

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 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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Temporary Administrator*

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Religious Education Coordinator*

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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

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First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44 (110B)
Psalms Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16. 17-18
Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel John 6:1-15

The Goal of Healthy Living – In this week's Gospel, Jesus feeds those who are starving for fullness and healthy living... physically & spiritually. As personally involved in Our Lady of Victory Human Services, a major part of the mission there is serving individuals who are starving for healthy living, yet who struggle with differing degrees of trauma. All of us experience some form of trauma. All of us are different in our abilities to negotiate trauma. Severe trauma requires the assistance of trained professionals who can help us wade through the raging and threatening waters of traumas - like distress, abuse, loss, neglect, physical harm – that can thwart personal growth and happy, healthy living. Yes, trauma takes on many forms... sexual, physical, emotional, psychological abuse... loss of a loved one due to death or separation... living in a household where active addiction of a member(s) detrimentally affects everyone and everything. I share with you a couple of short videos that may encourage those struggling silently with trauma/abuse, or to help you help someone else, to seek the help that can change lives for the better! Check out on Youtube:

How To Heal From Trauma | Theo Fleury | Goalcast
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wMIE953HbI>;
"Under The Surface" - Empathy Film
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ-pU7ozt3g>

If you are suffering from trauma, contact the parish and we will attempt to help connect you to services that will put you on the road to healing.

Road to Renewal – Recall that our diocese is beginning a process of renewal and restoration for Catholic parishes and ministries. Bishop Fisher has been meeting with groups of priests to set the stage for this process. I attended a meeting for one of those groups of priests this past Tuesday at the Catholic Center. Fr. Bryan Zielenieski, facilitator for this process, again presented the collaborative nature of the process, which will take the slow-and-steady road toward planning and implementation, to include clergy, religious and lay leadership in all phases. The process is meant to re-vision the Church of Buffalo which, based on current challenging realities (sex abuse scandal,

closure of the seminary, bankruptcy, pandemic, decreasing numbers of priests, declining memberships and attendance in our parishes, need for evangelization, engagement efforts for our youth, teens and young adults, etc.) requires being Church in very new ways. Whatever the new paradigms will be, for our Family of Parishes (Blessed Trinity, Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Lawrence, St. Martin de Porres) the challenge to create a new reality requires our faithful prayer to the Holy Spirit and intentional trust in the creative, cooperative and compromising charisms of our members. We ready ourselves to see the changing roles of our priests, deacons, religious, laity..... everyone! I recall the words of John Henry Newman, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

Regular general information about this process can be found at www.roadtorenewal.org.

Donations Needed – We are in need of a **television/monitor and DVD player** for our Faith Formation Programs. Knowing that sometimes people have these items in great working order, but are going unused in the home, we reach out to you before making this a parish expenditure. If you or someone you know would be willing to make such a donation - of one or the other or both - please contact Pat Dyer, Fr. Bob, or our parish office (716)833-0301.

–Fr. Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for July 17/18, 2021 was \$1,670 which includes Peter's Pence \$78 and fuel \$70.

Saturday, July 31
Lector – Greg Gaglione

Sunday, August 1
Lector – Palma Zanghi
Eucharistic Minister – Mary Kresse

Thank you Blessed Trinity Parish for your generous donations to Peter's Pence. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Weekend masses are livestream on Facebook and recorded service available on YouTube later in the day.

BINGO IS BACK ON THURSDAYS!



As in the past, doors open at 6:30pm with games beginning at 8pm. Unvaccinated players will be expected to wear a mask or face shield when moving about the hall. Once we have established a comfort level with our reopening plan, a

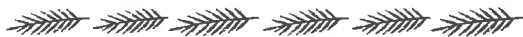
Saturday night bingo restart date will be announced. Please pass this information on to your friends and continue to watch our website and/or Facebook page for any additional updates.

Blessed Trinity Coffee Sales! Our Blessed Trinity Blend Coffee fundraiser offers a custom premium coffee, locally roasted from select coffee beans obtained from Brazil, Colombia & Honduras. Marketing strategies have been progressing as we continue to spread the word of our exciting new venture and take orders. Due to unforeseen circumstances our local roaster will hold off roasting until late August. This will delay the delivery of our orders a bit, but coffee will be forthcoming before the summer's end. Thank you for your patience and continued support!



