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JUNE 20, 2021

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Monday: 11:00am

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

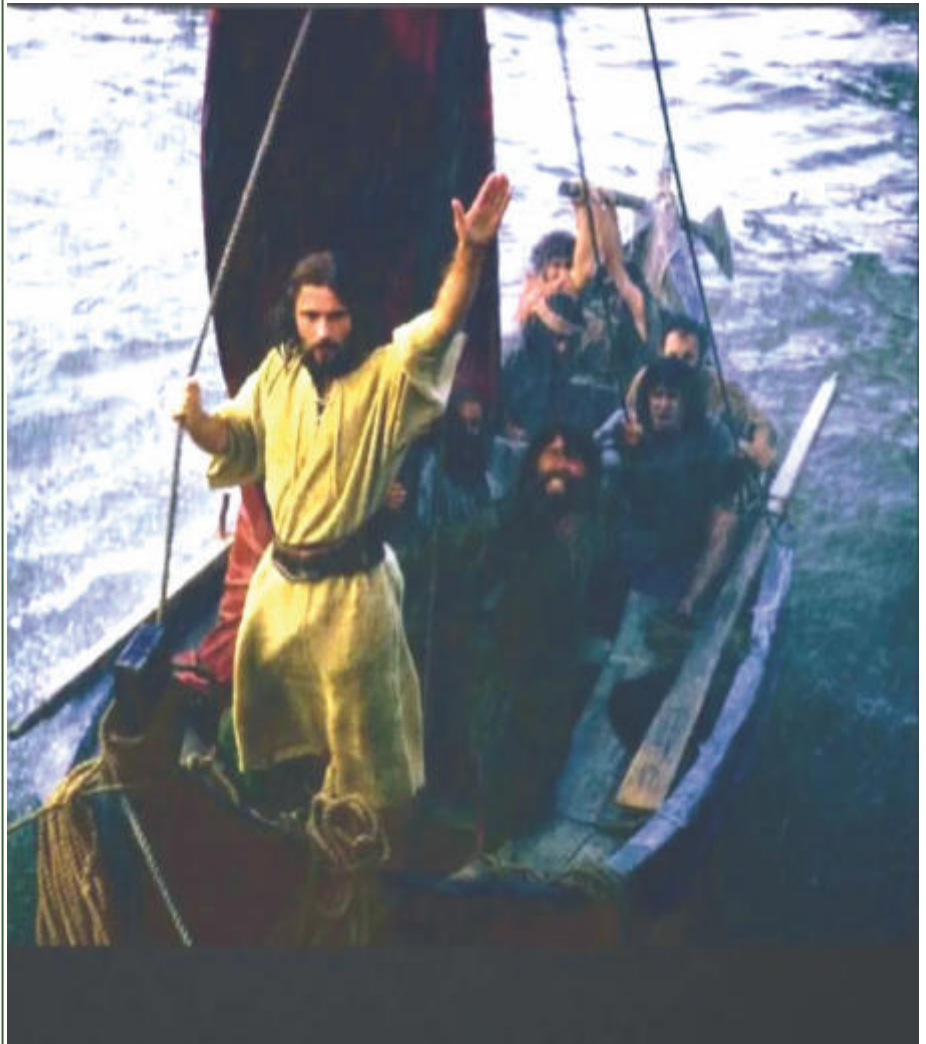
Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

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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 100: We Are God's People

Ostinato Refrain



We are God's peo - ple, the flock of the Lord.



**From Sr. Mary McClone's Desk...**

In last week's Gospel, Jesus challenged us with two puzzling parables. He created these early in his ministry to summarize his teachings about the coming of the kingdom of God. The first is not good news for autonomous activists, loner cowboys or determined do-it-yourselfers. This is the only parable in the Gospel of Mark that neither Matthew nor Luke copied into their own Gospels. Apparently, it was unpopular from the get-go.

Jesus' parable about the farmer who gets to sleep late even seems to subvert the first commandment God gave humanity: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). This parable tells us that in the kingdom of God, after people scatter the seed, there is nothing more they can or should do until the earth yields the harvest. Any farmers who have survived a few seasons will take issue with that. There's very little that's laid-back about agriculture. Tending the land is a full-time occupation from the day of planting until the harvest has been gathered — and then some. Jesus knew that well.

