

Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY

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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

At Westpark Healthcare Campus

4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 8:30am

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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Psalm 118: This Is the Day

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

We Are an Easter People

Some days it's difficult to be hope-filled, believing in new life. The corona virus is weakening, yet there are still more cases reported and super spreader events abound. Few, if any of those responsible for planning and executing the Jan. 6 attempted coup are being brought to justice. They spit in the eye of American law and of congress who sends them summons. The planet has passed the tipping point to be saved. Ukraine dominates the news, so much so that we think everything is fine in Haiti or Yemen, when of course it is not. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's attempted kidnappers got off Scot free. We are unable to grasp that there are men who are pure evil, even when we see that evil, live on TV as innocent Ukrainian children and women and citizens are murdered. Gun violence is up and rising. Food prices are soaring. Gas prices have tapered off, but they are still about a dollar more than last year. Closer to home, people are sick, people are in assisted living. Parishioners have died and are dying. Where is the hope? Where is the promise? Where is God? Why has He abandoned us in our hour of need?

Why are we an Easter people? Because it is Easter that sets us apart from every other believer. It is Easter that distinguishes us from other good and moral people throughout our world. As Christians we believe that something happened on that first Easter morning. We believe that Jesus of Nazareth, like innocent Ukrainians, who suffered a cruel and unjust death, was raised up and glorified by the power of God. We believe that Jesus became for us the way to salvation. We believe that Jesus' death and resurrection is a pattern for our own life. This explains why Easter is not simply good news for Jesus, but good news for us as well. For you and I believe that we who are united to Christ through faith and baptism will ourselves be raised up and glorified. St. Paul says this so clearly in his letter to the Romans. "If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Resurrection and glory are a reality for Jesus. For us they remain a promise. Yet the reality of Jesus' resurrection and glorification is the guaran-

tee of our promise. Because we believe that if God destroyed the evil of Jesus' life and vindicated him from death, God will do the same for the evil around us. Believing this is not always easy. We can doubt, as did the apostles on that first Easter morning, whether the announcement of the women from the tomb is just an idle tale. I know I do sometimes. But for those of us who are gifted by faith, for those of us who claim the truth of the resurrection, that truth becomes an anchor for our lives. This is why Christians are always moving from faith to hope. From faith that Christ was in fact raised and glorified to hope that the same will occur to our planet. From faith in believing that Jesus has been raised up to hope that there is no pain, no failure, no hurt that is so great that the love and power of God cannot conquer it. This is why Christians should be able to hope in every situation, even the ones we find ourselves in this day. For if God was loving and powerful enough to raise one person from the dead, then we believe that nothing can separate us from God's love and power to save us.

The Easter Sunday morning Gospel (John 20:1-9) reveals that of all of them, only Mary Magdalen spoke the truth about the disciples' immediate situation. That happened rather inadvertently when she admitted that "they" had taken the Lord and "we" do not know where he is. The disciples were in a state of confusion — at best.

Perhaps their hearts had to be broken before they could let go of the narrow religious ideals they had cherished. Their image of an omnipotent, ever-victorious God had left no room for Jesus' unique revelation of divine self-giving and suffering love.

Luke constructs this story as a liturgy. The disciples' brokenhearted conversation and Jesus' description of them as foolish and sluggish of heart called them to believe in something bigger than their closed ideas and limited hopes. That served as a penitential rite, calling them to believe in God rather than cling to their perceptions. Let us affirm our belief and hope in that same God. Let us believe that our God can stop the senseless gun violence, save our planet, end all wars, make life livable and enjoyable. His is the promise of the Risen Christ. That is the promise of Easter. That is why we are an Easter Alleluia people.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Because of early deadlines, the collection amounts will be in the next bulletin.

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Catholic University \$ 122.00

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Communications \$ 42.00

Mission Sunday \$ 277.00

Human Development \$ 87.00

Latin America \$ 365.00

Eastern Europe \$ 64.00

Black & Native Americans \$ 150.00

Catholic Relief Services \$ 147.00

Operation Rice Bowl \$ 177.00

Free \$10 Speedway gas cards are available at the rectory for parishioners to offset the high cost of gasoline.

Our next **Holy Name Men's meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 19th**. Our guest speaker is Nate Gradisher from the Hospice of the Western Reserve. **Doors open at 7pm**. All are welcome!

