

# Blessed Trinity Parish

317 Leroy Avenue - Buffalo, New York 14214



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

*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.*



Rev. Robert L. Gebhard, Jr.  
Temporary Administrator

Ms. Patricia Dyer  
Pastoral Associate  
Religious Education Coordinator

Ms. Elizabeth Clay  
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CONFESSIONS	Saturday, 4pm
BIBLE STUDY	Every other Monday
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



Anton Raphael Mengs, S. Pietro predica dalla Cattedra, 1767, Hermitage, San Pietroburgo

### 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

Catholic Central Food Pantry - 350 Dewey Avenue

Every Wednesday 9:30am - 1:30pm

716-800-1075



## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (81C)  
**Psalm** Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
**Gospel** Luke 6:27-38

### **COVID-19 Update: February 10, 2022**

Diocesan Mask Mandate for Worship lifted on February 9, 2022. New York State announced its mask mandate would be eliminated February 10, 2022 for many indoor settings.

### **Masks Optional for Worship**

At this time, masks are now optional for all participants in liturgies held in Catholic churches and worship spaces located in the Diocese of Buffalo based on prevailing guidance from health officials and/or an individual's doctor or other medical professional. Masks may continue to be worn at the discretion of the individual. Out of pastoral concern, the safety of others should always be considered when making this choice.

Ministers of the Eucharist should continue to wear masks when distributing Communion for the protection of the vulnerable and those who may not be able to be vaccinated. While Communion on the hand is still preferred in this precautionary time, to receive on the tongue is permissible. Priests and Eucharistic Ministers should have hand sanitizer nearby should contact be made with someone receiving in this manner to ensure safe reception for all.

### **Holy Water Fonts/Stoups**

Holy Water may be reintroduced in fonts and stoups at the discretion of the parish. The water in the fonts should be changed regularly.

### **Visits to the Sick in Hospitals/Medical Facilities**

If you are going to visit a parishioner or loved one in a hospital, nursing home, or other similar setting, be sure to first check the policies of an individual location, as mask mandates may still be in place.

### **Faith Formation Programs**

Faith Formation programs and other parish gatherings can follow their own local guidelines for masks.

*A printout on further Covid 19 update details can be found at each door of the church.*

### **Movers & Shakers**

Many thanks to those who helped move some furniture in and out of the Rectory this past Tuesday ~ Drew & Nick Brodfuehrer, Darvan Draper, David Jenkins, Roy Laciura,. After many ideas on how to carry the furniture, and some real challenges squeezing the furniture "through the narrow door" (Lk 13:22-30),

minds were put together and the task at hand occurred with no serious injuries! I am especially grateful to the faith community here for your constant willingness to lend a hand when needed.

### **The Meaning of Radical Love**

We hear these words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke this weekend, "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." As we experience the many degrees of tension, violence, and disregard for human life and dignity in these times, might we all commit to a personal act of Radical Love - in the confidence of Jesus ways of embracing enemies, hate, curses and mistreatment - in attempts to heal, transform and restore our world. Building the Kingdom is not easy work but certainly needed and rewarding in the end.

### **Upcoming Road to Renewal Survey**

Gratitude to our parish Road to Renewal representatives – Colleen Schroeder & Pat Dyer – who are our bridge to the happenings of this process in our diocese. This weekend they bring us the latest update as it refers to the survey that will be conducted in the next weeks. I encourage everyone to seriously consider and commit to taking the survey that will assist the Church of Buffalo in its plans and goals for future spiritual restoration and renewal.

*-Fr. Bob*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS .....**

**Blessed Trinity Stewardship** – The total offertory collection for February 12/13, 2022, was \$1,948.25 which includes \$70 for fuel.

**Saturday, February 26th**

Lector: *Greg Gaglione*

**Sunday, February 27th**

Lector: *Palma Zanghi* & Young Reader: *Grace Iheke*  
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 will have a Taizé Prayer Service for Renewal** immediately following the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, March 12. This service is a beautiful reminder that we are dependent upon God. Please join us.

