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

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Monday: 10:30am at
Church**

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

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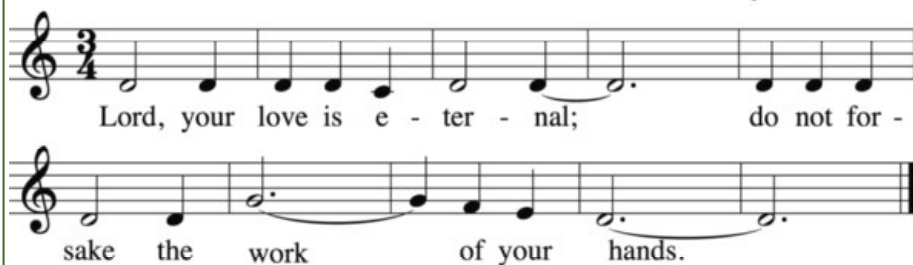
Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners 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.



LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL

Psalm 138

Roy James Stewart



The English translation of the refrain from the *Lectionary for Mass*
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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

It's Black Catholic History Month

Twenty percent of slaves brought from Africa to the United States were Catholic. They were baptized by Portuguese and Spanish explorers when they invaded Africa.

As Catholics we owe it to ourselves to find out what happened to them, what the church said about slavery over the centuries and what might be done today. This is the first of a two-part article about one story from 1619 to the present. It is about the Jesuits, Georgetown University and slavery.

In 1717, a prominent Jesuit priest handed over a sprawling Maryland plantation controlled by his Catholic order to a new owner. Amid the hogs and milk cows, candlesticks and chalices were 15 enslaved men, women and children.

The Jesuits soon regained control of the estate and their human property. But the handwritten deed, the oldest known record of Jesuit slaveholding in Maryland, made plain what some settlers already knew: The Jesuits had turned to the enslavement of human beings to help fuel the growth of the early Catholic Church.

By 1838, the Jesuit order owned about 300 people. Forced labor and the profits derived from the sales of people helped to sustain the clergy and to finance the construction and the day-to-day operations of churches and schools, including the nation's first Catholic institution of higher learning, the college known today as Georgetown University.

The enslaved people — the Black men, women and children who sustained the Jesuits and helped to drive the church's expansion — are invisible in the origin story traditionally told about the Catholic Church in the United States.

But, as scholars, journalists, genealogists and Jesuit researchers dig deeper into this history, that is beginning to change.

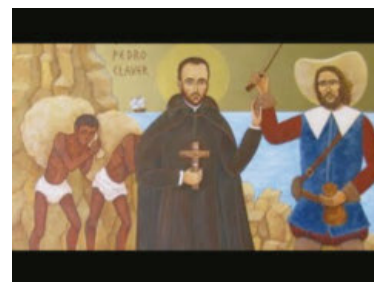
Some historians have spent years poring over 18th and 19th-century records scattered in archives, courthouses and historical societies in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Louisiana to illuminate the lives of these families. One says, "I am Black and I am Catholic. And my research has completely transformed my understanding of my church". (Rachel I. Swarns)

We often view the Catholic Church as a northern church, an immigrant church. But in the early decades of the American republic, the church established its foothold in the South, relying on plantations and enslaved laborers for its survival and expansion, according to historians and archival documents.

The Jesuits, who built the foundations of the early Catholic Church, believed that the enslaved had souls. But they also viewed Black people as assets to be bought and sold. At the time, the Catholic Church did not view slaveholding as immoral.

So priests baptized the children of the enslaved, blessed their marriages and required the people they owned to attend Mass, Jesuit records show. But the records also describe whippings, harsh plantation conditions, families torn apart by slave sales and hardships experienced by people shipped far from home as the church expanded.

(to be continued next week)



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Bountiful Basement could use **Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash and Floss** for the month of February. And we can always use toilet paper! Thank you!



At **St. Ignatius High School** Second Honors is awarded at the end of each semester for students who have achieved an average between 3.7 and 3.999. **Jorge Zevallos** in grade 12 and **Christian Zevallos** in grade 10 achieved those honors. Congratulations!