Jesus also knew that he was called to make present the reign of God but that his preaching in word and deed had quickly won him mortal enemies who had the power to carry out their malevolent intentions. His words were intended to plant seeds and remove weeds. His way of welcoming others, his healing activities, his way of seeking out the poor and outcast were offered like water on thirsty ground. But his work didn't seem to be producing a harvest.

Whether it was his own question about the effect of his efforts or his disciples' impatience for results that led him to weave this parable, it presents a challenging proposal for his disciples throughout time.

When we look at it carefully, Jesus was not telling his disciples to sit back and do nothing. But he was telling them that the object of their hope and the results of their work were beyond their control.

Unlike a five-year business plan with regular reviews and measurements of progress, God's grace cannot be plotted out or even harnessed the way a sail captures the wind. Trying to force the growth of grace is as futile as yanking on a plant to make it grow faster or trying to raise ourselves

above the ground by pulling up on our own hair. If Jesus' success with the religious authorities of his day is any example, there's not even a sure-fire formula for creating an atmosphere congenial to God's reigning. It's out of our hands.

This leaves committed disciples in the paradoxical position of desiring to do everything possible to bring God and neighbor together, knowing all the while that they are ultimately powerless. Ironically, that is exactly where Jesus wants his disciples. It puts them where they belong, behind him, following his lead as he trusts in the Father.

That is the message of the second parable — the crazy saying about the mustard seed. Jesus was telling his followers that although they could not do anything to establish the kingdom, God had a wildly fruitful plan already in operation. Jesus explained that they couldn't see or understand it but that was because the kingdom of God is as unmanageable and prolific as a weed. All they had to do was trust. To some that is a major problem; to others it is a promise.

The kingdom of God will be a problem to everyone who wants to maintain control — be it of their own spiritual growth, their family, friends, community or the world. On the other hand, the very unruliness of God's reign sounds like a boundless promise of continual surprises to people who realize that even their wildest dreams are paltry compared to what God has in mind.

Perhaps, what Jesus was saying to his disciples with these parables was, "I know what's happening now doesn't look like what you're expecting. That's because you suffer from a congenital disability in the realm of hope. If you will abandon your carefully planned little scenarios and stop clinging to your self-limiting autonomy, you can be really free, and you will get a glimpse of what God is carrying out while your attention has been fixated elsewhere."

One of the greatest challenges the Gospels give us is to drop our expectations so that we can be open to God's possibilities. St. Paul tells us that God's plan is infinitely greater than we can imagine. In the end, trusting God's plan and timetable may ask more of us than all the things we might think we should or could do to make God's kingdom come.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Please pray for:

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

- * 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
- * Yoshi Cacho (US Marine Corps), son of Medel & Mari- anne Cacho

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, June 6	\$ 2,842.01
Special Gifts	\$ 1,265.00
Sunday, June 13	\$ 4,349.75
Special Gifts	\$ 3,353.00
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Gift Card Raffle winners for May: Al Delattre, Eleanor Jakubowski, Carmie Petz and Katie Corbett (two times!). Congratulations! Keep buying those gift cards!

Womankind Annual Baby Bottle Collection ends on Father's Day. All baby bottles should be returned this weekend -- filled or empty. Bottles are reused to cut costs. Your check, cash or coins collected in each bottle represent hope and help to the pregnant mothers in need. Since 1975, Womankind has provided prenatal care, counseling and other support services, all at no cost. For more information go to www.womankindcleveland.org.

Time to Return Jelly Jars & Rings. Supplies are now being bought for the upcoming season. The return of your empty jars and the screw on rings saves us money. If you have empty jelly jars at home (honey and applesauce, too) please return them to the church or rectory asap. -- and "Thank You" for shopping with us!

Disciple of the Week: This week we salute Susan Ward who has made our parish grounds so attractive in front of the Joseph Center and on the eastern side of the church. Sue is also one of our community gardeners who does more than her share to make all the gardeners successful. Thank you, Sue, for your horticultural service to our parish.

