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Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p. m.
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 p.m.)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Other times by appointment

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners to take ownership for the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.

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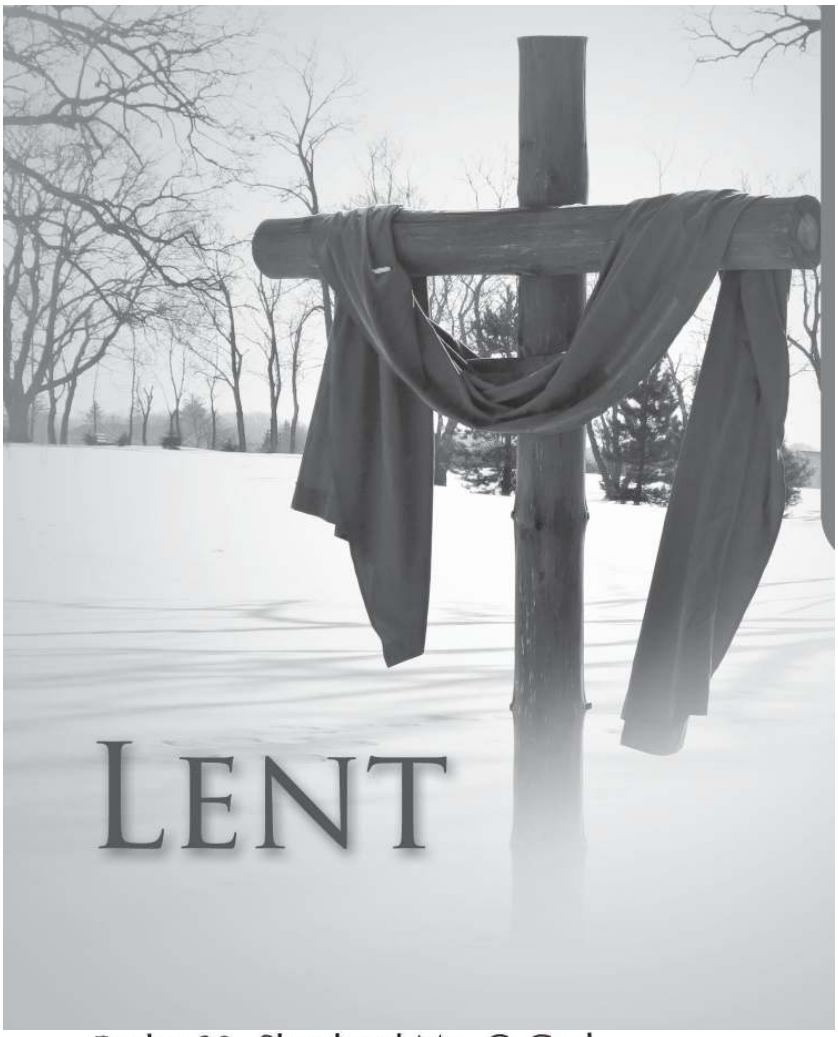

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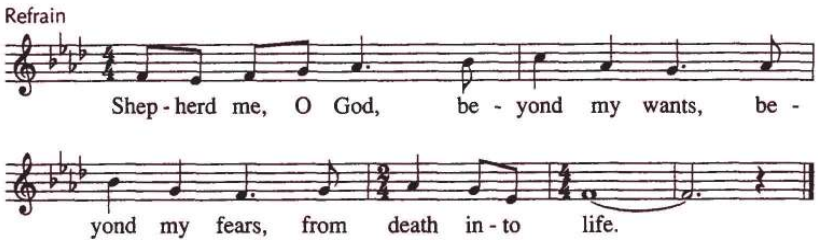

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FROM FATHER DOUG'S DESK

Plotting our Future

The arrival of March means that winter will soon be over. People are starting to think about spring. Some will head to their closets and start to ready clothing for our spring clothing giveaway. Others will begin to clean their garden of leaves and twigs. A few wise ones will think further down the road and ask, "What is different now? What needs to change?"

We will be looking at our parish in a similar light this spring. We will be cleaning up the yard, recycling used goods and preparing the community garden and edible forest for producing. But we should also ask the question, what is different now? What needs to change?

When we look at our buildings, we see that they are used frequently and often. In the last six years, the Joseph Center has been repurposed as the Bountiful Basement, meeting rooms, bereavement meals, baby showers, E.Cot testing and more. The second floor is rented out. That building is a blessing for so many.