Remember, our coffee is a unique premium blend and is not available in stores or anywhere else. It makes for wonderful gifts too! Please take an order form and offer this special coffee to family, friends and co-workers. You may make arrangements to turn in your completed form and payment to Cathy Cummings (716)892-4240. Let's make our coffee fundraiser a great success!

--Interested in volunteering? Additional volunteers to be ushers, greeters or collection counters are needed. Please contact Bob Heicklen or the office at (716)833-0301 if you are interested. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



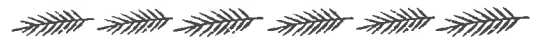
Appeal 2021 in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith officially closed on June 30. In these times of continued challenges, uncertainty and hardship even as our world begins to emerge from the pandemic, we are immensely grateful for every person who supported **Appeal 2021** – from our dedicated volunteers and parish leaders to our compassionate and generous donors. On behalf of Catholic Charities and the men, women and children we serve across Western New York, we extend a heartfelt thanks. For more information on Catholic Charities and our service and programs we provide, visit www.cwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



For the next five Sundays in Ordinary Time, we will be hearing the "Bread of Life" discourse from the Gospel of John. Liturgy preparation for musicians is difficult during this period as there are so many aspects of the life of Jesus and living a Christian life to consider over these next weeks. Planning for this period of time is as challenging as Lent or Advent for a Music Minister. There are an abundance of settings for the words Jesus speaks in these Gospels – and what better way to carry those words in your heart than to reinforce them through song!


How many different ways does Jesus refer to Himself as the Bread of Life as we journey with Him as he feeds the 5,000, walks on water, and travels to Capernaum to give us the words of eternal life? Bread for the World, Manna From Heaven, Enduring Food, Work of God – hopefully you will be singing many of the words Jesus spoke in the weeks to come as we break into the Bread of Life. If you have a favorite hymn using the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, please let me know - we may just be singing it at Mass!

--Elizabeth Clay



Confirmation classes for high school students who will be in grade 10 or above will begin in the Fall. We will be studying together with Ss. Columba-Brigid, St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres students. Blessed Trinity will be actively involved in the classes which will be held at each of the parishes. See me to register, call or email! Pat Dyer 256-2598 or patriciadyermp@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School: August 4-26, 2021. Two locations - same program! Offered Wednesdays from 11am to 12:30pm at Blessed Trinity in St. Charles' Hall and Thursdays Noon to 1:30pm at St. Lawrence in Franciscan Guest House. Scripture (old and new Testament), crafts and a snack. Register for either session. I will be at both locations. All staff Protecting God's Children trained. No charge. Register at Welcome Space or by calling Pat Dyer 256-2598. If anyone is able to prepare snacks for Vacation Bible School, it would be most appreciated.

Mass

Intentions

Saturday, July 24 4:30 pm
In memory of Roxanne Morreale
Maria Suchyna

Sunday, July 25 10:00 am
Birthday remembrances – Sara Dick and Homer Dick, Sr.
Family

Monday, July 26 11:00 am
For the intention of Lauren and Kyle Gorlick and children
Maria Suchyna

Tuesday, July 27 11:00 am
Repose of the Souls of Arthur and Lillian Hildman
Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday, July 28 11:00 am
Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Friday, July 30 11:00 am
Repose of the Souls of Arthur and Lillian Hildman
Our Lady of Victory

Saturday, July 31 4:30 pm
Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Sunday, August 1 10:00 am
Eternal Joy for Alexis Farrar
Maria Suchyna

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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a 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 at (716-833-0301).

Leroy experiences *Eight Days of Hope* – If you drove down Leroy this week, you may have seen folks eating lunch on the green space to the left of our church and multiple cars parked in our lot. Blessed Trinity was happy to assist *Eight Days of Hope*, a faith-based nonprofit based in Mississippi, and one of their many community outreach teams working this week in our city's Masten District. Together with area residents recruited through their Buffalo satellite office, volunteers spent eight days providing home repair, painting, and gardening services at 100 properties. Among the grateful recipients was a 93-year-old veteran whose Leroy Avenue home got a new paint job, as well as a resident on Marigold. Many thanks to all those who traveled here from out-of-state and the WNYers who joined them in beautifying our neighborhood.



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, Freddie White, Pedro Zola.



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