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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

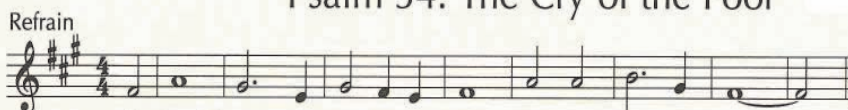
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 34: The Cry of the Poor



The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

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From Fr. Doug's Desk...

St. Bartolome de las Casas

You may not have heard of this saint of our church. We tend to ignore Latin America focusing on European saints and European history. Here is a little about one of the most famous saints of Latin America (along with Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres).

Bartolome de las Casas was a 16th-century Spanish historian, social reformer and Dominican friar. He became the first resident Bishop of Chiapas, Mexico and the first officially appointed "Protector of the Indians". His extensive writings, the most famous being *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, chronicle the first decades of colonization of the West Indies and focus particularly on the atrocities committed by the colonizers against the indigenous peoples.

This work which, by his request was not published until after his death, is an account of all that had happened in the Indies just as he had seen or heard of it. Rather than a chronicle, it is a prophetic interpretation of events. The purpose of all the facts he sets forth is the exposure of the "sin" of domination, oppression, and injustice that the European was inflicting upon the newly discovered peoples. It was Las Casas's intention to reveal to Spain the reason for the misfortune that would inevitably befall it when it became the object of God's punishment. He wrote:

"Of all the infinite universe of humanity these people (the Carib and natives of Latin America) are the most guileless, the most devoid of wickedness and duplicity, the most obedient and faithful to their native masters and to the Spanish Christians whom they serve. They are by nature the most humble, patient and peaceable, holding no grudges, free from embroilments, neither excitable nor quarrelsome. These people are the most devoid of rancor, hatreds, or desire for vengeance of any people in the world. They are also poor people, for they not only possess little but have no desire to possess worldly goods. For this reason they are not arrogant, embittered, or greedy".

"Yet into this sheepfold, into this land of weak

outcasts there came some Spaniards who immediately behaved like ravening wild beasts, wolves, tigers, or lions that had been starved for many days. And Spaniards have behaved in no other way during the past forty years, down to the present time, for they are still acting like ravening beasts, killing, terrorizing, afflicting, torturing and destroying the native peoples, doing all this with the strangest and most varied new methods of cruelty, never seen or heard of before, and to such a degree that this Island of Hispaniola, (now the Dominican Republic and Haiti) once so populous having a population that I estimated to be *more than three million*, now has a population of *barely two hundred persons*."

"The island of Cuba is nearly as long as the distance between Valladolid and Rome, it is now almost completely depopulated. San Juan and Jamaica are two of the largest and most productive and attractive islands both are now deserted and devastated. On the northern side of Cuba and Hispaniola lie the neighboring Lucayos comprising more than sixty islands including those called Gigantes, besides numerous other islands, some small some large. The least felicitous of them were more fertile and beautiful than the gardens of the King of Seville. They have the healthiest lands in the world, where lived more than five hundred thousand souls; they are now deserted, inhabited by not a single living creature. All the people were slain or died after being taken into captivity and brought to the Island of Hispaniola to be sold as slaves."

Those who know their Latin American history or their Catholic saints are well aware of this transformation from paradise to "poop hole countries" and who it is who made them that way. This is why some prefer to celebrate Native American Day rather than Columbus Day. This is why some find the Knights of Columbus organization with or without their swords particularly offensive. Those who don't know Catholic saints or Latin American history simply resort to name calling and bigoted racist remarks. Which group do you want to belong to?



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Please pray for:

Aurelio Abarca, Thomas Ausnehmer, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Nancy Butler, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Mary Chapin, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Mary & Tony Columbro, John Darmstadt, Dukles Family, Martin Patrick Dugan, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Bill Eikens, Donald Flanagan, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Catherine Heidinger, John Itayem, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Veronica Juris, Joseph & JoAnn Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Ed Kenny, Dick Kovachik, Sr. Joesetta Marie Livignano, SND, Eileen Mangan, Rosemarie Martin, Kathy McAvinue, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Jose Ortiz, John Pelcic, Laura Radca, Lew Rapp, Madeline Repko, Carol Roberts, Ron Ruble, Judy Runyeon, Kayana Ryniak, Marilyn Samonte, Arleen Schwab, Debbie Shavorinsky, John Sheehan, Marilyn Simmons, Cristina Snodgrass, Grace Staab, Kevin Thompson, Pete & Teri Thayer, Marie Toulou, Dennis Tyburski, Patricia & John Warmuth, Celine Whelpley, Jay Yesenko, Mary Zavada.

