

Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 7, 2022

NINETEENTH 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: 11:00am

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 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Refrain



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

What is expected of us as we watch and work for the realization of God's reign among us? What should we be doing in this seemingly endless interim between the appearances of Jesus? These questions have been pertinent to the lives of every believer since the beginning of Christianity, and the answers have remained the same: Be faithful, be vigilant and be prepared.

In order to be faithful, vigilant and prepared, we must return again and again to Jesus, in whom God is revealed. We must return again and again to his announcement of the kingdom and the story of our salvation. Only in this deliberate return will we find truth, reason for being, and the motivation to continue believing, hoping and reaching out in love and compassion to all.

Some have defined this act of returning as a quest. Some have compared it to being refreshed and renewed at the wellspring of life. Call it what you will, but without this action, we lose our way and can be swayed more easily by inauthentic images of Jesus. Every month or two some publisher comes up with a blockbuster, saying that Jesus was a New Age guru, an Egyptian freemason or a hippie. Every year or two, some scholar or seminar of scholars suggest that Jesus was a peasant Cynic, a wandering wordsmith or a preacher of liberal values born out of due time.

Despite these roadblocks, dead ends and detours on the road to finding Jesus, the quest for Jesus (or the act of returning to him again and again) is a necessary and nonnegotiable aspect of Christian discipleship. This conviction is reflected in the letter to the Hebrews. The intended readers of Hebrews were already growing weary of waiting and watching for Jesus. As early as the 80s, many were considering a return to their Jewish roots. Still others were drawn to Judaism as a way to save themselves from imperial persecution. For those reasons, the ancient author made an extended and eloquent argument for the unique superiority of Jesus, his person, his priesthood and his sacrifice. In today's second reading, the author cites the example of Abraham, whose

faith in God moved him to launch out into unknown and unmapped territory while believing that he and his barren wife Sarah might have a child. He was willing to believe that eventually his descendants would outnumber the stars and the sands on the seashore. Then, when put to the ultimate test by God, Abraham was willing to offer his only son in sacrifice. Søren Kierkegaard has suggested that Abraham was able to become a sojourner at God's prompting because "he left one thing behind and took one thing with him. He left his earthly understanding behind and took faith with him. Otherwise he would never have gone forth"

In today's Gospel, the Lucan Jesus will continue the formation of his disciples so that they can cultivate a faith like Abraham's and live in preparedness for Jesus' return. Jesus urged them (and us) to trust in God rather than live in fear of what may or may not happen. Jesus invited his own to be detached rather than find fulfillment and security in earthly possessions — and, in their detachment, to provide for the poor. With two parables concerning the relationship between a master and his servants, Jesus underscored the readiness that should characterize believers. Like good stewards, we are to care for those in our charge and not neglect their needs.

The disciples of Jesus are not to regard the poor as an economic burden to be solved by one governmental program or another. We are to treasure the poor as an opportunity for finding, knowing and loving him. Surely some of their disguises are frightful, as Mother Teresa was fond of saying, but they embody Christ, and in serving them we serve the One for whom we wait and watch; in whom we hope and trust.

We know neither the day nor the hour when Jesus shall return, so each of us must live as if that day is today. We are also to remember that — in all we are and in all we do — we are not alone. Our God dwells with and within us. We are also surrounded and supported by the faithful here on earth as well as those who have gone ahead of us. On the strength of that communion, we become who we are: church.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, July 31	\$ 3,157.25
Special Gifts	\$ 1,390.00
Scrip, profit from gift cards	\$ 152.32
Recycle profit for June	\$ 20.28

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 21st for our
annual **Haiti Fundraiser**. To be held at **St. Mel
Church Hall**, 14436 Triskett Rd. from **6-10pm**.
Tickets will be available in September.

During the Spring, 2022, the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul at Blessed Trinity assisted 23
families with rent, utilities, etc. in the amount of
over \$5,100.00. **THANK YOU** so much for your
continued generosity.

Thank you! What a great job we did for the **Walk for
Hunger**. The final amount raised by our par-
ish was **\$4,478**. Our Bountiful Basement Buddies team
was the third highest fundraising team overall and the
top fundraising team among all the Hunger Center food
pantries! Thanks to all who supported this effort.

Advertiser of the Week:
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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 & Marianne
Cacho
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and
nephew of Margie Pavone.

There is plenty of parking on our property.
Lately people have been making their own
parking places along the entrance from Puritas
Ave and in front of the church. Those are not
parking places. A clear line of movement is
necessary for emergency vehicles and fire en-
gines. Unless you are parked in a spot between
two yellow lines you are illegally parked.
Please do not park in a place that looks like it
would be okay to park there. It's not okay.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Monday, August 8

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm Haiti Committee Mtg. (Rec. Lib.)

Tuesday, August 9

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 Faith Sharing Mtg.
(Rectory Living Room)
7:00pm—8:30pm Centering Prayer (Joseph Center)

Wednesday, August 10

3:00pm—3:45pm Witness for Ukraine/End Racism
(front sidewalk)
5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
7:00pm—8:00pm Tai Chi Easy (outside by gardens)

Thursday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 13

5:00pm—5:45pm Witness for Ukraine/End Racism
(front sidewalk)

The Haiti Committee will be selling **Just Haiti coffee** after all the Masses next weekend (**August 13-14**). Bags of Whole Bean or Ground are \$12 each and Boxes of "J" Cups are \$10 each. Thank you for your support!

Caring Corner



A new book in the Stephen Ministry library is *Cancer — Now What?* to help people dealing with a cancer diagnosis. This book made such a difference for one woman that she now keeps copies on hand to give to others. "Seldom do you find a book that helps you so much that you want to give it to others. But *Cancer — Now What?* did that for me. When you're dealing with cancer you need all the helpful ideas you can find. *Cancer — Now What?* did way more for me than any other resource."

Common Threads is a local thrift store with two locations that supports **The Hope Center** for refugees. They have a \$1 Kids Clothing Sale going on now through Sunday, Aug. 7th. And that also covers the Ohio Sales Tax FREE days of Aug. 5-7! If you don't already, consider donating your "slightly used" clothing there, but also shopping there. It's a win-win. www.commonthreadsthift.com.



WORSHIP

Saturday, August 6

4:00pm All Souls

Sunday, August 7 (Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Dan Miller (Deborah Maschke)

Monday, August 8

11:00am All Souls

**At Westpark Healthcare Campus
4387 W. 150th St.**

Tuesday, August 9

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am Sr. Marie Veres, HM (Ann Hvizdos)

Wednesday, August 10

8:30am All Souls

Friday, August 12

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, August 13

4:00pm Homer, Elizabeth & Patrick Roach
(Jeff Roach)

Sunday, August 14

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Andrew & Loretta Needham and
Sr. Laura Kuhns, CSJ
(Ginger Needham)

L.E.A.F. Listening, Encouraging & Assisting Families & loved ones of the incarcerated. All are welcome. At St. Julie's Church in N. Ridgeville on the 2nd Tuesdays of every month at 7pm. Come **Tuesday, August 9th**. For more information text or call Ted Lapponi (440) 315-6527.

Job Opening: Administrative Support in the office at **Holy Cross Cemetery**, 14609 Brookpark Rd. Full time position with Medical and Pension. Please call Colleen Stecker for more info: 216-641-7575, x #3.

The highlight of the summer!!! Join us this Sunday, **August 7 for The FEST** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Check out all the details at: www.theFEST.us

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is vigilant in its efforts to raise awareness and protect children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated in any way with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Services office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

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