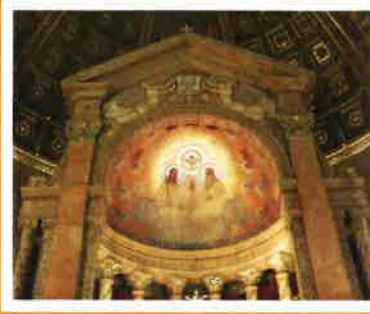


Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 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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First Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B)
Psalm	Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10:17-30

Columbus Day * Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday will celebrate both of these holidays. Along with remembering the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492 we also must acknowledge its impact on Indigenous Peoples and the contributions of indigenous people in our country to this day. Check out this article in the Smithsonian Magazine that encourages us to rethink how we celebrate this day: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2020/10/12/indigenous-peoples-day-updated2020/>. A blending of the best of both remembrances should be a lesson for our living.... Together!

October! Respect Life Month, Month of the Holy Rosary, St. Joseph – Defender of Life

A month packed with *LIFE!* Consider this prayer during your daily time with the Lord:

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,

welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that, as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

RENEWAL LEADERS NEEDED!

"HERE I AM, LORD! IT IS I LORD!"

Renewing the Diocese of Buffalo requires skilled leaders to move the Renewal Initiative forward. Now is the time for parishioners who have the needed skills and talents to demonstrate their discipleship by offering their time and talents.

The Renewal needs: ●Faith Filled People who want to share their love of Jesus ●Project Managers ●People with Organizational skills ●IT experts ●People with strong Communication skills ●Leaders/Managers ●Facilitators/Teachers

So, if you have a:

- Passion for the church
- A few hours a week to give God and His people
- Desire to participate in the renewal of our diocese

Please send a note describing your qualifications to: renewal@buffalodiocese.org - or mail to:

Office of Renewal
795 Main St.
Buffalo, NY 14203

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 October 2/3, 2021, was \$2,228 which includes Haiti Relief \$25, Catholic Education \$100 and \$3 for fuel.

Saturday, October 16

Lector: Greg Gaglione

Sunday, October 17

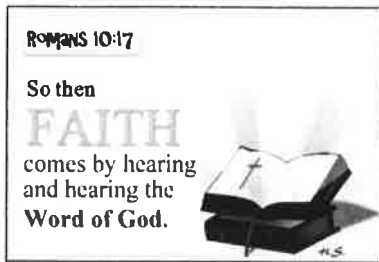
Lector: Maggie Gatson

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Maus



Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled Sunday, October 10, after mass in St. Charles Hall.

Brother Sun, Sister Thea – A Celebration of the Franciscan Life and Legacy of Sr. Thea Bowman through the Art and Stories of Br. Mickey McGrath – on Tuesday, October 5 at 4 pm via Zoom. Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman is one of six African-Americans who are on the path to Sainthood in the Catholic Church. Join Br. Mickey as he shares his own paintings inspired by her life and tells the stories behind them. From her childhood in pre-Civil Rights Mississippi to her adult years as an inspiring teacher and evangelist, Sr. Thea's life offers us a beautiful ray of light and a hope-filled glimpse into the future Church. Questions? Contact Jeff Papia at jpapia@hilbert.edu.



KNOW YOUR FAITH

I will bring you home....

With sincerest apologies to Elizabeth Clay, the tune I've been hearing all week did not come From the Loft - at least I have not heard it recently. It came to mind following a recent encounter. It was 10:45 PM on a Saturday evening in late summer when two boys about 16 came running through and out the front door of the church. "See," the pastor exclaimed. "God didn't strike you dead for going into a church." I was reminded of this comment when I heard the words, "I almost didn't come. I was afraid of what God would do to me, because of the things that I have done." Those words could have been spoken by any of us. We are all sinners. All children of God. Each of us called by name. We've all been ashamed at one time or another. If only we would listen. None of us must live in the shadows, without light. There is forgiveness, we've only to ask. Our church is not a place to avoid. It is a place to run toward the Father who loves and forgives and guides us. Didn't Jesus promise before he ascended to heaven to send His Spirit to be with us - even to the end of the age?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is there for us, whenever we ask. Before approaching the Sacrament, we need to examine our consciences and admit our sins. Acknowledging our sinfulness is the first step. The priest is one of the "outward" signs of the Sacrament. It is not the priest who forgives us, but God who does so. A priest has learned to give a Penance that will help us to to avoid sin in the future. If you've forgotten the mechanics and need some guidance of the "HOW TO" sort - just ask; we'd be happy to go over what to do with you. Reconciliation is available to us on Saturdays before Mass, by appointment and during special services at times such as Advent and Lent

"You are mine" was written by David Haas. Here is an excerpt from the hymn that I've been hearing this week:

"...Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me. I will bring you home. I love you, and you are mine. I am strength for all the despairing. Healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see. The lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Do not be afraid. I am with you..."

