

Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 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	Genesis 2:18-24 (140B)
Psalm	Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading	Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

Parish Council News!

With gratitude, congratulations to Luis Clay who was elected the new President of our Parish Council! Our parish is blessed in such members who step up to lead us and chart a course forward. Special thanks to Pam Zanghi, out-going President, and to Nik Brodfuehrer, out-going Secretary, for their dedicated service and heart for Blessed Trinity. Please offer your congratulations or thanks as you see these parish members. More Parish Council News in coming weeks.

Blessing of Pets



Fr. Jud extends a warm welcome to any and all pet owners for the Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Animals, Saturday, 10AM at Ss. Columba-Brigid, 75 Hickory Street, Buffalo, 14202

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

Second Collection Reminder - Respect Life Sunday, October 3. Please consider your second collection to support our Diocesan ministries that directly have served over 1,500 families at the 5 locations of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers and the Mother Teresa Home.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Haiti earthquake relief fund.

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

The Ladies Sodality will meet in St. Charles Hall immediately following Sunday Mass, October 3. Their program will feature a group discussion regarding the life and work of St. Frances Cabrini.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed Trinity Stewardship – The total offertory collection for September 25/26, 2021, was \$1,642.50 which includes Haiti earthquake \$97 and \$60 for fuel.

Saturday, October 9

Lector: Lorna Cameron

Sunday, October 10

Lector: Bob Heicklen

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Kresse

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.

We thank the Blessed Trinity School Alumni for their generous financial support of the parish's Under This Roof Fund. A representative of the alumni committee presented Father Bob with a \$5,000 check for the fund at the reception following their September 19th Memorial Mass

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

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.

In August, OLV National Shrine & Basilica celebrated 100 years since the cornerstone was laid and blessed...but that was just the beginning! Over the next five years, the Centennial Celebration will honor the Shrine's first century and blaze a bold, vibrant path for the next 100 years. The celebration's theme is All Are Welcome and we invite everyone to attend our upcoming centennial events and be re-inspired by one of WNY's most revered places. On Sunday, October 3 at 3 pm, renowned organist Roland Martin brings his musical talents to OLV Basilica, performing the works of Eric Satie, Paul Manz, and more. On Thursday, October 7, we invite you to attend the annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Victory Mass at 12:10 p.m., which is a must for OLV's many friends, benefactors, parishioners and employees. If you have any questions about OLV's upcoming centennial events schedule, contact the rectory at 716-828-9444.



How exciting to have had a movie on the life of St. Frances Cabrini filmed in our beautiful church! This week we will begin using Kevin Keil's Mass of St. Frances Cabrini during the Liturgy, one that has been used at Blessed Trinity only once before.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, born Maria Francesca Cabrini, was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Maria Cabrini was the youngest of thirteen children, only four of whom survived to adulthood. She was determined from her childhood to make religious work her life's vocation. After teaching in Italy in Vidardo (1872–74), she was appointed supervisor of an orphanage in Codogno (1874). In 1877 she took her vows and changed her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier, the patron saint of missionaries; soon after, she became known as Mother Cabrini.

She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880, which served orphans and offered a day school. She traveled across the ocean with a small group of sisters for the United States in 1889 and worked with neglected Italian immigrants. She became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1909 and established 67 houses—one for each year of her life—in such cities as Buenos Aires, Paris, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro. She also founded several schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

Kevin Keil brings more than 40 years of experience to his sacred music ministry. A talented organist, pianist, guitarist, cantor and music director, he is also a prolific composer of instrumental and vocal pieces. After serving Catholic parishes in the Cleveland, Ohio, area for three decades, he took his ministry to The Colony, Texas, for a time. He has a bachelor's in music from Cleveland State University and a master's in church music and liturgy from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. After many years in Ohio and Texas, Mr. Keil now lives in Tampa, Florida and is music director at Christ the King Catholic Church.

In 2010 he wrote the Mass of St. Frances Cabrini.

Mr. Keil has composed many beloved songs for worship, including *One Spirit, One Church, One Love Released, See Amid the Winter's Snow, All Good Gifts* and *Signed by Ashes*. He also teaches workshops on composing and arranging liturgical music as well as repertoire building for the choir and assembly.

Throughout this Mass setting Kevin Keil has masterfully woven together a series of recurring chants in the

Gregorian tradition with melodic themes that are easy to learn and easy to remember. It was arranged to suit the needs of any size parish, offering memorable tunes in a meditative setting. As we learn more about the life of St. Frances Cabrini, may we form a deeper connection to Christ through this classical, contemplative Mass setting and remember her example of caring for the people who needed her most.