**Ladies Sodality Dues** – Membership chair Mickey Dick thanks those members who have paid their \$5 annual dues for 2022 and beyond! If you're not one of them, payment by March 6 would be greatly appreciated. You can do so in person on Sunday or mail them to her at

2549 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214. Checks payable to: "Ladies Sodality of Blessed Trinity." Timely payment allows us to keep our membership roster and telephone tree up to date. Membership is open to all women of the parish, and new members are always welcome. We hope to resume in-person meetings in the spring.



**We have a rich musical tradition at Blessed Trinity**, and I am constantly struck by music dating back to the beginning of the Catholic Church as well as new gems composed just a few years ago. Isn't it wonderful that we get to listen to centuries of music while we are at Mass?

Today's Offertory hymn, *You Gather In the Outcast*, called out to me after listening to Father Bob's homily last week. This hymn was written by Scot Crandal in 2011 using a text by Genevieve Glen, one of the Benedictine Nuns of the Abbey of St. Walburga. Scot Crandal is the Director of Music at the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist in Portland, Oregon, and has worked at Oregon Catholic Press for several years, both as a music editor and music development coordinator, in charge of submission and arranging. A contemplative nun of the Abbey of St. Walburga in northern Colorado, Sister Genevieve Glen is a highly regarded retreat leader, author, poet and composer of hymn texts. At St. Walburga, she serves as Director of Oblates, offering guidance to Lay Christians who are affiliated with the monastery for the purpose of living out Gospel values according to the ancient Rule of St. Benedict.

As we delve into the Sermon on the Mount, it's wonderful to sing music that was created by contemporary disciples. It reminds us that Christ's words continue to resonate in our hearts.

*You gather in the outcast,  
The wretched and the sore.  
From every street and city,  
From every home we pour.  
You lay your hands upon us,  
You heal the wounded soul,  
You raise the crushed, disheartened,  
You make the broken whole.*

*You dwell among the lowly,  
The poor and those who mourn.*

*To you we bring the suffering,  
To you we bring the torn.  
You meet us with compassion,  
You mend the hurt we bring,  
You give us hope and harbor,  
You make the sad heart sing.*

*You shoulder all the burdened,  
The fallen and the lost.  
For you, none is too heavy,  
For you, no bar the cost.  
Your care is never wearied,  
Your love is never still,  
Your watch for us unsleeping,  
Unwavering your will.*

*You welcome all the hungry,  
The thirsty and the weak,  
In you we find all fullness,  
In you is what we seek.  
You lay the feast before us,  
You bid us come and eat,  
But, oh, before you serve us,  
You kneel and wash our feet.*

-Elizabeth Clay

**No gift to Appeal 2022 is too small.** In fact, each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts. More funding means more services, like affordable and accessible mental health counseling and basic needs assistance, for those who need it most. Your donation helps strengthen and empower thousands of individuals across the eight counties of Western New York. Visit [www.ccwny.org/donation](http://www.ccwny.org/donation) or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321 to make a gift to Appeal 2022.

**Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools.** New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28. The average scholarship is \$1,500 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716-854-0869, ext. 1.



**Remember in our prayers all who are sick**  
especially parishioners Sr. Ann Helene, Naoma Allen,  
Thomas Andrew, Bernice Bradley, Jerry Gallisdorfer,  
Anthony Hartmann, Patricia Hartinger,  
Madonna Hartzell, Sionen Laciura, Marilyn Lang,  
Toni Maus, Shirley Parks, Fr. Reger, Mary Ellen Roach,  
Janeva Tabb, Freddie White and Pedro Zola.



