

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 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](#)



SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE
OCTOBER 28

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 Jeremiah 31:7-9 (149B)
Psalm Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 10:46-52

When the Saints Go Marchin' In~!

This past Wednesday evening, our Family of Four Parishes gathered to learn, share and celebrate our Catholic faith for our first Intergenerational Faith Formation gathering. The focus of the evening centered on "Who are the Saints?", the lives of the saints, and the impact of a saintly life. This was a wonderful preface to our upcoming celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. St. Lawrence Parish hosted the evening and there were parishioners from all 4 parishes present spanning the spectrum of age, race and parish. After a simple sub sandwiches supper, Mary Weisenburger did a brief talk on Saints. Then, there was an activity session for the children while the adults had a faith-sharing opportunity... all about Saints! I was so pleased that members of our BT faith community were represented. Stay tuned for announcements of our next Intergenerational Faith Formation opportunity to take place during the season of Advent.

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

A month packed with LIFE! Consider visiting <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>.

WE PROCLAIM THAT HUMAN LIFE IS A
PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD; THAT
EACH PERSON WHO RECEIVES THIS
GIFT HAS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD
GOD, SELF AND OTHERS; AND THAT
SOCIETY, THROUGH ITS LAWS AND
SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, MUST
PROTECT AND NURTURE HUMAN
LIFE AT EVERY STAGE OF ITS
EXISTENCE.

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WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY - This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Please support the missions with your prayers and generous offerings in our second collection.

Tool Time Thanks!



Special thanks for the box of tools that was donated last weekend! The assortment was perfect.... Screw drivers, wrenches, hammer, drill, sander and so much more. Our parish lacks some good workshop supplies and tools so these will come in real handy. Additional tools always welcome. If anyone has a tool cabinet on wheels and/or workshop organizers they'd be willing to donate, these items would be greatly appreciated.

-Fr. Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for October 16/17, 2021, was \$2,123 which includes World Mission \$5 and \$56 for fuel.

Saturday, October 30

Lector: John Curtin

Sunday, October 31

Lector: Mary Kresse

Eucharistic Minister: Fidelia Ejimadu

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

All Souls Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 2, at 7 PM.

On Saturday, October 30, Explore Buffalo will once again be bringing visitors to tour our church. This is the first indoor tour being offered by our docent team since December 2019. If you have any friends or relatives who you believe might enjoy this experience, please encourage them to make a reservation for the 2-3:30pm tour at <https://explorebuffalo.org/calendar/>. Although there is a minimal charge, a portion is returned to our church.

The Ladies Sodality will hold a special Service of Remembrance following Sunday Mass on November 14 to honor members who have passed since the Sodality was last able to hold this event in 2019. We will be praying for and recalling the lives of *Lucille Venezia, Mary Pauly, Lucy Jackson, Cathy Gress, Marian Bleyle, Judy Casassa and Judy Collado*. If you are unable to attend, Mickey Dick is hoping you will call 716-832-2540 or write her by November 7 and share a memory of your experiences with any or all of these women of faith.



Read any good books lately?

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to talk with a group of young people preparing for Confirmation. Our conversation turned to the topic of a popular anthology consisting of 72 books filled with mystery, intrigue, crime, punishment, and lots of rules, love and lust, pride, power, insurrection and persecution with about 40 different authors, in different literary styles (prose, poetry, song, history, allegory) written over one-and-a-half to two millennia and compiled during the fifth century CE (Common Era, aka AD.) These stories were often repeated in the oral tradition. Followers met in "church" homes and listened to the stories. From this tradition came the written documents.

Some of those authors are well known, like Saul of Tarsus whose letters are a bedrock of early Christian belief and practice. After his miraculous recovery from being struck blind on the road to Damascus, he struggled to prove his place as an apostle and changed his name to Paul. Paul founded many communities, and his letters reflect the difficulties those communities had. Did you know that Paul traveled over 3,000 miles, likely much of it was on foot, though there is also some sailing. Perhaps Moses (thought to be the author of *Exodus*) who described the exciting chase of the Egyptian soldiers who were consumed by the dramatic parting of the Red Sea would appeal to you. If you liked *Narnia*, you will love *Revelation*. You might be a little tired of all the bad news on CNN, Fox etc. If so, read the *Good News (Gospels) of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and The Acts of the Apostles*. Here you will read about life overcoming death and good triumphing evil, and the Spirit overcoming fear.

