

# Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 26, 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**

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<b>First Reading</b>	Numbers 11:25-29 (137B)
<b>Psalms</b>	Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
<b>Second Reading</b>	James 5:1-6
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Blessed Trinity School Alumni Weekend

Blessed Trinity Alumni Weekend was filled with many happy memories of days-gone-by, the rekindling of friendships, catching up, meeting other BT alumni, sharing our Catholic faith in prayer and worship! It was a wonderful time of celebration of our history, our present, and our hopes for the future. Thank you to all who made this occasion possible and special! Thanks to all alumni who were present last weekend and to all who continue to support this parish!

### October – A Month Highlighting Catholic Respect and Defense for all Life

Recall our Gospel reading last weekend where Jesus says that those who receive a child receive Him and who receives Him receives not Him but the One who sent Him. Today, the scourge of **human trafficking** continues to make the lives of some children a hellish slavery. They are laborers and often sex objects. Read paragraph 4 of Pope Francis' statement for World Day of Peace, 2015, "No Longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops operates an anti-trafficking program that includes the **Amistad Movement**, named after the Amistad slave ship, site of an 1839 revolt that eventually resulted in freedom for the Africans who had been seized. The Movement offers awareness programs and training to immigrants to help them avoid becoming trafficking victims.

The **International Institute of Buffalo** is reaching out for support in welcoming, soon, **Afghani evacuees** to our City of Good Neighbors. Please visit the website <http://www.wnyrac.org> if you are interested in helping. There you will find ways to volunteer, donate goods, gift cards, money, assist with housing, etc..... Catholic Charities is a member of the WNY Refugee and Asylee Consortium (WNYRAC) support this effort.

### Free to a Good Home

There is a small, portable computer desk, a long wood computer or writing desk (desk without drawers), an end table, and some decorative craft cages and wiring material in the rectory garage for anyone who can use them. See Fr. Bob.

### The Right Tools Make All the Difference in the World

Our parish lacks some good workshop supplies and tools. If anyone has extras, that you would consider

donating, they would be greatly appreciated. A tool cabinet on wheels and workshop organizers are also needed.

--Fr. Bob

## ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

**Blessed Trinity Stewardship** – The total offertory collection for September 18/19, 2021, was \$4,181 which includes Catholic University \$3, All Saints \$3, All Souls \$3, World Mission \$3, Campaign for Catholic Education \$146, and \$220 for fuel.



**Saturday, October 2**

**Lector: John Curtin**

**Sunday, October 3**

**Lector: Sr. Liz Savage**

**Eucharistic Minister: Fidelia Ejimadu**



**Earthquake In Haiti** ~ Our second collection Sunday 9/26 is for the humanitarian, long-term recovery and church needs arising from the earthquake in Haiti. Please open your hearts and give generously.

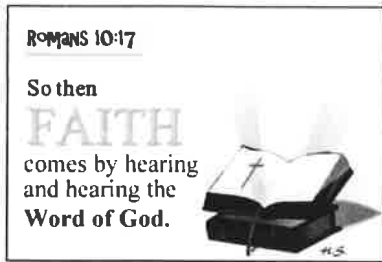
**Ladies Sodality Meeting and introduction to the life of Frances "Mother" Cabrini is next Sunday, October 3**, in St. Charles Hall, immediately following the 10am Mass. We hope to see you there.

**St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's** annual Open House is Sunday, October 17 from 10am-3pm. All prospective students and their families are invited for guided tours of our entire campus. Contact the Admissions Center at 716-874-4953 for more information.

**In celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Buffalo Association of the Ladies of Charity, a Mass of Thanksgiving** is being offered by Bishop Michael Fisher on Wednesday, September 29 at 4 pm at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna.

**Special Needs Families are on a very particular faith walk.** Jesus is closest to His most vulnerable and He calls us to see Him in them. **The Catholic Special Need Families of WNY** has been created to connect and support families in our community. We are families who worship and celebrate together and we invite all to join us. Please reach out to join our mailing list at [stewart626@me.com](mailto:stewart626@me.com) to get connected to resources and events. We will have a Zoom chat on Thursday, September 30 at 7 pm.

**Deadline to register for the Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, October 24 at 10:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo, is Friday, October 1; contact the rectory 716-833-0301 to register.



# KNOW YOUR FAITH

## Created in his image .... Part Two

It is hard to believe that people who once cared for each other are now threatening or physically harming each other. Or that someone who once held a great job is now unemployed, a healthy partner now is ill and unable to work or care for himself. We strive to prevent these situations, but when they happen we need a place to obtain help.

Sometimes it is possible to prevent family disruption. Two common causes of family disruption are medical and financial crises .... Who can help?

### Family counseling and drug addictions:

- Emergencies and threats of suicide 716-834-3131.
- Parent Child Interactive Training Disruptive children ages 3-7 Best Self 716-994-0888.
- Counseling services Msgr. Carr Center 716-895-1033, Spectrum Human Services (Drugs and serious behavior problems) 716-884-5797, Child & Family Services 716-842-2750, Horizons (Addictions) 716-831-1800.

### Housing crises:

- Urban League (Foreclosures and Evictions) 716-881-4622.

### Domestic Violence:

- Family Justice Center 716-862-HELP (4357).
- Urban League (Legal and housing) 716-881-5622.
- Haven House Shelter - 716-884-6000.

