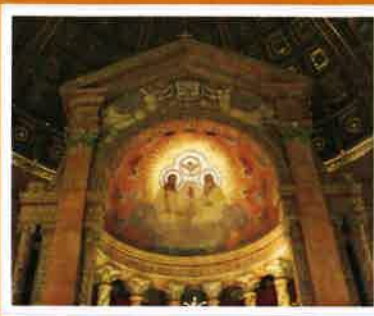


# Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 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  
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**

## 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading** Job 38:1, 8-11 (95B)  
**Psalm** Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
**Gospel** Mark 4:35-41



My simple message this weekend is OVERJOYED! It was really nice to see so many people at mass last Sunday! The opportunity to have a chance to meet and chat with more and more of you has been encouraging, enjoyable and a great opportunity to be hopeful that we can slowly – and cautiously! – begin a

path to post-pandemic normalcy and renewed parish life. I look forward to more opportunities to share in parish life with you! Hopefully, we can have an outdoor mass this summer, some coffee & pastry gatherings, and more....

**Road to Renewal** – This current diocesan process to renew our parishes and the entire Church of Buffalo will bring about many changes. Information can be found in a new section created on our parish website homepage. Also, Regular information about this process can be found at [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org)

### 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!

Happy  
Father's  
day

-- Fr. Bob

**Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC).** Your support helps the CCC spread the Gospel message and connects millions of people with Christ, here in the United States and around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for June 12/13, 2021 was \$4,012.15 which includes Catholic Communication \$104 and fuel \$110.

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**Lector for next Saturday, June 26**

*Greg Gaglione*

**Lector for next Sunday, June 27**

*Mary Kresse*

***It's not too late ... Get your Blessed Trinity Chicken Dinner Drive Thru*** tickets (June 26, 2-6pm)! They're still 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 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 in 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.

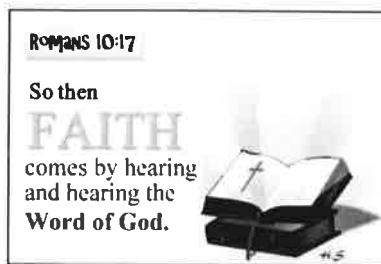
***Future of Parishes*** ~ Discussion study group on the document issued by the Vatican July 2020 is suspended until September.

***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.

***Hiding in Plain Sight*** – One of the unique features of our church is Rev. Thomas Plassman's extensive development of Christian symbolism in more than 2,000 designs, many of which relate to gospel stories. For example, if you walk down the left aisle (Stations of the Cross I – VII) toward Leroy and look above the door leading to the vestibule, you will see P. Kuhnle's ceramic relief depicting the same event described by St. Mark (Mk 4:35-41) in this Sunday's Gospel: Christ calming a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Then examine the ceramic pieces over the other 2 doorways and see if you can match them with their origin stories.



# KNOW YOUR FAITH

## Food for the Journey

My mother died in March 2001. She and my Dad were very active in the parish where I grew up and they knew the priests (yes, plural) well. A wonderful retired priest who was in residence at St. Peter's, came to their home to preside at Mass during the last week of her life. When it came time for Communion, my Dad brought a small host to Mom. I had never seen my father cry before. Not even when my grandmother died. The tears streamed. And my Mom smiled at him. Food for the Journey.

The process of the Last Rites of the Catholic Church has many parts - anointing with sacred oils, prayers, confession of sin (if the dying person is able), absolution for those sins and Communion. Many families had a crucifix which contained a set of candles which could be arranged by the bed of a dying person for the priest's visit. The final Rites of the Church are always performed by a priest. These Rites can actually be received many times, but somewhere along the way - it will be the last. But as Christians, we know that death is not an end, but a transition to a new life, though we will continue to grieve for the old. They bring us grace - relationship with God. When we let go of Mom's hand for the last time, we celebrated the new life she has with God with a funeral Mass (note that the priests and deacons will wear white vestments). After the Mass we were laughing and smiling with our memories at a reception for family and friends, a common custom.

In the fall of 2001, my Dad began dating a widow he had met at Mass. They both missed their spouses very much. My Dad called in late March of 2002 - just weeks after the first anniversary of our mother's death. He told me that he had been dating and that he was considering marriage again. Dad lived a long distance from us. He had done a lot of grieving during Mom's illness, and he had been terribly lonely - as had Madeleine. It was easier for us to pretend that nothing had changed. Dad was alone in a house that had once been loud and boisterous with a wife and five children. "I loved your mother very much, but she is not coming back for me." I sobbed, because she wasn't coming back for me either. We all grieve in our own time. And, when we are ready, we celebrate what is good and new possibilities. In the case of my parents, we celebrated that Dad and Madeleine had found each other.