Mass



Intentions

Saturday, February 19 4:30 pm

† In memory of Rita E. Curtin  
Family

Sunday, February 20 10:00 am

† In memory of Julie and Richard Kresse  
Robert J. Kresse Family

† Eternal Joy for Bob Lukasik  
Mary Karlis

Monday, February 21 11:00 am

† In celebration of the life of Dorothy Prystawski  
Angela Jost

Tuesday, February 22 11:00 am

Mother's Day intention  
Resurrection Church

Wednesday, February 23 11:00 am

† In memory of Edmund Kozlowski  
Gregory Allgrim

Friday, February 25 11:00 am

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

Saturday, February 26 4:30 pm

† In celebration of the life of Joel Johnson  
Angela Jost

Sunday, February 27 10:00 am

† In memory of Janet Pombrio  
Patty

† Eternal Joy for Morris Heicklen  
Bob Heicklen

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



**The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for  
benefactors of Under This Roof.** If you are  
interested in memorializing a loved one or special  
occasion, please contact the rectory at 716-833-0301.

**VANDERCHER & DICK**

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**2549 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14214**

**716-832-0150**

**Homer H. Dick, Jr., Blessed Trinity Trustee**

## **This week in our Family of Parishes**

**February 21-27**

**Monday: February 21**

7PM Bi-Lingual Rosary (Spanish/English) via Zoom.  
Click link on **CB** website

**Tuesday: February 22**

4PM Bible Study via Zoom from **BT**. Link on Faith Formation  
page of website

**Wednesday: February 23**

9:30 AM—1:30 PM Food Pantry **BT**

12:30 PM BINGO **STL** Doors open 11

**Thursday: February 24**

9 AM—Noon Food Pantry—Volunteers needed! Many  
different jobs available—some without client contact.  
Call 716-896-0047 **STL VMI**

4—6 PM Silent Vigil open for private reflection **BT**

Need a little peace, quiet, and restoration? You are  
invited to join us!

5:30PM Family of Parishes First Reconciliation/First  
Communion classes begin **BT** in St. Charles Hall

8 PM BINGO **BT** Doors open 6:30 PM

**Friday: February 25**

10 AM—Noon Food Pantry **STL VMI**

## **Looking Ahead!**

**Our Movies resume in April** to avoid Friday evening conflict  
with Stations of the Cross.

**Our Lenten Journey** begins March 2. Join us for Masses on  
Monday evening & Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Penance Service April 4. Support Catholic Relief Services  
through **Rice Bowl**. Complete schedule available next week.

**Intergenerational Faith Formation** will be held at **SMdP**  
during Lent. Dates next week.

**Immediately following 4:30PM Mass** on Saturday, March 12,  
we will have a Taizé Prayer Service for Renewal at Blessed  
Trinity. This service is a beautiful reminder that we are  
dependent upon God. Please join us.

**Fundraisers:** **SLVMI** is collecting soft goods (cloths and  
household items like blankets) for its clothing ministry. Items  
exceeding our needs are used to raise money for our  
ministries. Contact Luke Dyer 716-909-0800.

## **Family History answers:**

- ✓ Who had the first live-streamed Mass in the diocese?  
*Blessed Trinity.*
- ✓ Name two parishes in our Family that had fires burn their  
church buildings. *Ss. Columba-Brigid and St. Lawrence.*
- ✓ Which parish patron was the first Black American Saint?  
*St. Martin de Porres.*

## **Our weekend Mass schedule**

**BT** Saturdays 4:30PM & Sundays 10AM

**CB** Saturdays 4PM & Sundays 9AM (Spanish) & 11AM Last  
Sunday of the month: Bi-Lingual 10AM

**SMdP** Sundays 8AM & 9:30AM

**STL** Saturdays 4:30PM & 10PM & Sundays Noon

\***BT** – Blessed Trinity; **CB** – Columba-Brigid; **STL** – St. Lawrence;

**SMdP** – St. Martin de Porres; **SLVMI** – St. Lawrence Vineyard

Ministries Inc; **FP** – Family Promise

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