-Pat Dyer

- **Children's Liturgy:** Note change due to Confirmation! November 14 during the 10AM Mass.

- **No meeting** for Jewish Roots of the Parables of Jesus on October 19 Resumes October 26 at 7 PM.
- **Intergenerational Faith Formation** - Our Family of Parishes has planned special Faith Formation evenings. The first session will be at St. Lawrence Parish (1520 East Delavan) on October 19. Supper at 5:45 PM. All ages and family sizes (even families of ONE) are encouraged to attend. Please be kind and register by Oct. 10 as food and other materials will be needed.
- **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. Please - if you need babysitting call Pat Dyer at 256-2598 or Paula Hunt at Ss. Columba-Brigid.

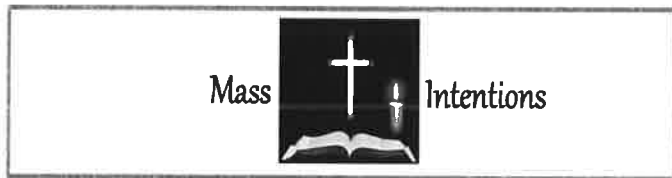
Sodality Service of Remembrance – Because of a scheduling conflict, the Ladies Sodality's annual Service of Remembrance will be held following Mass on Sunday, November 14, rather than on November 7 as originally announced. **Please mark your calendars** and join us in celebrating the lives of seven members who have passed since November 2019.

The Development Department at Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to serve on the Community Division Committee! This is a great opportunity to make an impact in your parish community. Also, a great way for students to volunteer for community service hours. This committee meets monthly via Zoom to provide fundraising ideas and assistance with their annual Appeal. If interested or you would like more information, contact Ellen at ellen.piper@ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400, ext. 2030.

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance addiction, consider this your sign to reach out for help. Catholic Charities Substance Use Treatment Program in Buffalo can help. The outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. For more information www.ccwny.org/addiction. To begin the referral process, call Central Intake at 716-895-1033. Also, counseling for individuals and families is always available at our neighborhood offices across WNY. For more information on Catholic Charities and other service and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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.

**Weekend masses – livestream on Facebook;
Recorded service available on
YouTube later in the day.**



Remember in our prayers all who are sick, especially parishioners ~ Sr. Ann Helene, Naoma Allen, Thomas Andrew, Yvonne Andrew, Bernice Bradley, Dr. Robert Connelly, Anthony Hartmann, Madonna Hartzell, Sionen Laciura, Marilyn Lang, Shirley Parks, Fr. Reger, Mary Ellen Roach, Janeva Tabb, Freddie White, Pedro Zola

Saturday, October 9 4:30 pm

† In memory of Elaine Plotycia
Harry Plotycia

Sunday, October 10 10:00 am

† In memory of Jean Marien Heubusch
Bud & Mickey Dick

Monday, October 11 11:00 am

Mother's Day Intention
Resurrection Church

Tuesday, October 12 11:00 am

† Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Wednesday, October 13 11:00 am

† In memory of Tony Fest
Resurrection Church

Friday, October 15 11:00 am

† Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Saturday, October 16 4:30 pm

† Birthday remembrance for Apolonia Glowacki
Barbara Sercu

Sunday, October 17 10:00 am

† In memory of Helen Gegelys
Robert J. Kresse Family



Altar Relics – Did you know that every altar where the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered contains relics of saints or martyrs? At Blessed Trinity there are two sets, each of which is enclosed in a marble altar stone within one of the altars. Relics of St. Stephen (3rd century pope and martyr), Ss. Charles Garnier and Gabriel Lelamant (Jesuit missionaries martyred by the Iroquois in 1649), and two other martyrs, Ss. Justus and Celestine, are sealed in the church's original altar where the tabernacle is located. The Altar of Sacrifice where Father celebrates Mass contains relics of St. Isaac Jogues (Jesuit missionary to NYS martyred in 1644), St. Elizabeth Seton (first saint born in the U.S. to be canonized), St. John Neumann (missionary to WNY before becoming bishop of Philadelphia), St. Pius I (2^d century pope who was born a slave), St. Irenaeus (2^d century bishop of Lyons, France who died a martyr), and two other martyrs about whom little is known: Ss. Benignus and Vincentius.

CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL – EVENTS & DATES

Open house for prospective students & families on Sunday, October 17 & Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Limited registration & pre-registration required. Parents may reserve an Open House visit time at canisiushigh.org/openhouse.

Entrance exam tutorial course Register at canisiushigh.org/examcourse.

Entrance & Scholarship exam - Tom Weislo, Director of Admission, weislo@canisiushigh.org or 716-882-0466 x205.

For additional information, visit www.canisiushigh.org



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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns October 10-16 for intentions of Sr. Ann Helene by Colleen Schroeder.

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