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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

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.



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Psalm 22: My God, My God

Refrain



My God, my God, O why have you a - ban-doned me?

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From Fr. Doug's Desk...

Lent Prepares Us For Death

Once upon a time, a set of twins were conceived in the same womb. Weeks passed, and the twins developed. As their awareness grew, they laughed for joy, "Isn't it great that we were conceived? Isn't it great to be alive?"

Together the twins explored their world. When they found their Mother's cord that gave them life they sang for joy, "How great is our Mother's love that she shares her own life with us."

As the weeks stretched into months the twins noticed how much each was changing.

"What does this mean?" asked the one.

"It means that our stay in this world is drawing to an end," said the other.

"But I don't want to go," said the one. "I want to stay here always."

"We have no choice," said the other, "but maybe there is life after birth!"

One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense," said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense! Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere. We will shed our life cord. How is life possible without it? Besides, we have seen evidence that others were here before us and none of them have returned to tell us that there is life after birth."

Then the one fell into deep despair saying, "If conception ends with birth, what is the purpose of life in the womb? It is meaningless! Maybe there is no Mother at all."

"But there has to be," protested the other. "How else did we get here? How do we remain alive?"

"Have you ever seen our Mother?" said the one. "Maybe she lives in our minds. Maybe we made her up because the idea made us feel good."

Thus, while one raved and despaired, the other resigned himself to birth. He placed his hands in the trust of the mother.

Hours passed into days and days fell into weeks. Then the hour had come. Both knew that their...birth was at hand. Both feared what they did not know.

And as the one was the first to be conceived, so he was the first to be born. The other followed after. And they cried as they were born out into the light. They coughed up fluid, and they gasped the dry air; and when they were sure that they had been born, they opened up their eyes and they found themselves cradled in the warm love of the Mother. They lay open-mouthed, awestruck at the beauty of the Mother whom they had never before seen." *Author Unknown*



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
- * 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

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May the Peace of our Lord be with
Lawrence Lask

Rose Motz, Mother of Mary Lou Satorius
May God grant comfort to their families and friends.

Fr Doug will be on jury duty this week so there will be no weekday Masses.

Taize Prayer: Join parish members and others at Lenten Taize Prayer on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm. We gather at River's Edge at 3430 Rocky River Drive. Taize includes meditative chants, the reading of short scripture selections and prayerful silence. Make your Lent, make Taize.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal either through the mail or by making a pledge at Mass February 10th or 11th. If you haven't yet responded, please get a pledge envelope from the back table and turn it into the rectory this week. Your generous support is much needed and appreciated.

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.

Bible Study is beginning a 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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK: CatholicMatch.com/OH





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, February 25

9:00am—10:45am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
 9:00am—10:45am PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
 11:00am—12:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 26

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, February 27

9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 4:30pm—7:00pm Pastoral Team Mtg
 7:00pm—8:30pm LGBTQ Faithsharing (Rec. Liv. Rm.)
 7:00pm—9:00pm Praying with St. Ignatius (Rec. Bsmnt)

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

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

Saturday, March 3

Nothing Scheduled.




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WORSHIP

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
Monday, February 26	
11:00am	No Mass
Tuesday, February 27	
8:30am	No Mass
Wednesday, February 28	
8:30am	No Mass
Thursday, March 1	
	No Mass
Friday, March 2	
8:30am	No Mass
Saturday, March 3 (Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32)	
4:00pm	Blessed Trinity
Sunday, March 4 (Ex 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25)	
9:00am	Christian Hein (Anne & Steve Suding)
11:00am	Michael Kestranek (Kathy Duhigg)

Come to the Sale! The **Congregation of St. Joseph** is having a "Good As New Sale" (a.k.a rummage sale)! Getting ready for our move to our new building on site. We will have a wide variety of items, and the price is right: Make a Monetary DONATION for any items you purchase, and 100% profit will be divided between our River's Edge Women's Outreach Center and St. Joseph Academy's Student Mission Project helping families of Kermit, West Virginia. The sale will be: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Feb. 27, 28 & Mar. 1, 10 am -3 pm** in our former Swimming Pool Room. Items that are not sold will be donated to **Common Threads**, a nonprofit Thrift Shop in Fairview Park that is sponsored by Building Hope in the City. The proceeds from sales at Common Threads help support ministries including education and training of Refugees and Immigrants. All are welcome!

Addiction Awareness Workshop The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will again offer a **FREE one-day ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP** in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. Relevant topics will include: *the current opiate epidemic; addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community.* For information/to register: visit us at www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2018 or contact Judy Stowe (440/250-9959) or St. Malachi Rectory (216/861-5343).

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