

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 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

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B)
Psalm Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel Mark 6:1-6a

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FREEDOM
ring

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us all offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the liberties that we enjoy in this country. Let us rise

above what divides us and stand committed to liberty and justice for all. Let us not take for granted the freedoms that define us as a nation. Let us celebrate the common good over individual agendas. Raise a flag for democracy. Celebrate the Christian values that founded our great nation!!

Chicken Scratch –



Dinners sold – 194
Net proceeds – \$1358

Yay!

Note from the Chairperson:

Last Saturday's chicken barbeque dinner was a success on so many levels. First and foremost, the weather cooperated: local meteorologists predicted thunderstorms for most of the day. God said otherwise. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the first outdoor parish fundraiser since the Covid pandemic. To witness the willingness of so many to do whatever it took to achieve success was overwhelming. Parishioners stepped forward to plan the event, prepare the food, serve the food, assist throughout the day, and to clean up afterwards. This fundraiser was a success with a profit of \$1,358 and 194 dinners being served. Words cannot express our gratitude to all who contributed. To attempt to name every participant may result in possibly omitting one person. **You** know your contribution and so does God. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make our parish family as strong as it is. The profit from this fundraiser will certainly help the parish as a result of the loss of revenue from Bingo cancelled during the past year. The true success of last Saturday's event, however, cannot be measured financially. The true success was to witness the tremendous spirit of parishioners working together and doing so with joy. We are truly blessed!

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. This process is following a family model.

What is the Family of Parishes Model? A family of parishes will be a grouping of parishes that comes together to form a family. Each family will contain three to six parishes that will make up their family. The goal of families of parishes is to strengthen parishes. There is no plan to close parishes. Blessed Trinity has been grouped in a family with St. Lawrence, St. Martin de Porres, and Ss. Columba-Brigid parishes.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to those who responded to our parish need for volunteers to accomplish those endless cleaning and cleanup/cleanout jobs, mowing, and gardening, etc. You will be contacted as needed! 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!

---Fr. Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for June 26/27, 2021 was \$1,898 which includes Mission Co-op \$20 and Initial offering \$60.

Saturday, July 10

Lector – John Curtin

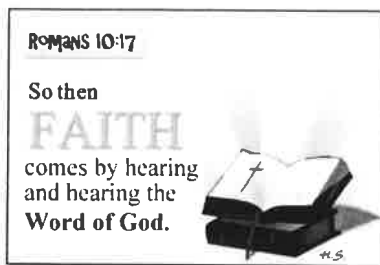
Sunday, July 11

Lector – Sr. Liz Savage & Young reader – David Iheke
Eucharistic Minister – Fidelia Ejimadu

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.

Blessed Trinity Parish congratulates parishioner and Canisius High School senior, **Benjamin Kelly**, who achieved the honor roll for the fourth quarter marking period. Our prayers and best wishes as he now begins a next and new chapter in his life!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ~ We are looking for additional volunteers to be ushers, greeters or collection counters. In you are interested, please contact Bob Heicklen or the office at 833-0301. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



KNOW YOUR FAITH

Families of Babel

When a couple marries, they make several promises to each other creating a covenant that has been likened to the covenant between God and his people. There are always at least two parties to a covenant.

It is important for us to understand that a couple marries each other before the witnesses of the Church - the priest or deacon and two other witnesses. There is always a record of this event. When God tells us that something is important, he inscribes it.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, St. Paul discusses the links between the old and new covenants (interesting, there are even two covenants without breaking the first) and refers to this, "But this is the covenant I will establish with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds and I will write them upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We are all familiar with words like "until death us do part" or "all the days of my life." I really prefer the latter language, because it reminds us that our obligation to the other ends with our death, not with theirs. Obligations like medical bills, final expenses, prayer for the deceased partner, and, most especially, caring for the children of the marriage and other family members continue. Even if the surviving partner enters into a new marriage those obligations to the deceased one do not end.

Rings are exchanged by the couple to symbolize this giving of one to the other. The giving of rings is an ancient practice and Exodus (28:11) uses a metaphor familiar to the people, "As a gem-cutter engraves a seal, so shall you have the two stones engraved with the names of the sons of Israel and then mounted in gold filigree work." And, it is inscribed.

