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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

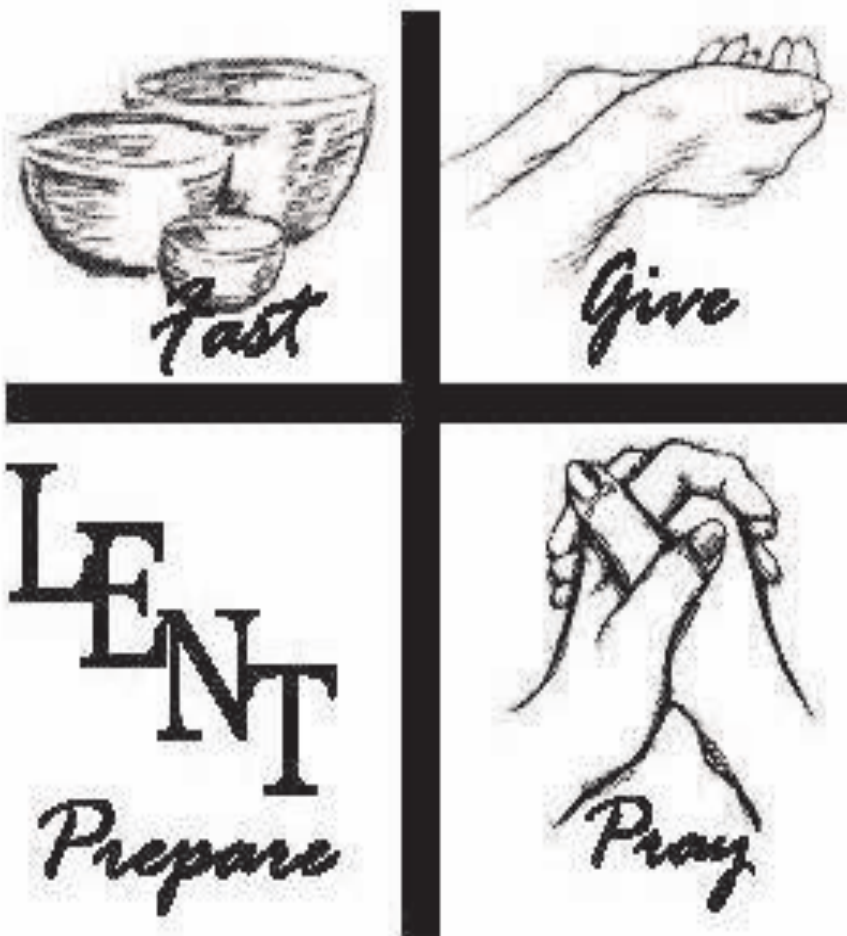
RECONCILIATION

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 25: To You, O Lord



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.



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El Salvador, DACA and TPS

My trip to El Salvador two weeks ago was filled with fun, friends and futuring. Part of my time was spent meeting students and teachers receiving scholarships from Cleveland to Catholic schools in El Salvador. Part was visiting with friends and fellow priests. A big part was spent finding out what plans are being made to welcome the potential 200,000 DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients, also known as Dreamers, and additional TPS (Temporary Protective Status) immigrants. Both groups are legally residing in our country at this time, but their protected status is soon to be revoked.

Starting at the beginning, this is what I found out. There are a number of interested parties in working with deported Salvadorans: Fr. Mauro of the Escallabriani Fathers, Fr. Mauricio at the University of Central America, several groups of religious women and USCRI, a refugee and immigrants service.

Most of these people are sympathetic to the plight of arriving Salvadorans but have little funds to help. But they are in touch with one another.

Perhaps the most ready and able to help is USCRI. They have a program for repatriated Central American youth, between the ages of 18 and 25. If USCRI knows they are returning, USCRI will pick them up at the airport and transport them to their office for processing. From there they will be given the option of staying in a dormitory up to three months where they can receive food, orientation to the country and other services. That place is called La Chacra. The main goal is to keep them away from the gangs and find a stable life.

There are simple realities, such as many people's cell phones will no longer work. Is there a number where they can be reached so that friends from the states can talk? Is there an address where money can be sent to which is safe? Can Spanish be taught? What does the follow-up consist of? Can they help to get local documents that every citizen needs?

Regarding bigger plans, the Salvadoran church and government are working together to prepare for the possible influx of 200,000 who do not speak Spanish and who do not know the country. A big need would be housing.

Last year, the head of the Salvadoran drug cartel, Jose Adan Salazar Umaña, was arrested. Over 200 of his properties were confiscated by the government. One of those is a large hotel. Locals hope that this hotel can be converted into housing for dreamers who are sent home. The problem of course is that many other groups could use a hotel for any number of terrific purposes, such as housing the homeless, drug rehab, or even an investment. Food, shelter, electricity, job training, etc. all cost money. In El Salvador, money is in short supply.

I keep thinking to myself, "If there were an earthquake in El Salvador and 200,000 people were displaced, Catholic Relief Services would be sending aid." Perhaps this new kind of political disaster which will also leave 200,000 people displaced and homeless should also be a new criterion for sending money to help.

