justice and Love").

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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.

HOPE for all seasons. Is your child age 12-17 displaying chronic negative behaviors such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties can help. MST is an intensive, family focused intervention program that's facilitated in the youth's natural environments, including the home. Think MST might be a good fit? Call 716-204-0555, ext. 5025 or visit www.ccnny.org. In other WNY counties, office-based counseling is always available to families. **Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30.**

Forgot to pick up a bulletin as you left church? Gave yours to a friend before you finished reading it? Never fear. We've got you covered. A complete copy of the bulletin including any inserts is now available on our web site, blessedtrinitybuffalo.org. Just click on the word "Bulletins" at the top of the home page. They are available as far back as Easter Sunday. And you can actually get an advance copy because the weekly bulletin is posted each week on Thursday or Friday.

We hope to resume Bingo after July 4th. Let your friends know; continue to watch the bulletin and website for updates.

**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/diocesefbuffalo> 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, 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

Monday, June 14 11:00 am

Eternal Joy for Josephine Zanghi

Palma Zanghi

Tuesday, June 15 11:00 am

Rest of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman

Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday, June 16 11:00 am

Members of the Crib Donors Guild

Our Lady of Victory

Friday, June 18 11:00 am

Rest of the Souls of the Betz Families

Our Lady of Victory

Saturday, June 19 4:30 pm

Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, and Pfeiffer Families

Estate of Mary Reilly

Sunday, June 20 10:00 am

Eternal Joy for Bridget Blesnuk

Family

In Memory of Mary Margaret Schmatz and the intention of James M. Schmatz

Gary Weber

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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns June 13-19 in remembrance of Apolonia Glowacki by her daughter, Barbara Sercu.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the Fall of 2020 our Blessed Trinity Council meetings have been conducted remotely. We are grateful to our Pastoral Associate, Pat Dyer, who provided us with the set up to meet via Zoom. It has worked out well throughout this time, but we are pleased to share that this month we will meet "in person!" Meeting are always scheduled the third Wednesday of each month so we will meet Wednesday, June 16, at 7pm in St. Charles Hall.

We Look Toward the Future! The Blessed Trinity Parish Council is a dynamic group of devoted parishioners who all recognize how "blessed" we truly are to belong to such a faith-filled community of believers. We treasure our parish and thank God for all of its unique qualities.

It's a beautiful thing to be involved in parish life. Each of us has individual gifts the Lord has blessed us with, and we are given the opportunity to share our talents for the benefit of our beloved Blessed Trinity Community.

This upcoming meeting ends the 2020-2021 year, and we will begin the 2021-2022 year anew in September. Some of the members will have served their term and come off the Council. This leaves space for new members!

Might you be interested? If you feel so inclined, contact me, our Vice-President, Colleen Schroeder, or any one of our members to share your interest.

Along with our Parish Administrator, Fr. Bob, and Pastoral Associate, Pat Dyer, our current members are: Colleen Schroder - Vice President; Nik Brodfuehrer - Secretary; Luis Clay - Temporary Secretary; Lorna Cameron, Kathy Press, Bonnie Williams, Don Williams, Tom Dinder, Brenda St. John, Cathy Cummings, Vera Andrew, Bud Dick, Mickey Dick, Madonna Hartzell, Jessie Wells, Sr. Liz Savage, Dan Korchowsky, Bob Hecklen, Tom Brodfuehrer.

In Spite of restrictions as a result of Covid, the Blessed Trinity Parish Council has been actively engaged in fostering the life of our church community. We anticipate our future and look forward to continued growth.

The Lord Bless us all as we move forward!

Palma (Pam) Zanghi
Current President

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Office of Renewal and Development

Talking Points for the Road to Renewal for Pastors/Administrators

When did the Road to Renewal begin?

The Road to Renewal began when Bishop Scharfenberger called a committee together to begin looking at how to help our Diocese move forward amidst present challenges, and respond to the COVID pandemic.

What are the objectives of the Renewal?