But what about our property? We have more of it than we need. Gone are the days when children gathered to play baseball or football on the field. Today that field sits mostly unused except for the occasional person who brings their dog to exercise. That is not a bad use of the property, but is there a better use?

To give you an idea of the amount of land we have, the edible forest is about four tenths of an acre. This is just the area enclosed with a fence. It does not include the area where the walnut, pecan and hazel nut trees are planted. That still leaves an acre and a half of property that is largely unused. So the question arises, what might we do with that land, now that the children are gone, to make better use of it.

Some may say, just leave it. It gets mowed and it looks nice. It is a nice green space in the neighborhood. Others find it a tempting place to do "doughnuts". More than one car has gotten stuck in the mud there.

Perhaps the area could be sold for housing. When was the last time a new home was built in our neighborhood? Perhaps it could be plowed and corn planted. That would be a lot of corn. If it grew, it would feed the entire parish for a month. We could add some sunflower plants to attract birds and provide color. I am kind of leaning in that direction. But there may be other ideas. Let us not be afraid of the future. Let us continually reflect on how this spring can be an opportunity for our parish to grow.

Holy Week begins March 20. It is the holiest time of the liturgical year. On Palm Sunday we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper. On Good Friday we recall his death for our salvation. At the Easter vigil we celebrate new life and welcome the RCIA candidates into the faith. Plan on being present at all four of those sacred liturgies. They are beautiful, moving, and powerful rituals that connect us to the divine in us all. In a special way I want to encourage you to attend the Easter vigil on March 26 at 9:00pm. It is the most beautiful liturgy of the year. Come and welcome those to be baptized into our faith at that Mass.

Think ahead! Send in your bulletin notice requests for all Sunday bulletins as soon as possible. Make sure to clearly include the bulletin date in the subject line for each notice sent. If possible, send notices in an attachment.

A Clothing-Give-Away is being planned for Sunday, April 24th. We hope you will participate by donating usable clothing and toys. The Give-Away event works like this: all items for donation will be brought to Fogarty Hall April 24th. Disciples will be needed that day to sort donations. At noon the doors will be open to the public and anyone can take home with them all that they can use--for free! More details along with disciple sign up sheets coming next month. For now, save the date – and begin looking through your closets and drawers to plan for what you might be able to donate.

Bingo volunteers needed. Two or more volunteers are needed to work in the bingo "bank" to reconcile the sale of instant tickets. If you are available from 5-10 on a Thursday and/or Saturday evening, Please call the rectory.

The Bountiful Basement provided food for 1,013 people in January and 897 in February.

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! Dine with us in Fogarty Hall on Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. Generous portion dinners ($6 - $13)served 5:30 -7:30pm. A large a la carte menu is also available. For carryout call 216-941-0457 after 6pm.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

gracesamarin@att.net

Vote for our Fish Fry! cleveland.com readers have nominated our fish fry as a possible "best of" contender in Northeast Ohio! Voting will continue through **March 10 at noon**. Tell family and Friends. We can vote once a day at the following link:
http://www.cleveland.com/best/2016/02/vote_now_for_the_best_fish_fry.html

Money counters needed. Would you be interested in helping count the loot? Disciples are needed once a month to count the collection. If willing and able and called, contact Fr. Doug.

Lenten Come To the Quiet Mini-Retreat. Join us Saturday, March 19 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Joseph Center for a quiet Lenten mini-retreat of reflection and prayer. The program will be led by parish member Mike Reiling. Information and a sign-up sheet are on the back table in church. There is no charge for this gathering.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday 2/28	$5,901.55
Special Gifts	$1,025.00
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Please pray for:

Bill Amos, Dorothy Arcuri, Thomas Ausnehmer, Adele Burke, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Trevor Badiu, Norman Brindza, John Darmstadt, Jean Delattre, Nicole Dukles, Martin Patrick Dugan Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Bill Eikens, Doris Fiorelli, Donald Flanagan, Athena Ford, Mary Gladis,Frances Globokar, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Kathy Hanrahan, Xavier Hart, Kenneth Haught, Ann Jones, Kathleen Kwasniewski, Ed Kenny, Laurie Kemer, Patrick Kilbane, Bob Koch, Dick & Marge Kovachik, Sr.. Josetta Marie Livignano SND, Chris McAvinue, Kathy McAvinue, Terrence McDonnell, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Tony Miller, Andrew Needham, Jose Ortiz, John Pelcic, Anna Prokop, Laura Radca, Lewis Rapp, Madeline Repko, Ron Ruble, Judy Runyeon, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Loretta Sanders, Peggy Schade, Debbie Shavorinski, John Sheehan, Marilyn Simmons, Therese Slenscak, Cristina Snodgrass, Kevin Thompson, Pete & Teri Thayer, Paul Vanni, Patricia Warmuth, John & Rita Warmuth, Jay Yesenko

