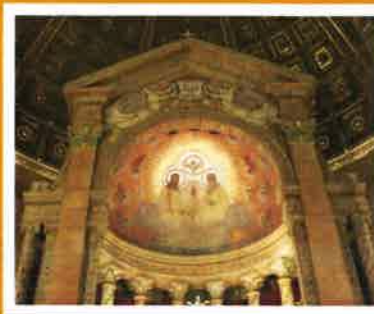


Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 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

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8 (116B)
Psalms Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading Ephesians 4:30, 5:2
Gospel John 6:41-51



The Blessed Trinity Parish community wishes to thank Fr. Innocent Diala for sharing his important message with us on behalf of the Annual Mission Appeal in our diocese. And thank you to all who contributed so generously!

Just a reminder that I am on vacation until my return August 9. Please welcome Fr. Christopher Onuoha who has kindly agreed to cover the weekend masses of August 14 & 15 for me in my absence.

50TH, 60TH AND 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES –



Couples who **celebrate** their Golden, Diamond and Platinum anniversaries of marriage are invited by Bishop Michael Fisher to a special mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 10:30am. Please contact the rectory office (716)833-0301 if you are interested in attending and renewing

your marriage vows. Pictures and a brunch will follow the Mass.

HELPING TIMON – The Timon Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a Silent Fundraising Auction on September 10, 2021 by ZOOM 5-8pm. Gift baskets, dinner certificates, sports paraphernalia and much more! A \$10 donation gets you in the room and bidding will be done via chat. Call (716)882-3360 or for more information visit www.svdpw.org.

COME & SEE – You are cordially invited to come and learn more about the permanent diaconate and lay formation opportunities at our Come and See Event. Join Deacon Tim Chriswell and representatives from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry to learn about fall classes starting at the end of August. The event is Wednesday, August 11, 6:30-8:30pm at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY. Meal will be provided. More information and registration are available at stbernards.regfox.com/comeandsee.

Join us in person for food, fellowship and formation opportunities!

--Fr. Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for July 31/August 1, 2021 was \$3,444 which includes Mission Appeal \$402, Peter's Pence \$50 and fuel \$78.

Saturday, August 14

Lector – John Curtin

Sunday, August 15

Lector – Mary Kresse

Young Reader - Simon Kresse

Eucharistic Minister – Toni Maus



In spite of the ever-changing COVID regulations throughout our community, I am hopeful we will be able to have the choir reconvene in some capacity in the fall. **Are you interested in joining our wonderful choir?** No previous musical experience is necessary - just a love for serving the Lord through music. If you think God is calling you to this service, please email Elizabeth at twosingersintune@gmail.com. I will add you to our choir distribution list as we return to the loft at Mass.

--Elizabeth Clay

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins in September. As this is our primary means of education for our children, it will be very important for them to be at mass. If children are unable to be here, lessons can be picked up the following week.

We will begin the process of welcoming those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith in September. Our team works very hard to be ready for our discussions. Anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith is welcome to participate. Discussions will take place on Sunday mornings. Please see Fr. Bob or Pat Dyer for more information.

THE ROAD TO RENEWAL

In August of 2020, then Administrator, Bishop Scharfenberger saw the need for the Diocese of Buffalo to plan for moving forward from many factors that were all impacting the Diocese and parish life within the Diocese itself. The Road to Renewal is a way for our Diocese to respond to several things:

1. ***The abuse crisis in the church, the attorney general lawsuit*** – how do we bring healing to those who have been abused and marginalized, as well as bring transparency and accountability to the church and her leadership.
2. ***Bankruptcy*** – with the financial challenges facing the Diocese, how do we ensure a continuation of the mission of the church with a renewed sense of fiscal responsibility.
3. ***Declining resources and viability of parishes*** – Parishes have seen a decline in resources and people over the past few years that has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. Parishes need to respond now for their viability in the future.
4. ***Priestly planning for the future*** – with the declining number of priests in the Diocese of Buffalo, a strategic planning process to meet the needs of the parishes in our diocese with the priestly talent pool is extremely important.

The Road to Renewal therefore is focusing on the following pillars:

1. ***Spirituality***: For any renewal to take place it needs to begin with Jesus. Jesus constantly calls all of us to renew our commitment to Him, and that message needs to be central to our Diocesan Renewal. On August 29, 2021 at 3 pm, our Diocese will kickoff this next phase of the Renewal with a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston in which parish representatives will be commissioned to be renewal advocates in their parishes. Any and all are welcome to join.
2. ***Catholic Education***: Our Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs need reimagining to embrace the needs of our children and help them receive a firm foundation for the future. A vitality and viability index for Catholic schools that includes an evaluation of the Catholicity of our schools is being developed. The faith formation programs need to include the entire family and educating all people on their journey of faith.