We throw away so much food, while others go hungry ... Where do we turn for help? **Food emergencies and other food needs:**

- **Catholic Central Food Pantry** (*That's us!*) Wednesdays from 9:30 AM -1:30 PM in St. Charles' Hall.
- **St. Lawrence Food Pantry** 716-896-0047 for an appointment -- Thursdays and Fridays. *Delivery may be available for those without transportation.*
- **Catholic Charities Food Pantries** - several locations - 716-332-1168.
- **WIC** pays for nutritious food for pregnant and nursing women and children under five - 716-218-1484 ext. 2154.

### Counseling and other mental health services:

- **Catholic Charities** - multiple offices [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org)
- **Msgr. Carr Center** - 716- 895-1033.

**When you see a refugee** resettling in this country, they are coming from an entirely different society. Our values may be different. Many refugee parents are afraid that if their children are not perfect, they will be sent out of the country. Others feel so safe here, that they do not follow the same safety precautions that you and I would follow - bicycles on streets. Going out alone at night. They may live in crowded apartments. Understand that these circumstances are so much better than what they had. Try not to judge them, but know where help can be found. What services are available?

- Catholic Charities Resettlement Program.
- Jericho Road Ministries.
- International Institute.
- Journey's End.

### Clothing and furniture:

St. Vincent de Paul Society and their parish based affiliates can help with many of these things.

### Meals:

- St. Luke's Mission of Mercy.
- Response to Love Center.
- City Mission.

### Emergency housing:

- City Mission.
- Salvation Army.
- Department of Social Services.

**Long term housing** – talk to the Urban League, Belmont Shelter or ask about Section 8 housing assistance.

### Understanding racism:

Get on #OneBody's email list and attend some (or all) of their events. Sometimes they have prayer services and presentations, and other times they have group discussions about books, magazine articles, and videos. Interested? Talk to Althea Porter.

You may be interested to know that **Catholic Charities also has a Parish Outreach Program**. We might have a couple of volunteers who would like to look into that. Another option is to participate in Compassion Ministry Training with the CCCB. What other questions do you have? Coming soon! Support groups available. Violence prevention, tutoring, chronic illness, and mental health.

- **Children's Liturgy:** October 3 during the 10 AM Mass.
- Six session video series on the **Jewish Roots of the Parables of Jesus** - Faith Formation classroom in St. Charles' Hall 6:30 PM starts September 28.
- **Intergenerational Session** will be at St. Lawrence Parish, 1520 East Delavan, Buffalo, on October 19. Please try to be there. All ages and a simple meal will be included. We want a good turnout when it is our turn in the spring. Signup sheets are available at the entrances of the church. Please be kind and register as food and other materials will be needed.

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**Know Your Faith cont'd.....**

- Adults Only: **Wine and Cheese Movie Night and discussion.** MUST be over 21. No charge. October 29 at 6:30 PM, **Zookeeper's Wife.** I will be your host at Ss. Columba-Brigid (75 Hickory). Donations to cover costs are appreciated.
- **Respect Life Movie Night:** (14 and older - sorry no wine this evening) **Entertaining Angels.** October 8 at 6:30 PM in the Clinic Waiting Room, Franciscan Guest House at St. Lawrence. Snacks available.

-Pat Dyer

**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

**Stress in Your Marriage?** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). All calls are confidential.

**Has your financial situation changed because of the pandemic?** If so, you may now qualify for the Women's, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including income chart, visit [www.ccnw.org/WIC](http://www.ccnw.org/WIC). To connect with services, call 716-218-1484. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccnw.org](http://www.ccnw.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

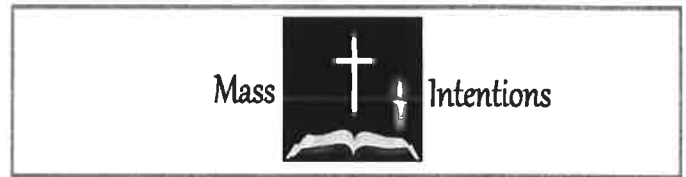
**Weekend masses - livestream on Facebook;  
recorded service available on YouTube  
later in the day.**

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Saturday, September 25 4:30 pm  
**Eternal Joy for John F. Curtin**  
Family

Sunday, September 26 10:00 am  
**In memory of Mabel Callahan Galu**  
Robert J. Kresse Family

Monday, September 27 11:00 am  
**Mother's Day Intention**  
Resurrection Church

Tuesday, September 28 11:00 am  
**Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families**  
Estate of Mary Reilly

Wednesday, September 29 11:00 am  
**Mother's Day Intention**  
Resurrection Church

Friday, October 1 11:00 am  
**Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families**  
Estate of Mary Reilly

Saturday, October 2 4:30 pm  
**In memory of Elaine Plotycia**  
Harry Plotycia

Sunday, October 3 10:00 am  
**In memory of Judy Casassa**  
Blessed Trinity Ladies Sodality

**Mass is the highest and greatest form of prayer ~**

Contact the office to request a Mass  
for yourself, your loved ones,  
or for any intention. The stipend is \$15.

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



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns for one week to commemorate a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one.**

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



# St. Joseph

## Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,  
help us to  
imitate your  
faithful trust and  
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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