In a lighter moment when I was talking to the local representative from USCRI in San Salvador, we thought that the best plan might be swimming lessons. After all, even if the wall is built, it won't keep people out. We may as well make it as safe as possible to swim around it.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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February 11	\$ 4,410.37
Special Gifts	\$ 1,928.00
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PARISH MISSION starts Sunday night!

Preached by Fr. Lou Papes. *Loving and Forgiving: Reconciliation for Our Time*. Sunday – Tuesday, Feb. 18 -20, 7:00 p.m. Spend about an hour each evening. Inspirational sermons, creative stories, prayerful rituals. Come with a friend. Come as a family. If you need a ride, let someone know!

As an addition to the parish mission, Fr. Lou Papes will be offering a morning of reflection entitled: *Life Transitions: Learning to Live with Change in Our Lives*. All are welcome. The morning of reflection will be **Monday, February 19 from 8:30am – Noon** in the Joseph Center. Breakfast from 8:30am – 9:00am.

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. Eight adults and youth will celebrate Baptism and/or Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Three youth will celebrate their First Communion on April 8th. 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.

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, Brian Haluska, John Itayem, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Veronica Juris, Joseph & JoAnn Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Ed Kenny, Dick Kovachik, Sr. Josetta 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, 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 Toula, Dennis Tyburski, John Warmuth, Celine Whelpley, John Williams, 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
- * Nicholas Parente (Army), grandson of Linda Parente

BOUNTIFUL BASEMENT

Families served in January: 358; Seniors 60+: 179; Adults 18-59: 620; Children 0-17: 342; Total People: 1,141!! Thank you for your support!

Bible Study is beginning 7 session examination of the Spirituality of St. Paul on Thursday, March 1, 2018. We meet every other week from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the rectory living room. Join us for this uplifting study. All are welcome! Participants are asked to pick up the study materials at the rectory prior to the first session.



Petitions to sign for gerrymandering will be available each weekend in February after Masses. Look for Marge Sheridan or Kathy Grega. They will have the petitions for you to sign.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK: *Nature's Way Day Care Center*





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, February 18

9:00am—10:45am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
 9:00am—10:45am PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
 10:00am—1:00pm Donuts & Coffee
 11:00am—12:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word
 7:00pm—8:00pm **Parish Mission** (Church)

Monday, February 19

President's Day
 All Day Rectory Office Closed
 8:30am—12:00pm **Parish Mission: Day of Recollection**
 (Joseph Center)
 9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
 7:00pm—8:00pm **Parish Mission** (Church)
 7:00pm—8:00pm SVDP Society Mtg. (Rec. Lib.)
 7:00pm—8:30pm Peace & Justice (Joseph Center)
 8:30pm—9:30pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday, February 20

9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 7:00pm—8:00pm **Parish Mission** (Church)

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 7:00pm—8:30pm Book Club (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24 Nothing Scheduled.

FREE HEALTH CLINIC, SATURDAY, March 3, 2018 from 8am—1pm. Make an appointment today at www.medworksusa.org or, call 216-201-9325. Medical exams for men and women, women's health exams, pap tests, mammograms, blood work, HIV testing, PLUS fresh produce to take home! Get a free \$10 Dave's card! Walk-ins welcome. Medworks Clinic held at: CARE ALLIANCE HEALTH CENTER, 2916 Central Ave., Cleveland, 44114. Compassionate Care. 100% FREE.

National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14, is a celebration of the lives and legacies of women religious who have dedicated their efforts to bring the Good News to those they serve. Please join the Sisters of the Cleveland Diocese in the local celebration on **Saturday, March 10th from 1-4 pm at Magnificat High School.** For more information or to register, go to Eventbrite.com and click on Celebrate Catholic Sisters. You can also contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND at khine@ndec.org or call 440-476-6094.



WORSHIP

Saturday, February 17 (Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32)	
4:00pm	Tim Schaefer (Bill & Mary Ellen Staab)
Sunday, February 18 (Gn 9: 8-15; 1 Pt 3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15)	
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Carmello & Rosina Pongallo (Family)
Monday, February 19	
11:00am	Michael Motika (Mary Ann Thomas) @ West Park Neuro & Rehab Center 4401 W. 150th St.
Tuesday, February 20	
8:30am	Ellen & Ernest Buelow (Family)
Wednesday, February 21	
8:30am	Patrick & Alice Fergus (Thomas Cooney)
Thursday, February 22	
	No Mass
Friday, February 23	
8:30am	Martin & Colletta Cooney (Thomas Cooney)
9:00am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 24 (Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48)	
4:00pm	Mary Matias (Bill & Mary Ellen Staab)
Sunday, February 25 (Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10)	
9:00am	Jean Delattre (Family)
11:00am	Blessed Trinity

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On Saturday, February 24, 2018, **Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio** is holding its 18th annual "Answer the Call" conference at the centrally located Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence. The theme of the conference will be "Developing Your Relationship with Christ." Key speakers will be Peter Herbeck, Eric Mahl and Greg Wasinski. See our website for more information: www.cmfneo.com.

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