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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: 10:30am at
Church**

4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

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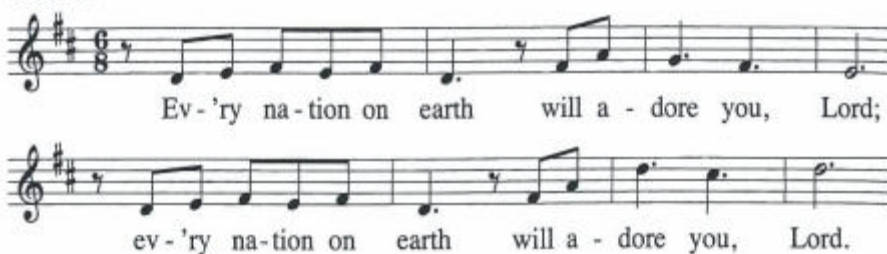
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain I



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Happy New Year

2022 is upon us. Happy New Year! May this year bring you peace, joy and good health. For our country and our planet, may we find our way.

A year ago today I was in Fairview Hospital ICU. I've never shared the whole story with you.

I had tested negative for COVID a week earlier but when my doctor, John Gerace, called to see how I was doing, he could hear my labored breathing over the phone. He came to the rectory and drove me to the hospital. Is he the best doctor ever?

I was diagnosed with COVID pneumonia and admitted. They took me to Parkview Rm22. I was there for about two hours when the infectious disease specialist came in and said they were transferring me to ICU. I had an oxygen mask but they really wanted to intubate me. I refused. The specialist even called my sister and told her to tell me to get intubated. No luck there either.

Anyway, I was started on the usual treatment: five days of Remdesivir and steroids, accompanied by various other drugs that prevent blood clots, lower blood pressure and a bunch of other stuff I don't remember. My pulse ox was 84 without oxygen. I could only say two or three words without having to take a deep breath. Even the slightest movement drained my oxygen and caused stress, hence no texts and no phone calls. Only my one sister was allowed to call.

I received the best of care from all the nurses. Hungarian Kathy and Black Robert stood out as two of the most compassionate nurses I have ever met. They gave me a will to live.

After the five days of treatment with Remdesivir and steroids, there was absolutely no change. The doctors did not know how to proceed.

The next morning, something very strange happened. I was dying. I could feel my life force slowly leaving my body. It was a weird feeling. I was not scared, but more in shock. I kept thinking to myself "I can't believe this is happening." My body felt like it was running out of gas. Slowly rolling to a stop.

While my soul was leaving my body, there was

this wonderful sensation. I have lived in the West Park area of Cleveland for over 25 years. I know many employees at the hospital. It seemed like everyone in the neighborhood and beyond knew I was there and was praying for me. And I could feel the power of those prayers! I could almost taste them. They were tangible, palpable. And those prayers were pulling my soul back into my body. It was as if a battle for my life was going on. The prayers won. It was one of the most powerful and emotional events of my life.

I'm not sure what the monitors showed when all this was going down, but I'd love to find out.

Anyway, that afternoon Dr. Bhalla came into my room. She said they were going to try five more days of Remdesivir and steroids. She did not seem particularly hopeful, but I think she realized a lot of people had their eye on me. Plus, there was no other option. On the third day of the second round of drugs, my ninth day in ICU, Dr. Bhalla entered my room excited. I could tell something had changed. She seemed to be walking on air. "I think you have turned the corner" she said. She was right. I began to get better each day. I owe her my life too.

As you know, I was released eight days later. I recouped at home with oxygen. Eventually I could say Mass sitting down with my portable tank. You know the rest. I have some mild residual effects now, mostly just getting short of breath if I exert myself.

So, the moral of the story is this: I should be dead. I'm not. It's the beginning of a new year. Why am I still here? What does God have in mind for me this year? Help me find out. Your prayers are the reason I am still here. Come to the "What's On Your Mind/Synod" listening sessions and share your hopes and dreams for our church.

Why are you still here? What does God have in store for you this new year? What plan do you have to put God's dream for you into action?

When gardening resumes in April, I know I will complain about a sore back and creaky joints. That doesn't mean I'm not grateful to be alive. It just means I'll be 70 this year. Prayer is powerful. It makes a difference. Thank you again for yours.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Special Gifts **\$ 8,132.00**

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Christmas offerings in next bulletin.....