Of course, you know that we are talking about the Christian *Bible*. If you were to attend daily Mass for three years without missing a day, you would hear all of the *Bible* read. So, why (besides the exciting stories) do we read the *Bible*? The *Bible* is important to us, because God reveals Godself to us through inspiration of the authors who wrote for particular people in a particular time and in a particular language, yet the words have much to say to us today. Reading the anthology we call the *Bible* requires some good background information so you might want to buy a study *Bible*. What's different here is that you get the information that you need to understand the people and the times in which the stories take place. The type of story will also be explained. Sometimes we see things that are easily misinterpreted without this background information. For example, you may think that people lived literally hundreds of years longer than they do today or that the number of God's people who are to be

saved is limited to just over twice than the number attending a sold out Bills' game.

The apostle Philip encounters an Ethiopian who wants to know more about God, "Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him." (Acts 8:30-31.)

You may be wondering what ways there are to get into the *Bible*. You could join a Book Club. We usually call those scripture studies. They often use a guidebook, so you can do them on your own. But, you will may find deeper meanings and insights if you meet with others who also have questions. Currently, there are two scripture studies in our Family of Parishes, though there will likely be more. One considers the weekend readings and is held before Mass at Ss. Columba-Brigid every week. The other is held here at Blessed Trinity. Currently, we are studying the Jewish Roots of the Parables. There are three more sessions to be held on Tuesday evenings in St. Charles Hall at 7 PM (10/26, 11/9 and 11/16). Following that, we will have a Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke starting in December every other Tuesday.

Snowstorms are a great time to get into a good book. This year, make it **THE GOOD BOOK**. (Ask for a study *Bible* for Christmas.)

-Pat Dyer

This week in our Family of Parishes **October 26-31**

Tuesday: 11/26

Jewish Roots of the Parables 7PM BT Hall

Wednesday: 11/27

Food Pantry 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM BT

BINGO 12:30 PM STL Doors open 11 AM

Thursday: 11/28

Food Pantry 9 AM - Noon STL

BINGO 8 PM BT Doors open 6:30 PM

Friday: 11/29

Food Pantry 10 AM - Noon STL

Wine and Cheese Movie Night ***The Zookeeper's Wife***

6:30 PM C-B

Saturday: 11/30

Planning for funerals, wills, etc. Light breakfast served.

10 AM C-B

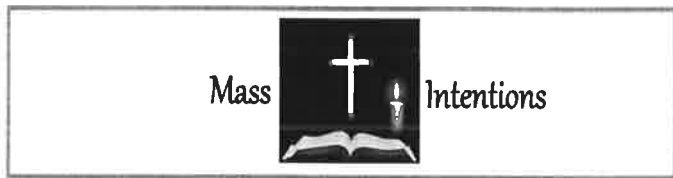
Sunday: 11/31

Confirmation Class Sunday 6:30 PM SMdP

*BT – Blessed Trinity; C-B – Columba-Brigid;

STL – St. Lawrence; SMdP – St. Martin de Porres;

Free Event! A Holy Conversation About Race presented by Marianne E. Partee, Ph.D. on **Sunday, November 7**, 11:30 AM-1 PM, St. Joseph Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. How race is central to our life identity and circumstances will be addressed. Registration at mccarthy2937@aol.com or 716-881-2897.



Saturday, October 23 4:30 pm
 † Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Sunday, October 24 10:00 am
 † Eternal Joy for Bridget Blesnuk
Family

† In memory of Mrs. Juliana Uchenna Akuwudike
Fidelia Ejimadu

Monday, October 25 11:00 am
 † In memory of Tony Fest
George and Carol Mervan

Tuesday, October 26 11:00 am
 † Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Wednesday, October 27 11:00 am
 Mother's Day Intention
Resurrection Church

Friday, October 29 11:00 am
 Mother's Day Intention
Resurrection Church

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

Sunday, October 31 10:00 am
 † In memory of Harold and Marjorie Colligan
Robert J. Kresse Family

† In memory of Cortez Wells
Bob Hecklen

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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns for one 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.

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. Stipend is \$15.

Advent: Re-Imagining Hope with Barbara Shanahan will be a spiritual reflection on the Old Testament scripture used during Advent focusing on application to the ebb and flow of our lives today. Registration is not required. Tuesday November 30 at 6:30 PM in St. Charles Hall.

Not easy to talk about: Planning for a Funeral? We can help you! On Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10 AM at Ss. Columba-Brigid 75 Hickory St we will have a light breakfast before discussions on planning your Life Celebration, covering topics such as your Funeral Mass, finances, wills, and final burial.

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

Beginning October 24 you must dial 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. After 10/24 local calls dialed with only 7 digits will not be completed. You must hang up and dial again using the 10-digit number.

Did you know? Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents or caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a "business" relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are being held virtually and are available to individuals throughout WNY. Ready to connect? Call 716-896-6390. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnw.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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