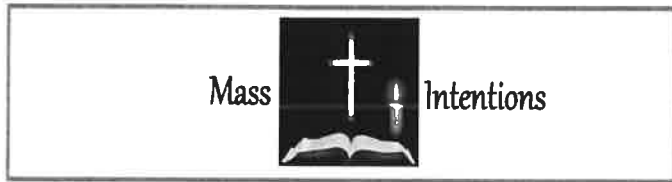
3. ***Priestly Life and Ministry***: Our Priests need love and support. A retreat for all priests is being developed to acknowledge the difficult path that priests are walking as well as fostering a spirit of healing. The Renewal also needs to assess the talents and skills that our priests bring to our Diocese and work on development opportunities for priests to continue to grow and develop their priestly skills to lead our parishes and Diocese into the future.
4. ***The Catholic Center***: The leadership of our Diocese and the departments that assist the operations and functioning of parishes needs renewal in how they can provide the best services possible to help our Diocese flourish. This will call for additional training and formation for them as they work to empower the church, parish leaders, and the people of God throughout our Diocese.
5. ***Family of Parishes***: Our parishes have an opportunity to collaborate and work together, supporting one another in building up the church. Parishes across the Diocese are experiencing diminished resources available to keep our parishes strong and vibrant. The Family of Parishes model brings together parishes in a geographic proximity that will work together, sharing resources, personnel and priests to make our parishes stronger. When parishes bring their best together, and work together, greater efficiencies can be realized. The Family of Parishes model also responds to the declining number of priests in our Diocese by creating families where priestly ministry is shared and more responsibility of the day to day operations of the parish can be carried by lay leaders.

As a reminder, we are currently in the collaborative phase of the Renewal, in which our parish leadership is discussing this family structure and deciding if the proposed families are the best fit. There will be an opportunity for all parishes to make suggestions and potentially change their family if they deem necessary. It is important to note that ALL parishes in the Diocese will be a part of a family of parishes model, because all of us have something to offer one another. The Family of Parishes model will take the 160 parishes in our Diocese and group them into 36 families.

As we move forward, please pray for the work of the Renewal. You can always find the most up to date information at www.roadtorenewal.org.

Thank you for all that you do for the people of God, and my hope is that you are taking time for yourselves to renew and refresh during these summer months.

Rev. Bryan Zielenieski
Vicar for Renewal and Development



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.



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

BINGO IS BACK ON THURSDAYS!

Doors open at 6:30pm and games begin at 8pm. Pass this information along to your friends.

Blessed Trinity Represents WNY on Virtual Statewide Tour of Churches – Many of you are familiar with the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Open House Weekend, having assisted as a docent or greeter during Blessed Trinity's participation in these annual events. After cancelling in 2020, the Conservancy has chosen to restart with a virtual tour from 6-7pm on **Thursday, August 19**. Entitled "Faith in the Empire State: Houses of Worship Across New York," the hour-long ZOOM presentation will visit sacred sites "funded and designed by residents of towns and cities from Long Island to the Great Lakes," exploring contemporary uses as well as historical significance. There is no charge to join the statewide tour, but you must register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-in-empire-state-houses-of-worship-across-new-york-tickets-163927771377> to receive the ZOOM link. (For your convenience, the link will appear on our website under "Events, News, etc." and Facebook page). We understand that BT is the only featured church from Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua counties and – unless there is a late entry from Rochester – we may be the Great Lakes congregation.



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Saturday, August 7 4:30 pm
In memory of Hattie Rumph
John E. Curtin

Sunday, August 8 10:00 am
In memory of Robert J. Kresse
By his wife, Mary Kresse

Monday, August 9 11:00 am
Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Tuesday, August 10 11:00 am
Repose of the Souls of Arthur and Lillian Hildman
Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday, August 11 11:00 am
Eternal Joy for Adam Glowacki
By his daughter, Barbara Sercu

Friday, August 13 11:00 am
Mother's Day Intention
Resurrection Church

Saturday, August 14 4:30 pm
In memory of Bernita Heffern
John E. Curtin

Sunday, August 15 10:00 am
In memory of Elizabeth Duffy
Duffy Family

† 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.