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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 am–8 pm

Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am–5:00 pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)

Saturday: 1:00–3:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 am

Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00–3:30 pm

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.



Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain II



In his days jus - tice will flou - rish;



in his days full - ness of peace for - ev - er - more.

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From Fr. Doug's Desk...

Epiphany, Our Bulletin Cover

Epiphany is usually framed as “revelation to the nations”, so that the good news of God in human flesh is available to all the people of the earth, not only the nation in which Jesus was born. The traditional way of understanding the wise ones who come to pay homage to the baby born in Bethlehem is that there must have been three, for three gifts are named, but also that they represented the known regions of the ancient world; Asia, Africa and Europe.

What Janet MacKenzie (the artist) has done here is to invite us into yet another awareness of what it means that Jesus is born for the whole world. All of humanity is represented in these figures: yes, women! by whom all come into the world – and also children and elders and those who were probably outside the normal experience of those kingly figures.

There is yet a deeper invitation in the image, one that holds on the ancient characterization of Wisdom as God's co-worker, present from the beginning as God's master craftsman. It's an invitation to see Wisdom as a trinity, not unlike Rublev's – even with echoes of their staffs (of office?) in the background. The light of a star offers hope in the twilight, perhaps promise of a coming dawn, but certainly assurance of enduring God-with-us.

The figures themselves are restful, at peace, focused on the immensity of this moment, at peace on the journey inward. One figure gazes out at us, and invites us into the midst of this beloved community. Jesus himself seems to be peering out from under one eyelid. It's not quite clear whether he is sleeping or about to awaken. How often do we meet God like that? A tiny invitation, met and accepted, may awaken us into full awareness of the presence of God.

The three wise women bless in different and complementary ways. One extends a hand with a slim stem of wheat, one watches, and the third seems to be in deep contemplation. Mary herself has wrapped the child in red garb, and seems to bear the burden of a growing youth lightly, for this is no longer a newborn.

Where do we meet and acknowledge and bless God in our midst? That is the largest challenge Epiphany presents. It seems most often to be about finding God in the unexpected and surprising. Some are not able to see the invitation and see it as offensive. God, born to a poor, unwed and homeless mother in an occupied land offends many who seek a king who rules by force and images the power of the world. A God in human flesh who consorts with the unworthy and the unclean does offend. Yet that very offense is an invitation to look more closely. What is going on here? What is this strange thing, this burning bush that Moses investigates, or this teacher that Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see?

This image gives us evidence of Wisdom still at work, at God's side, creating a world of which humanity has dreamed from its earliest remembrance. The hopes of the world are gathered in the young one, who is being grounded and surrounded and nourished by Wisdom. The world still waits for the fullness of renewed creation, but it does not wait in vain. We have seen, and we continue to see, God's surprising possibility in our midst.

Will we be courageous enough to recognize God's presence, stand vigil with the newborn and the dying, and cry out for the light? The invitation will meet us again where we least expect it. May God bless the next encounter.

Today's reflection was written by Katharine Jefferts Schori. We are blessed to have this piece of artwork by Janet MacKenzie grace our church walls.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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

- * Robert A. Fago (Army), son of Tony & Shirley
- * Gunny Raymond Gustavo Hazelton (US Marine Corps), brother of Cristina Snodgrass
- * Brook Robinson (Navy), son of David & Michelle and grandson of Dolores Coleman
- * Kyle A. Riley (Air Force), nephew of Robert Hollowell
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- * James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons

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May the peace of our Lord be with
Susan Zedella
And

Richard Stein, brother of Pat Thacker

And may God grant comfort to their families and friends.

During the month of January the Haiti Committee will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste (any size), floss and cash donations for a dental clinic in Haiti. Donation containers will be available at the church entrances or you may drop off your donation at the rectory.



SAVE THE DATE: NIGHT AT THE RACES, SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2018.

Come out to enjoy this night of racing, great food, and lots of fun. Ticket (\$20) includes food and beverages (beer, wine, pop, water). Proceeds will help meet parish expenses for the coming year. Even if you cannot attend, your purchase of a race horse (\$10) can help

make this a successful fundraising event! Tickets and horses on sale after all Masses and at the rectory. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the back table in church. **Volunteers** mark your calendars: planning meeting Tues., Jan. 16, 2018, 7p.m., Fogarty Hall.



\$8 DINNER NIGHT JAN. 13th, 5 – 6:30p.m. Chef Andrew Needham will be preparing corned beef potato pancakes with sour cream and home-made applesauce. (vegetarian option available) If you want to secure your plate, reserve your prepaid dinner after Masses this weekend. Disciples are needed for set up, serving, and clean up. Sign up at the back table to volunteer or contact Katie Corbett.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, January 7

9:00am—10:45am	CGS Level I (Atrium)
9:00am—10:45am	PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
9:00am—10:45am	PSR Grs 4-6 (Rectory Basement)
11:00am—12:00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:10pm—1:30pm	Confirmation Preparation (Joseph Ctr)

Monday, January 8

9:30am—10:30am	Legion of Mary (Church)
8:30pm—9:30pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday, January 9

9:30am—12:00pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm—8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing (Rec. Liv. Rm)

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

9:30am—12:00pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
11:00am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
6:00pm—7:30pm	Bell Choir (Church)

Friday, January 12

8:00pm—10:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
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Saturday, January 13

9:30am—11:00am	Haiti Committee Mtg. (Joseph Center)
5:00pm—6:30pm	\$8 Dinner Night (Fogarty Hall)

PAPER RECYLING Plan ahead: Bonus Days the week of **Jan. 15 -19.** Blessed Trinity receives an additional \$5/ton. Thank you for helping the earth and our parish!

Holy Name Society Meeting: Our Guest Speaker on Tuesday Jan 16th @ 8pm will be Rev. Jason Thompson from the West Park United Church of Christ sharing with us about the history, structure and such of the West Park United Church of Christ. All Women and Men are welcome.

Retrouvaille Weekend – January 19-21, 2018 - A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.



WORSHIP

Saturday, January 6 (1 Jn 5: 5-13; Mk 1: 7-11)

4:00pm Charles Boehmer (Mary Lou Murray)

Sunday, January 7 (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am William Schwab (Arleen Schwab)

Monday, January 8

No Mass

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am Madeline McMahon (Family)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30am Helen Josi (Family)

Thursday, January 11

No Mass

Friday, January 12

8:30am Walter & John Zavada (Family)

Saturday, January 13 (1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10:1

Mk 2:13-17

4:00pm Madeline McMahon (Family)

Sunday, January 14 (1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a,

17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

9:00am Jean Delattre (Men's Ministry)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.....Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go online to: www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call (330) 305-9963. Upcoming date: February 16-18, 2018 in Richfield, Ohio.

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