Please pray for all who are serving in our military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- Robert A. Fago (Army) son of Tony & Shirley
- Raymond Gustavo Hazelton, Staff Sergeant, US Marine Corps, brother of Cristina Snodgrass

If you are admitted to a hospital, and would like to have your parish notified or have a staff member or the chaplain visit you, you must tell them that you are Catholic and would like a visit. Privacy laws prevent the hospital from asking you.

May the peace of Our Lord be with
Richard Evans,
And may God grant comfort to his family and friends.

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, March 6

9:00 am—10:45 am	CGS Atrium Level 1 (Atrium)
9:00 am—10:45 am	PSR Grs.1—3 (Atrium)
9:00 am—10:45 am	PSR Grs.4—6 (Rectory Basement)

Monday, March 7

9:30 am—10:30 am	Legion of Mary (Church)
3:00 pm—4:00 pm	Public Peace Witness (BT Grounds)
7:00 pm—8:00 pm	SVDP Society (Rectory Library)
8:30 pm—9:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday, March 8

9:30 am—12:00 pm	Bountiful Basement
7:00 pm—8:30 pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing (Rectory Living Room)

Wednesday, March 9

5:00 pm—6:45 pm	Bountiful Basement
7:15 pm—8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
8:00 pm—9:00 pm	AA Meeting (Joseph Center)

Thursday, March 10

9:30 am—12:00 pm	Bountiful Basement
11:00 am—12:00 pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
5:00 pm—11:30 pm	Bingo (Fogarty Hall)
6:00 pm—7:15 pm	Bell Choir (Church)
6:30 pm—9:00 pm	Women's Faith Sharing (Joseph Center)

Friday, March 11

5:30 pm—7:30 pm	Fish Fry (Fogarty Hall)
8:00 pm—10:00 pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Saturday, March 12

12:30 pm—1:30 pm	Adaptive Sacramental Prep (Joseph Center)
5:00 pm—11:30 pm	Bingo (Fogarty Hall)

THANK YOU, BUT NOT NOW. Berry containers and small plastic containers that you have been donating are used for summer harvest in the Community Garden -- August/September. We will appreciate your donations again at that time. Until then, please recycle.

A Prayer Request We are asking for the involvement of the parish community during this Lenten Season to pray for those who are entering their final weeks of preparation for sacraments of initiation. Four adults and one youth will celebrate Baptism and/or Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Five youth will celebrate their First Communion on April 3rd. Please pray daily for their growth in faith. Prayer cards are available to take with you as a reminder of your prayer commitment. Let us do our part to support these members of our parish family.

WORSHIP

Saturday, March 5
3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41
9:00 am Michelina Hardcastle (Fred & Dee Ialacci)
11:00 am Joseph Barber (Wife)

Monday, March 7
11:00 am Bridget Cooney (Thomas Cooney)
@ West Park Rehab & Neuro Ctr, 4387 W 150th St

Tuesday, March 8
8:30 am Amalia & Alberto Pirozzoli
(Rosa Pirozzoli & Family)

Wednesday, March 9
8:30 am William Schwab (Arleen)

Thursday, March 10
No Mass

Friday, March 11
8:30 am Michael Mata (Antonio & Jenny Mata)
9:00 am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12
3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Jennie Pavick (Pavick Family & Rose McDonald)

Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn11:1-45
9:00 am Blessed Trinity
11:00 am Matilda Rapelewski (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Nature's Way has the following employment opportunities: Morning opener 6:15-10:15, **Kitchen help** 7:00 - 11:00 , **& Bus Driver** 7:15 - 9:30/ 2:15 - 4:15. All positions are Monday - Friday. **Requirements** include High School/GED and Fingerprinting is also required. Stop in @ 14010 Puritas to fill out an application. Need more information? Call 216 -671-0572 .

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