Very soon, if it has not already happened, we will learn which parishes we will call our new family. We will grieve for what once was, but like our Christian funerals, we will celebrate what is to come - those things that would not be possible alone.

**The Pope's Prayer intentions for July 2021 are: Social Friendship.** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**8 Days of Hope** ~ Please sign-up to help out. Sheets will be available at the doors of the church. It is important that you indicate which days/times are better for our meeting **prior** to the event. If you'd like to be part of the "clean up the neighborhoods," you can start right now by volunteering to help around the parish. Just a couple of hours a week can make all the difference in the world.

**We Are Beautiful** ~ As part of my ongoing effort to learn more about the parish, I asked Amy Johnson to tell me a little about our involvement with Family Promise. Amy tells me that Blessed Trinity has been involved with Family Promise for some time now - and involvement is even easier than it used to be. Amy sent me to look at their website. "Family Promise is the leading national nonprofit addressing family homelessness, providing homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, workforce development, education, financial capability, health and wellness, and so much more." Their model involves prevention (Social Justice), shelter and stabilization (charity). Like other Catholic Christian actions, they aim to empower families to provide for themselves. Locally, they are situated in the City of Buffalo and work closely with other parishes. The major involvement of parishioners from Blessed Trinity is in providing items need for family meals. Here is the link to the Family Promise volunteer portion of their website, perhaps it is something you'd like to learn more about. Just ask Amy or visit the website: <https://volunteer.familypromise.org/>

**Vacation Bible School** ~ Summer is upon us and **I still need volunteers or we cannot have a Bible School this summer.** It is a 1-2 hour weekly commitment for five weeks. No experience needed, but you must be Protecting God's Children certified. Please call me any time to discuss.

--Patricia Dyer 256-2598

**Did you know Catholic Charities** offers marriage counseling to Western New York couples and has for more than 50 years? Our professional staff at the Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call 716-681-7394 Monday-Friday between 8:45am--4:45pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services we provide, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). **Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30.** To make a secure online donation, visit [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation). **HOPE for all seasons.**

**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, Pedro Zola.

Mass



Intentions

## ROAD TO RENEWAL

**Why do we need renewal now?** Our church needs to respond to the changing signs of the times and revitalize. Many factors have led us to this point and require us to renew the way we look at our parishes and how they minister to our people. The Road to Renewal is about revitalizing our parishes so that they can thrive in the future because of collaboration and cooperation. The Road to Renewal looks to bring the gifts of clergy and laity together to strengthen our mission moving forward.

**Where is Jesus in the Renewal?** The Road to Renewal means that we have to take a hard look at ways in the which our Diocese and parishes have not responded to the mission of Jesus. The Renewal must be about introducing people to Jesus Christ, inviting them to become missionary disciples and journeying with them on their pilgrimage towards heaven. Our Renewal must be about saving souls! All of us can be better at this and our Renewal will help in our efforts.

**How does the Renewal impact my parish?** Parishes are where ministry is lived. When our parishes are strong and vibrant, our church is strong and vibrant. The Renewal's focus is to strengthen our parishes by working together to develop collaboration among parishes in a family. The Family of Parishes model allows parishes to work more collaboratively and capitalize on what each parish's strengths are. When we work together we are able to accomplish more of Jesus' mission. A Family of Parishes are parishes that are grouped together with a shared pastoral plan (mission) that they work together to accomplish. By working together resources and staffing are focused on the pastoral plan for all of the parishes within the family.

**Will all parishes be affected by the Renewal?** Every parish has gifts and talents to offer. Each parish will be participating in the Renewal and will be part of a family of parishes. Since all of us are part of the Roman Catholic Church, this is an opportunity to recognize the larger church at work. When we work together, we not only share in a common mission but we make up the larger Body of Christ.

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*

Monday, June 21 11:00 am  
**Members of the Crib Donors Guild**  
*Our Lady of Victory*

Tuesday, June 22 11:00 am  
**Repose of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman**  
*Our Lady of Victory*

Wednesday, June 23 11:00 am  
**In Memory of John F. Curtin**  
*John E. Curtin*

Friday, June 25 11:00 am  
**Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, and Pfeiffer Families**  
*Estate of Mary Reilly*

Saturday, June 26 4:30 pm  
**Repose of the Soul of Mary Tuttlebee**  
*John E. Curtin*

Sunday, June 27 10:00 am  
**In Memory of Joe Slade White**  
*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 June 20-26 in remembrance of Lorraine Markus by Beverly Howard.*

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



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