But merging two families and creating a new one is not an easy task. Just like membership in the Body of Christ in the Church and membership in our parish community, there are rights and responsibilities. New boundaries are created (Ez 4:1 "You, son of man, take a clay tablet; place it in front of you, and draw on it a city, Jerusalem") and a strong foundation of commitment to the covenantal relationship is required. This difficulty of task is exactly the reason that God gives his abundant Grace with a sacramental marriage. This is the strength we need for all that is to come.

You've met our son, Adam, before. When he and our daughter-in-law were first married they both had long term out-of-town job commitments. Adam is a civil engineer and his graduate degree is in dirt - well, actually soil engineering. He was assigned to work on a foundation built in a swamp in the harbor of a major east coast city. Foundations are (as I learned when we had a partial basement wall collapse) the most important part of any building effort. In a marriage there must be

common goals, values and a commitment and one must invest time in the marriage. The employers of our son and daughter-in-law paid for them to travel to each other's location on weekends. A family (even a family of two) must have this foundation on which to build a shared life.

It is very much the same with a family of parishes. Although I have known for a long time that carpenter in the time of Jesus did not mean "one that works with wood," but also a builder in general. In the book that Fr. Bob and I are reading (*Divine Renovation*), the author talks about Jesus as the foundation. Indeed, God, with Jesus as our example and teacher, is the foundation needed for all that we do - in our marriages, families, places of work, neighborhoods and in our parishes. A parish may have many gifts in one area, but missing some in another. There may be many differences in culture and experience. Somehow they must learn to work together. Like spouses forming a family they draw on the strengths of each other to create a new whole. But while we are one parish, we speak the same language and have the same memories and traditions, but when we get together it is like the Tower of Babel. (Read Genesis 11:1-9.) We must somehow recognize our commonalities and learn to speak a common language.

~Look for a display and game that will be available on July 3 at the Welcome Space (parking lot entrance to the church.) There will be a prize for the first team to complete the task and bring the final product to me. Each participant of the winning team will get a bag of Blessed Trinity Blend coffee on me. Have fun!

~In our ongoing effort to get to know the ministries here, I'd like to talk about the Ministry of Greeters and Ushers. Lawler Brown has graciously agreed to coordinate this, and we thank Ed Marien for his many years of service to Blessed Trinity in this capacity. The Ministry of Greeters and Ushers are the very first welcoming presence a visitor to Blessed Trinity encounters. They make things run smoothly on the "pews" side of things by greeting people, helping them find a seat, answering questions, helping with collections and Communion, and providing a smile. If you'd like to be this presence in our community - see Lawler! He'd love to have you to help him out.

~We have suspended our scripture studies until Fall. I hope to have more people join us when we resume. Please let me know if you prefer a Zoom group or in-person one.

~Our Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook, Sunday mornings at 10am except that for one weekend each month will be on a Saturday afternoon. Check Facebook for our schedule. I will be away July 31-August 1 so there will be no livestreaming that weekend.

~Children's lessons for the summer will focus on the Miracles of Jesus and The Parables of Jesus. Get the lessons in the Welcome Space. Bring back your completed books in September and receive a special reward.

---Pat Dyer

Mass



Intentions

Saturday, July 3 4:30 pm
Birthday Remembrance for Robert Schimpf
Bud & Mickey Dick



Sunday, July 4 10:00 am
In Memory of Alice Rose Schroeder
Colleen Schroeder

NO MASS - Monday, July 5 11:00 am

Tuesday, July 6 11:00 am
Repose of the Souls of Arthur & Lillian Hildman
Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday, July 7 11:00 am
Repose of the Souls of the Betz Families
Our Lady of Victory

Friday, July 9 11:00 am
Deceased Members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds, and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Saturday, July 10 4:30 pm
In memory of Sr. Phillip Marie Cirincione, SSJ
John E. Curtin

Sunday, July 11 10:00 am
Birthday Remembrance for Bridget Blesnuk
Family

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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns July 4-July 10 in remembrance of Thomas Glowacki by his niece, Barbara Sercu.

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



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\$108 million raised for Catholic ministry in WNY. You made it possible!



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OUR UPON THIS ROCK DISBURSEMENT IS HERE

\$4,485.46

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OUR PARISH HAS RECEIVED TO **\$50,417.90**
WITH MUCH MORE TO COME AS PLEDGES ARE PAID

Thank You!



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Thank you to all who supported the Upon This Rock Campaign!

Your generosity strengthens our diocese and the future of our parish. Anyone still interested in being involved with the campaign can contact The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo at www.frddb.org.



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