Bountiful Basement, for March, served 248 Families; 207 Seniors, 365 Adults, 193 children; for a total of **765 Individuals**. Thank you!

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

DISCIPLES NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEALS

Our Community Meal ministry will resume on June 12th. Meals are served every 2nd Sunday of the month in Fogarty Hall, 12:30-1:30pm. Can you offer any time on these Sundays between 8:30am and 2:30pm? Disciples are needed to set up tables, chairs, prep ingredients, cook, serve, clean up, & take down tables & chairs. We need a few additional disciples who love to cook, can cook for a crowd, & are not afraid to lead a group. We are looking for many disciples to share this ministry so team members can have a break from the every month schedule. Help get our Community Meal teams in place & going strong. Contact Katie Corbett or Cas Robertson (216.534.4986) if you can say "Yes!" to this ministry.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, April 17 All Day	Easter Sunday Alleluia!
Monday, April 18 9:30am—10:30am 7:00pm—8:30pm	Legion of Mary (Church) Peace & Justice Mtg. (Jos. Center)
Tuesday, April 19 8:00am—8:30am 9:30am—12:00pm 10:30am—12:00pm 7:30pm—10:00pm	Novena—Rosary (Church) Bountiful Basement AA Meeting (Rectory Basement) Holy Name Men's Ministry Mtg. (Joseph Center)
Wednesday, April 20 3:00pm—3:45pm 5:00pm—6:45pm	Witness for Ukraine (front sidewalk) Bountiful Basement
Thursday, April 21 11:00am—12:00pm 2:00pm—4:00pm 6:30pm—8:30pm 6:30pm—7:30pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement) Stephen Ministers Group Mtg. (Rectory Library) Women's Faith Sharing Grp. (Joseph Center) Faith Sharing Prayer Grp. (Rectory Living Room)
Friday, April 22 1:00pm—3:00pm	Stephen Minister Leaders Mtg. (Joseph Center)

Appeal for Eucharistic Ministers. The Spiritual Care and Volunteer departments here at **Fairview Hospital** are appealing for your help – becoming a **Volunteer Eucharistic Minister** – to comfort, and support our sick Catholic brothers and sisters by bringing them Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. If you are already a Eucharistic Minister at your Parish, and are willing to help, please, call **Fr. Deogratias at 216-476-4929** to learn more about this grace-filled compassionate ministry. Thank You.

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually. Please note that **Easter falls on the 3rd Sunday so our Grief Support Groups this month will meet on the 4th Sunday, April 24th.** For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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WORSHIP

Holy Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil (Gn 1:1-22; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12)

8:30pm Blessed Trinity
Baptism: Loujain Anwar Shorbatli

Easter Sunday, April 17 (Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9)

9:00am Blessed Trinity
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, April 18

11:00am All Souls
At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, April 19

8:00am Novena—Rosary
8:30am Ronnie Juris (Maryann Thomas)

Wednesday, April 20

8:30am All Souls

Friday, April 22

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, April 23

4:00pm James Simon (Thomas J. Simon)

Sunday, April 24 (Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31)

9:00am Blessed Trinity
11:00am Sr. Marie Veres, HM (Family)

WEST PARK MEALS ON WHEELS is in desperate need of drivers or deliverers on any day you can be available. Mon. thru Fri. (No Holidays). Normally one hour out of your day is all that is needed. Please step up & call Georganne at: 216-251-6255.

Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Series on April 19th at 7:00pm presents Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse addressing “The Challenges of Navigating Career, Family and Faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit and social science!” Hosted at **Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish, 367 E. 260th St., Euclid.**

ADDICTION AWARENESS virtual WORKSHOP

The Samaritan Ministry at St. Malachi Parish in partnership with the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is offering a one-day **Addiction Awareness Workshop via Zoom** on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022, from 9am-4pm.** For a *brochure* or to *register* visit: AAWapril19.eventbrite.com or contact Judy Stowe at 216-280-0675 or judystowe@gmail.com. The registration deadline for CEU's is 4/12/22. There is **no cost** for this program, but we welcome **donations.** To **donate**, visit: faith.direct/OH337 (Choose: One-Time Gift: Mother Teresa Ministry).

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