JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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: 11:00 am
Tuesday: 8:30 am
Wednesday: 8:30 am
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION
BY APPOINTMENT
ONLY AT THIS TIME

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.

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Defund the Clergy?

Last Sunday afternoon I drove past the Convenient Food Mart on W 143 and Puritas. As I approached the store, I could see lights flashing everywhere. Six police cars had cordoned off the store with crime scene tape. I stop there sometimes and know the staff, so I was immediately concerned that there had been a robbery, and someone got injured or worse. Certainly all those cars indicated that this was no ordinary incident.

As it turned out, it WAS no ordinary incident, but it wasn’t as bad as I had anticipated. Apparently two men got into an argument and one man shot the other in the leg. Someone came into the Convenient Store and asked them to call the police which the store did. The police came and spent part of the time going through the security tapes to identify the parties involved, document what happened and follow up as necessary.

I pondered two things from this event. The first was not to jump to conclusions. The crime scene tape made it look like a major crime had been committed at the store. That was not the case.

The second thing I wondered about was, “Is this the best way to do policing?” Yes, the crime was serious. Someone got shot. I don’t know much about how police units operate but six cars seemed excessive. I wondered if three cars wouldn’t be more than enough and the other three could be doing something else. When we talk about police reform, these are some of the structural issues that might be looked at. And maybe all those cars were needed.

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I remember when we had homeless Jesus. So many people called the police to say that there was a dead body lying on a bench outside the church that the police department asked us to put a sign out that said, “This is a sculpture”. But in the process of that happening, I asked “When people call, why don’t you (the dispatchers) just tell them it’s a statue, rather than send someone out each time?” The answer was that there are not one but seventeen dispatch units. They don’t talk to each other. Plus, they have to respond to every call, even if they know it’s a statue. Maybe there was a dead person on the bench lying next to Jesus. That didn’t make sense to me. Why not have a centrally located dispatch call center? That would allow for greater communication and more efficient use of time.

If you have ever been to Rome, you know that you see priests everywhere. Many of them are secretaries, undersecretaries and other underlings. Most of their work could be done by laymen and lay women. It’s probably not the best distribution of clergy in these days of clergy shortage. And Pope Francis just appointed yet another priest to head up the clergy sex abuse office. For goodness’ sake, this should be a lay person’s position, not a priest’s; something about foxes and chickens, inmates and asylums.

I remember when Pope John Paul II came to El Salvador while I was there in 1983. There were many cardinals and priests that accompanied him on the trip. I mean like 35 that I counted. Maybe they were needed, but it was hard to imagine in what capacity. And some bishops from neighboring countries also came to concelebrate the Mass. Each of them brought a few priests as well. I remember thinking, “We are two priests in the parish caring for 80,000 people in 40 different communities in a parish the size of Cuyahoga County.” This is not a good use of clergy.

In our diocese, we have a priest in charge of retired priests, a priest in charge of the mission office, a priest in charge of continuing education of priests, and so on. There is no need for a priest to be in those positions. In fact, it might be better if a priest were not in some of those positions.

Assessing and reevaluating what we do and how we do it is always an important task. Let us continue to do that in our families and our parish.
AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Caring Corner

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Please pray for:
Aurelio Abarca, Maureen Ashdown, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Annie Badiu, Tom Baldwin, Jr., Vincent Bon Tempo, Mary Brennan, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Zoltan Csaba, Catherine Dammon, John Darmstadt, Michael Dewees, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Duro, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Eleanore Flick, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, June Grace, Michael Graham, Catherine Heidinger, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoostraten, John Itayem, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Veronica Juris, Annette Kalister, Betty Kensick, Tony Keman, Paul Kish, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristian, Marilyn Lombardo, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Kathy McAvinue, George McKee, Molly McQuillan & family, Sandra McRae, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Jim & Steve Moravick, Jennifer Naelitz, Tom O’Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Laura Rada, Catherine Rajnicek, Carol Roberts, Ron Ruble, Kayana Ryniak, Mary Salamon, Mary Ellen Salo, Marilyn Samonte, Arleen Schwab, Jerry Secunde, Jeffrey Secunde, Carolyn Sesplankis, Brandy Shauttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Ann Shutter, Terri Siegwahr, Joanna Somerville, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Marie Toula, Dennis Tyburski, Celine Whelpley, John Williams, Jay Yosenko.

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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

May the Peace of Our Lord be with Michelle Meder
May God grant comfort to her family and friends

Disciple of the Week: This week we thank Carmella Petz who has made mulberry gathering her ministry. Carm has been here almost every day since June 11 collecting mulberries. She also volunteers her time in the office stuffing bulletins, sitting in for Ginger or coming in for an evening. Thank you, Carm, for giving of your time and talent.

Advertiser of the Week:
Sloan & Company, Funeral Directors
This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, June 27
12:30pm—3:00pm  Steph. Min. C. E. Class (Jos. Ctr.)

Monday, June 28
9:30am—10:30am  Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm  Finance Committee Mtg. (Jos. Ctr.)

Tuesday, June 29
9:30am—12:00pm  Bountiful Basement
10:30am—12:00pm  AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Wednesday, June 30
5:00pm—6:45pm  Bountiful Basement
7:00pm—8:00pm  Tai Chi Easy (Outside)

Thursday, July 1
11:00am—12:00pm  AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm—4:00pm  Stephen Ministers Group Mtg. (Rectory Library)
7:00pm—8:30pm  Faith Sharing Parish Group Mtg. (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, July 2
1:00pm—3:00pm  Steph. Min. Ldrs. Mtg. (Rec. Rm. 22)

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.

Suburban West Right to Life is in need of volunteers to march with them in the 4th of July Parade in West Park on Monday, July 5. They will meet at 9am in front of Gene’s Place in the NE Corner of Kamm’s Plaza. Parking is available in the shopping strip. The parade starts at 9:30 & participants are required to wear masks. Please call Doris Peters at 216-659-3362 if you can march or have any questions.
WORSHIP

Saturday, June 26 (Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17)
4:00pm Eddie Kenny (Dorothy Sadowski)

9:00am Barbara Weyand (Brennan Family)
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, June 28
11:00am Julie Barnett & Ethel Mickler (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Tuesday, June 29
8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, June 30
8:30am Edgar Madrazo (Diane Kortan)

Friday, July 2
8:30am All Souls

Saturday, July 3 (Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29)
4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, July 4 (Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a)
9:00am Norbert Kurnath (Kay Scott)
11:00am Special Intention for Ann Steinbrunner (Faith Sharing Prayer Group)

Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, His Life & Legacy - A Virtual Program. Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15pm: July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23. Facilitated by Mike Reiling, M.Ed. This 8 session Teilhard virtual program details the significance of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) for 21st century life. His personal story, his valuable and lasting insights into evolution and into spirituality will be examined as well as his continuing influence on contemporaries such as theologian Ilia Delio and evolutionary biologist David Sloan Wilson. Cost: $65. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org

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 Billiart 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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