Caring Corner



Your Stephen Ministers are always ready to help with decisions about referrals to face any of life's crises. So never hesitate to reach out to us for assistance in finding the help you need. We have also assembled a list of mental health professionals and other community resources to help in your search. It can be accessed at blessedtrinitycleveland.org/blessed-trinity-stephen-ministry/

Please pray for:

Aurelio Abarca, Maureen Ashdown, Thomas Ausneher, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Sarah Brower, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Comet, McKayla Coyne, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Eleanore Flick, Alice Friedel, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, John Itayem, Nicola & Mara Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Ann Jones, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Betty Kensick, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Krstancic, 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, Lisa Prokopius, 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, Larry Sowders, Leonard Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Pete & Teri Thayer, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Dennis Tyburski, Celine Whelpley, John & Noreen Williams, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young.

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
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie
Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone.

A big shout out of THANKS! to St. Bernadette Parish, Fairview Ambulatory Surgery Center, Village Bicycle Cooperative (VBC), parishioners and anonymous donors who made possible our Christmas outreach to 57 households. VBC, (100% volunteer-based; check out their website) provided 7 free, reconditioned bicycles for a family with 8 children. The bikes from parishioners who answered the call for used bicycles were sent to the HOPE Center for refugee families. Win! Win! We were able to fill many wish lists and make a few unexpected deliveries, too! Best of all, the Bountiful Basement client who had her car stolen (bad enough, but that car was filled with the family's gifts for safe keeping from inquisitive kids!) received enough gift cards to have that Merry Christmas they thought had been stolen from them. We are grateful for the kindnesses of so many!





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Feb 6

9:00am—10:30am CGS (Joseph Center)
 9:00am—10:45am PSR Grs. 1-3 (Atrium)
 10:00am-10:45am PSR Grs. 4+ (Rectory Basement)

Monday, Feb 7

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
 7:00pm—8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Mtg.
 (Rectory Library)

Tuesday, Feb 8

8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)
 9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
 10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 7:00pm—8:30pm LGBTQ Faithsharing Grp.
 (Rectory Living Room)

Wednesday, Feb 9

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

Thursday, Feb 10

11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 2:00pm—4:00pm Stephen Ministers Group Mtg.
 (Rectory Library)
 7:00pm—8:30pm Bible Study (ZOOM)

Friday, Feb 11

1:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministers Leaders Group
 (ZOOM)

The Rectory Library now has two DVD's of "**The Chosen**", **Season One and Season Two**! So, if you're wondering what you can do **indoors** this weekend (or week), swing by the Rectory Library and sign out one of the DVD's and "**Binge on Jesus**"!! The picture on the front cover of this bulletin is from Season One, Episode Four! If you have not had the pleasure of watching it yet, or would like to "binge watch it", come to the library!

The Sisters of the Humility of Mary Ministry Center is in need of a person to provide cleaning services for 2 hours/week at their office in Westlake. Weekday hours, time negotiable. For more information, please call the HM Ministry Center at 440-907-1618 and leave a message. We will return the call.

A Church that Empowers: Catholic Social Action in Cleveland. Presented by: Sr. Kathleen Ryan, SND & Len Calabrese. **Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7pm**, Dolan Science Center, O'Connell Reading Room. This lecture will also be **live streamed via Zoom** at: www.jcu.edu/academics/catholic.

Advertiser of Week: **NEW ADVERTISER:**
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WORSHIP

Saturday, Feb 5

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Feb 6 (Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Loretta H. Needham
(Ginger Needham)

Monday, Feb 7

10:30am No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 8

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am No Mass

Wednesday, Feb 9

8:30am No Mass

Friday, Feb 11

8:30am No Mass

Saturday, Feb 12

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Feb 13 (Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26)

9:00am Deacon Jack Koch (Family)

11:00am Tim Carney (Mary Kreager)

L.E.A.F. Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families and loved ones of the incarcerated. All are welcome. Spanish/bilingual assistance is available, if pre-arranged. Meetings are held at St. Julie's Church in N. Ridgeville on the second Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next one is **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022**. For more information text or call Ted Lapponi (440) 315-6527.

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