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
- * Greg Koch (Air Force), nephew of Nancy Koch
- * James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons

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WINTER RETREAT: PRAYING WITH ST. IGNATIUS We have an opportunity to join in a scripture-based retreat, offered through the Jesuit Retreat House, Tuesdays, Jan. 30 – Mar. 27, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., on our campus, in the rectory basement. Cost \$5. We will be guided in personal prayer designed to foster heartfelt knowledge of Jesus. Will you accept this invitation and let God move your heart? Register by 1/21; forms at the back table in church and at the rectory.

There are still a few openings for the Ignatian retreat that starts Jan 30th. Sign- up sheets are on the back table. The Information Night is this Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Basement for those who have signed up or for those who would like to learn more before they make a commitment.

An **office volunteer** is needed at the rectory for Tuesday evenings from 5 -- 8 pm. Great working conditions! Please call the rectory at 216-671-5890 if you are interested.

Night At The Races FUNDRAISER Saturday, Jan. 27. Are you coming? Have you invited your family and friends to join you? Help us promote this event; talk it up! \$20 is a great value for a night out with dinner and drinks. Tickets available today after mass or call John Deighton at 216-244-3964.



Birchwood School is having their openhouse this Sunday, Jan. 21 from 2—4pm. Stop by to see all the remodeling they have done to the school and all the good works the children are doing.

There will be an Adult Education Class on Gerrymandering Saturday, Feb. 3rd after the 4pm Mass, and also between the Sunday Masses (9am and 11am) on Feb. 4th.



May the Peace of our Lord be with
Dr. Eugene S. May, brother of Mary Ellen Salo
And
Ryan Padgett

And may God grant comfort to their families and friends.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00am—10:45am CGS Level I (Atrium)
- 9:00am—10:45am PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
- 10:00am—1:00pm Donuts & Coffee (Fogarty Hall)
- 11:00am—12:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:10pm—1:30pm Confirmation Preparation (Joseph Ctr)

Monday, January 22

- 9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Finance Council (Joseph Center)
- 8:30pm—9:30pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 7:00pm—8:00pm St. Ignatian Retreat Info Mtg. (Rec. B)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm LGBTQ Faithsharing (Rec. Living Rm)

Wednesday, January 24

- 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 25

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

Friday, January 26

- 8:00pm—10:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Saturday, January 27

- 5:30pm—11:00pm Nite at the Races (Fogarty Hall/Kitchn)

Next Sundays' Collection Envelope is for the church in Latin America. After reading Fr. Doug's article, maybe we can help make a difference with our donation.

PARISH MISSION preached by Fr. Lou Papes Sunday - Tuesday, Feb. 18 - 20, 7 p.m. in church. *Loving & Forgiving: Reconciliation for Our Time*. You are invited! Save the date.

LENTEN FISH FRIES WILL SOON NEED YOUR HELP

Looking for disciples (experienced or new) for food prep, set up, orders, check out, cooks, servers, runners, station workers, end of the night clean up at 7:30p, and dessert bakers. Please consider how you can participate. 2018 Fish Fry dates: Fridays, Feb. 16 – Mar. 23. Volunteers sign up at the back table.



DISCIPLES NEEDED to help unload the food delivery at the Bountiful Basement on Mondays about 10:30 a.m. The team is in need of people who can help on a weekly basis. The need is urgent. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Please contact the rectory to be added to the team.

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WORSHIP

Saturday, January 20 (2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3: 20-21)

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, January 21 (Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1: 14-20)

9:00am Margaret Kovachik (Kovachik Family)

11:00am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

Monday, January 22

11:00am Special Intention (Tom & Marion Geiger)
@ West Park Neuro & Rehab Center
4401 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, January 23

8:30am Rita Hart Hochman (Family)

Wednesday, January 24

8:30am Helen Kravec (Family)

Thursday, January 25

No Mass

Friday, January 26

8:30am Madeline McMahon (Family)

Saturday, January 27 (2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41)

4:00pm James Chapin (Family)

Sunday, January 28 (Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1:21-28)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Ed Fischer (Nancy Koch)

Bellaire Puritas is currently doing a neighborhood survey. Could you spare about 7 minutes to share your thoughts? Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestParkBPDC or pick up a paper copy from the back table at church. Thank you!

An inter-parish men's group and women's group meet at St. Clarence church every first Friday of the month. Their next meetings are Feb. 2nd. Women's group starts at 9:30am with rosary, 10am Mass, 11am talk by Fr. Andrew Hoover : "The Presentation of the Lord: A Feast of Fulfillment and Hope." Contact: Mary Tschanz 440.235.6258.

Men's group starts at 11:30am with a luncheon, followed by a talk by Fr. John Miceli, and concluding with Mass. Cost is \$10. Contact George Perz at 440.937.6606 by Tues. Jan. 30 for resv.

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