Saint Ignatius High School 2020 – 2021 2nd Semester Honors List: **Christian Zevallos**, Gr. 9: First Honors; is awarded to students who have achieved an average of 4.0 or above; **Jorge Zevallos Jr**, Gr. 11: Honor Roll; is awarded to students who have achieved an average between 3.3 and 3.699. **Congratulations!**





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Monday, June 21

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
 7:00pm—8:30pm Peace & Justice Mtg. (Joseph Cntr.)

Tuesday, June 22

9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 7:00pm—8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg.
 (Rectory Living Room)

Wednesday, June 23

5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
 7:00pm—8:00pm Tai Chi Easy (Outside)

Thursday, June 24

11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Friday, June 25

1:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg.
 (Rectory Room 22)

Blessed Trinity Parish Backyard Tai Chi Easy

Every **Wednesday, from 7 - 8 pm** in our backyard, join us for Tai Chi led by parish member Mike Reiling. Tai Chi is a mind -body practice to energize, enliven, and center you. Anyone can do it! Bring a chair. Free-will offerings all go to the Edible Forest. Tai Chi Easy will continue all summer. To know more, contact Mike Reiling at mreiling-llc@gmail.com.

Praise for Creation Taize Prayer - June 27 at

7:30pm, at Centering Space in Lakewood. We sing a number of simple chants, listen to the sacred texts and sit in silence - in a wooded area right next to Lake Erie. Taize is led by members of the BT Choir. Questions - contact Mike Reiling at 216-251-8717.

CCA Grief Support June 27th “In-Office” at 3:00pm

(RSVP required) and “Virtual” at 5:00pm: Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly grief support groups on June 27th in two formats: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually(5pm). Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The June topics are “Loss of a Spouse/Partner” and “Living Alone with Grief”. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month, except June where we meet on the 4th Sunday.

Advertiser of the Week: *Chambers Funeral Homes*



WORSHIP

Saturday, June 19 (2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34)

4:00pm Donna Kemer (Dan Kemer)

Sunday, June 20 (Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Henry J. Reiting, Jr. (Family)

Monday, June 21

11:00am Jerry, Mary & Larry McCarthy
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Tuesday, June 22

8:30am John & Ethel Mickler
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Wednesday, June 23 — No Mass

Friday, June 25 — No Mass

Saturday, June 26 (Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17)

4:00pm Eddie Kenny (Dorothy Sadowski)

Sunday, June 27 (Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24. 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15. Mk 5:21-43)

9:00am Barbara Weyand (Brennan Family)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 38th Annual Summer Conference** to be held on **Saturday, July 10th**, at SS. Cosmas & Damian Parish, Twinhaven Reception Center, in Twinsburg. This year's theme is "Give New Signs, Work New Wonders". Conference time: 8:30am—3:45pm, with a Vigil Mass at 4:00. Speakers will be Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Fr. Michael Stalla, and Fr. Bob Franco. Music will be led by Matt Fafrak. At Twinhaven, the capacity is limited, so register early. Online access is also planned. SS. Cosmas & Damian is located at 10419 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg 44087. Onsite registration closes July 3rd, or when capacity is met. For more info go to: www.crmweb.org. Come, experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!

L.E.A.F. Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated. Support for families and loved ones of the incarcerated. All are welcome. Spanish/Bilingual assistance can be arranged. Where: St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., N. Ridgeville. Contact: 440-327-1978. 2nd Tuesdays of every month, 7:00pm. Meeting Location: Guadalupe Rm. South of the church. Follow the L.E.A.F. signs. Light snacks, decaf coffee and water are provided. Please park in the large lot north of the church. If you have a loved one or family member who is, or was, recently incarcerated and are looking for a small, welcoming community, please plan to join us. www.LEAFMinistry.org. Pre-registration is NOT necessary.

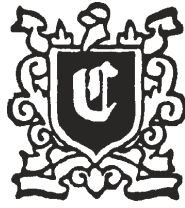
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