1. Strengthening our parishes for ministry. We must recognize that the People of God are the Church and that our parishes are the place where the people encounter Jesus.
2. Foster an encounter with Jesus in the sacraments! Every family of parishes needs to be a center of prayer, spiritual nourishment and a safe place to encounter Jesus.
3. Respond in love to the brokenness of the world, caring for the poor, vulnerable and wounded.
4. Develop a model of continuing formation of clergy and laity to help the church respond to the signs of the times.
5. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility of the gifts that have been entrusted to us as parishes and as a Diocese, making sure we are prudent stewards.

What is a Family of Parishes?

A family of parishes will be a grouping of parishes that come together to form a family. Each family will contain 3 – 6 parishes that will make up their family.

What are the advantages of the Diocese moving into the Family of Parishes model?

1. We recognize that each parish has gifts and talents that can benefit other parishes. This model allows parishes to bring their best to the family, so all parishes in the family can benefit.
2. Collaboration between parishes is important for a strong future. This model allows for a collaborative approach between parishes and ministries. Parishes can work together towards a common goal.
3. Priestly ministry becomes shared within the family. With the declining number of priests available, this model has parishes collaborate by sharing mass schedules and sacramental life. This means priests can focus their attention on sacramental ministry, working more closely with their brothers within the family of parishes.
4. Better utilization of financial resources. With parishes working together in a family, shared staff and resources will contribute to financial stability and savings.

Will parishes close?

The goal of families of parishes is to strengthen parishes! There is no plan to close parishes.

Will all of our money be taken by the 'family'?

Each parish will maintain its own identity. Therefore, each parish will still have its own name, trustees, finance council, etc. so that it can function. The assets and liabilities of a parish are the responsibility of that parish. There will not be a pooling of assets or liabilities within a family.

Please turn over.....

It seems like everything is decided, where is our input?

This process began in August of 2020. During the months of September through November people were invited to participate in discussion sessions through zoom meetings, surveys, email, phone calls. In this broad consultation process, over 2,000 people responded to questions that were forming our renewal.

The Renewal Task Force that led all of this consultation compiled all of the input and made a draft recommendation to Bishop Michael Fisher upon his appointment on how to move the Renewal forward in the Diocese of Buffalo.

Consultation continues to happen! All of the priests, deacons and lay leaders have had meetings about the Renewal in which information was shared, conversations were had and questions were asked. All of this consultation is helping to shape the rollout of the Renewal.

Consultation will continue to happen! As we move forward with the Renewal, the consultation and input phase at the parish levels is just beginning! The framework of the Renewal is shaping where we begin. The consultation of how to implement the draft proposal is the 'on the ground' work that now begins to take place in our parishes. The parishes and parishioners will be invited to come together to learn more about the Renewal, and how their parish can be strengthened by this process. Parishes will also decide what gifts and strengths they can bring to the new family, and learn where they need to grow as well.

Something must be done to revitalize our church! We are not alone in this. After consultation from other Diocese across our country, and even internationally, the Renewal and Family of Parishes is the model many other diocese are using to respond to the changing needs of the Church, while it might be called by a different name, the model we are embracing is the same. Your input and help are going to continue to be essential to make the Renewal a success!

Are all parishes participating in the Renewal?

YES! This is a Diocesan initiative that is responding to the needs of our local church. All of our parishes are part of the larger church and all of us can strengthen one another which can strengthen our Diocesan church. We are many parts, but we must remember that we are all members of the one body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12: 12- 27) '... so there may be no division in the body, but that the parts have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.'

When will we know who is in our family?

The plan is to release the draft families in July. When the draft families are released, then parishes will have an opportunity to give feedback on their family and if changes need to be made.

Are families decided and final?

The families that will be announced have been put together with much input from the task force with the consultation that was shared. The families themselves are not final, but these are recommended configurations of parishes that were believed to be a best fit for one another in a family. Again, when the draft families are released, there is an opportunity for feedback and an opportunity to change families if needed.

How do I learn more?

Go to www.roadtorenewal.org to stay up to date with the latest on the Road to Renewal! Please pray for the Renewal and encourage your parish to spend time in prayer for the Renewal.