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Caroline DeSantis, Mother of Anna Baker
May God grant comfort to her family and
friends*

January Calendar Raffle tickets are STILL on sale! \$10 each for over 25 chances to win great prizes!

Caring Corner



People ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are there: . . . **after** the phone call you hoped you'd never get. . . . **after** the funeral. . . . **after** the relationship falls apart. . . . **after** the doctor says, "There's nothing more we can do." . . . **after** your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk. Stephen Ministers provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

Please pray for:

Aurelio Abarca, Maureen Ashdown, Jerry Aurand, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Annie Badiu, Jim Baldwin, Tom Baldwin, Jr., Vincent BonTempo, Mary Brennan, Sarah Brower, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Eleanore Flick, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, Richard Grace, Michael Graham, Donald Haluska, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, John Itayem, Nicola & Mara Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Veronica Juris, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Kathy McAvinue, George McKee, Peggy McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Sandra McRae, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Jennifer Naelitz, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Freddie Pringle, Laura Radca, Catherine Rajnicek, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Bob Ruddy, Kayana Ryniak, Mary Salamon, Mary Ellen Salo, Marilyn Samonte, Jerry Secunde, Jeffrey Secunde, Carolyn Sesplankis, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwarth, Joanna Somerville, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Dennis Tyburski, Sr. Marie Veres, HM, Celine Whelpley, John & Noreen Williams, Jay Yessenko.

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 & Marianne Cacho

Listening sessions for Pope Francis' call to hear the people of God will be held on two occasions. The first listening session will be **Tuesday January 4 at 7pm in the church. The second will be **Saturday morning January 8 at 10:00am in the church.** We are combining these sessions with our quarterly "What's on Your Mind" gatherings. Please try to attend one of these sessions to share your ideas or to hear what others have to say.**





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Monday, Jan 3

All Day

9:30am—10:30am

7:00pm—8:30pm

Office Closed

Legion of Mary (Church)

St. Vincent DePaul Mtg.
(Rectory Library)

Tuesday, Jan 4

8:00am—8:30am

9:30am—12:00pm

10:30am—12:00pm

Novena—Rosary (Church)

Bountiful Basement

AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Wednesday, Jan 5

4:30pm—6:30pm

5:00pm—6:45pm

7:00pm—8:00pm

8:00pm—9:00pm

Mobile Pantry/ Produce GiveAway
(North Parking Lot)

Bountiful Basement

Tai Chi Easy (Joseph Center)

AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Thursday, Jan 6

11:00am—12:00pm

7:00pm—8:30pm

AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Faith Sharing Prayer Group
(Rectory Living Room)

Friday, Jan 7

1:00pm—3:00pm

Stephen Ministers Leaders Group
(Rectory Library)

Saturday, Jan 8

9:30am—11:00am

Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp.
(Zoom)



Mobile Pantry/Produce Give Away

January 5, 2022, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Contact Katie by Tues. if you plan to help. Meet in the back parking lot at 2:30pm to set up. Clients may be in line to receive produce after 4 p.m.



Tai Chi Easy will be ongoing in the Joseph Center until the weather becomes warmer in late May. Then, we will be holding it outside again. Come and enjoy some winter-time stretching and healing movements!

Your body will thank you for it! It would be a good New Year Resolution to make, too! :) Every Wednesday at 7pm!

Recycle Christmas Lights Instead of tossing non-working lights into the trash, bring them to Blessed Trinity OR take them to the Zoo yourself, for recycling. Through 1/31/22, light strands and extension cords can be dropped into the Lights for Lions collection container at the Zoo's main entrance or bring them here and we will take them to the Zoo. Proceeds will support the Lion and Cheetah Conservation project. <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo/wildlife-conservation/lights-for-lions>



WORSHIP

Saturday, Jan 1

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Jan 2 (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am All Souls

Baptism: Valentina Eleonora Tymoc

Monday, Jan 3

10:30am All Souls (At the Church)

Tuesday, Jan 4

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am Eugene & Mary McSweeney
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Wednesday, Jan 5

8:30am All Souls

Friday, Jan 7

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, Jan 8

4:00pm All Souls

Sunday, Jan 9 (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Lloyd W. Biddick, Jr.
(Elizabeth Biddick)

An inter-parish men's group will meet January 7th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, January 4th to make a reservation.

GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP – an INTER-PARISH GROUP Meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd, N. Olmsted. Due to rising Covid concerns we will not be meeting this month. If you have any questions contact Mary at 440-235-6258. We hope that each of you have a very Blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

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