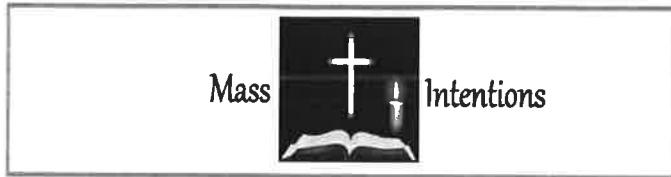
-Elizabeth Clay

“Prayer Partner” Request – Mickey Dick reports that she had a recent phone conversation with Helen Roddy Gray. (At age 96, Helen may be our oldest parishioner). Helen is doing well but really misses being able to attend Mass and sing with the choir, which she did faithfully prior to COVID. She asked Mickey to say hello to everyone who remembers her and promised she will “say a prayer for you if you will say one for her.” If you would like to contact Helen, her address is: Helen Roddy Gray, Bristol Village, Rm. 409, 8455 Clarence Center Rd, Clarence Center, NY 14032.

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Did you know that the 3 stained-glass rose windows in our church represent mysteries of the Rosary? Symbols of the Joyful Mysteries predominate in the left transept window above the mural of Mary. The figure at the top is Our Lady of the Rosary, and St. Dominic – the great promoter of the Rosary – appears at the bottom. The Glorious Mysteries are represented in the right transept window. The image of Our Lady of Fatima appears at the top, and the three children to whom Mary appeared at Fatima are pictured on the sides and at the bottom. Symbols of the passion, representative of the Sorrowful Mysteries, are found in the choir loft window, together with King David and his harp and St. Cecelia, patroness of musicians.

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.

Did you know...Catholic Charities offers marriage counseling to WNY couples and has for more than 50 years! Our professional staff at the **Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center** in Cheektowaga specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call 716-681-7394 Monday-Friday between 8:45 am-4:45 pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
October 2 through October 10 for intentions
of Maryellen Kloss by Sr. Liz Savage.**



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

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

Monday, October 4 11:00 am
In memory of Grace Schaefer
John Curtin

Tuesday, October 5 11:00 am
Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

Wednesday, October 6 11:00 am
Mother's Day Intention
Resurrection Church

Friday, October 8 11:00 am
Deceased members of the Ryan, Reilly, Reynolds and Pfeiffer Families
Estate of Mary Reilly

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

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 for students grade 8 will be held three Saturdays leading up to the entrance exam. Course dates October 30, November 6 and November 13 from 9am-11:30am. Classes are small and focus on individual attention. Register at canisiushigh.org/examcourse.

Entrance & Scholarship exam for students grade 8. All prospective applicants for Class of 2026 should take the Catholic High School Entrance & Scholarship Exam on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Students must register to take the exam by completing an application for admission. Call Tom Weislo, Director of Admission 716-882-0466 x205 or weislo@canisiushigh.org.

**For additional information, visit
www.canisiushigh.org**



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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DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 2021

My Dear Diocesan Family,

This year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Respect Life Program will be focusing on St. Joseph as a defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians.

We know that we live in a world full of threats to the sanctity and dignity of human life. However we also know that through prayer, education, responsible citizenship and pastoral care of all human life, especially the most vulnerable and in need of our love, we transform our society into a culture of life; we know that all things are possible in Christ. We can protect the unborn, serve those faced with disabilities, care for the sick and dying, and stand against violence, and we can do so with compassion, charity and justice.

We celebrate October as Respect Life Month, but we are reminded all year round of the sacredness of life and the joy of love. Our Office of Pastoral Ministries, the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers, the Mother Teresa Home and the Project Rachel Ministry along with our pastors, parish Respect Life Coordinators, and members of our "Vine and Branches" committee stand ready to implement this program and partner with each of you in defending and celebrating human life. Together we commit ourselves to the sanctity and dignity of all human life at all stages, through our Office of Pastoral Ministries.

Through prayer and through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, we can know and love God better and open our hearts to all human life. In Pope Francis' Day for Life Greeting, he reminds us "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

I invite and encourage each of you to consider attending a Unified March & Respect Life Mass at 9:00am on Saturday, October 2nd at St. Mark's Church, 401 Woodward Avenue, Buffalo, held by The Knights of Columbus, Office of Pastoral Ministries and 40 Days for Life. This is also a reminder to please consider your second collection at your parish to support our Diocesan ministries that directly have served over 1,500 families at the 5 locations of the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Centers and the Mother Teresa Home.

Be assured of my prayerful and grateful best wishes as together we work to promote all life and to "Live the Gospel of Life."

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." ~ **St. Gianna Beretta Molla** ~