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AUGUST 21, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 117: GO OUT AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS

Laura Ash, David Ash

Last time: to Coda





From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Remember the Line of Demarcation?

Somewhere in World history class, I remember learning about the line of demarcation. It was an imaginary line drawn by the pope that equally divided the lands in the new world between Spain and Portugal.

Christopher Columbus returned from his first voyage on March 4, 1493, landing first at the mouth of the Tagus River close to Lisbon, Portugal. He informed the Portuguese authorities of his arrival and met with King John II before continuing on to the Spanish port of Palos, arriving on March 15. He probably reached the Aragonese court in Barcelona by mid-April. While still in Portugal or perhaps while on his way to the Spanish court, Columbus dispatched two letters written in Spanish describing the experiences and findings of his first voyage. One was addressed to his supporter and benefactor Luis de Santángel, Escribano de Racion at the Court of Aragon, and the other to the Spanish monarchs, Isabella and Ferdinand. The letter was soon published (between late March and mid-April, most likely in Barcelona), and a Latin version (purportedly translated on April 29) was printed in Rome. While Pope Alexander VI, a Spaniard himself, would have had no issues reading the Spanish version, it is likely that it was the Latin translation that was brought to his attention.

Portugal got everything east of the line, modern day Brazil, and Spain got everything west of the line, modern day Mexico, Central America and the rest of Latin America. To this day Brazilians speak Portuguese and the rest of Latin America speaks Spanish. But the line of demarcation was only one part of the ugly story. The whole story is called the Doctrine of Discovery.

The Papal Bull "Inter Caetera," issued by Pope Alexander VI on May 4, 1493, played a central role in the Spanish conquest of the New World. The document supported Spain's strategy to ensure its exclusive right to the lands discovered by Columbus the previous year. It established a demarcation line one hundred leagues west of the Azores and Cape Verde Islands and assigned Spain the exclusive

right to acquire territorial possessions and to trade in all lands west of that line. All others were forbidden to approach the lands west of the line without special license from the rulers of Spain. This effectively gave Spain a monopoly on the lands in the New World.

The Bull stated that any land not inhabited by Christians was available to be "discovered," claimed, and exploited by Christian rulers and declared that "the Catholic faith and the Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread, that the health of souls be cared for and that barbarous nations be overthrown and brought to the faith itself." Pope Alexander VI called for non-Christian nations to be reduced and subjugated ("barbare nationes deprimantur"). Yikes!

This "Doctrine of Discovery" became the basis of all European claims in the Americas as well as the foundation for the United States' western expansion. In the US Supreme Court in the 1823 case *Johnson v. McIntosh*, Chief Justice John Marshall's opinion in the unanimous decision held "that the principle of discovery gave European nations an absolute right to New World lands." In essence, American Indians had only a right of occupancy, which could be abolished.

Fast forward to 2022. There are many who claim that the United States was founded as a Christian nation. Adherents of white nationalism and America first policies are actually correct in asserting that our Founding Fathers wanted the United States to be a Christian land, for indeed the only religion in Europe at the time was Catholicism. What would shock many of them though is that they would be calling upon the authority of the Catholic Church to back up their claims.

The Bull *Inter Caetera* made headlines again throughout the 1990s and in 2000, when many Catholics petitioned Pope John Paul II to formally revoke it and recognize the human rights of indigenous "non-Christian peoples." He never did.

In 2015, Pope Francis apologized in Bolivia for "many grave sins" against native peoples committed by members of the Church in the course of the colonial occupation of the Americas. But he did not specifically apologize for or revoke *Inter Caetera*.

The effort to revoke the bull (sic) continues to this day. It was hoped that Pope Francis would revoke it when he visited Canada last month. Alas, he did not.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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The **Bountiful Basement** served in July: 270 families; 212 Seniors; 442 Adults; 180 Children; for a total of **834 individuals** who needed help to feed themselves and their families. Thank you for being there for them.

Malley's gift cards are back!! \$10 each, and we make **20%** on each one sold! That's \$2 for Blessed Trinity and \$10 for you to spend at Malley's! What a deal! **Also**, we are now selling **Sheetz** gas cards! In \$25 and \$100 val-
ues. You not only can get gas with them, but they have some great food selections, too!



THIS SUNDAY, join our parish commu-
nity in Fogarty Hall for coffee and
donuts following the 9am and 11am
Masses!

Wednesday Evening Tai Chi Stops and Starts:

Wednesday evening Tai Chi will end with the session on **August 24**. It will resume again in-
doors only on Wednesday, **October 5th**.

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.

Blessed Trinity Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 7:00

**-8:30 p.m., in the Rectory Living Room, begin-
ning in September.** We will be reading and
reflecting upon the parables found in the gos-
pels of Matthew and Luke. If interested in join-
ing, contact Carla Fritsch at:
cefritsch66@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Advertiser of the Week:
Humenik Funeral Chapel





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, August 21

12:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministers Training
(Joseph Center)
12:30pm—1:30pm Coffee and Donuts (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, August 22

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)

Tuesday, August 23

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 Centering Prayer (Joseph Center)

Wednesday, August 24

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 25

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

Friday, August 26

1:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg.
(Rectory Library)

Saturday, August 27

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

We are desperate for bags for the Bountiful Basement. Last week we had to use new bags from Marc's and Giant Eagle which we do not like to do. The best bags are Drug Mart, Heinen's, Dave's, Target, Boston Market, Olive Garden. No produce bags or newspaper bags please. Also, if people decide to drop in to help, could they please bring bags if they have them? Thank you!

Our next Taize Prayer is Sunday, August 21st at 7 pm at Centering Space, 14812 Lake Ave. in Lakewood. We will gather outdoors (indoors if the weather is bad). Bring a chair. Taize Prayer is a meditative evening prayer of simple chants, silence and scripture readings. It is led by members of our parish. Join us!

St. Josaphat Festival with Parade and Fundraising for Ukraine. August 27-28 at 5720 State Rd., Parma. Parade Saturday at 11am. Festival at St. Josaphat Saturday, 11am—11pm and Sunday, 12 noon—9pm.



WORSHIP

Saturday, August 20

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, August 21 (Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Sharon Vertal (Nancy Koch)

Monday, August 22

11:00am All Souls

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

Tuesday, August 23

8:00am Novena—Rosary

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, August 24

8:30am Kloos Family (Mary Kreager)

Friday, August 26

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, August 27

4:00pm Ernesto & Luisa Cacho (Family)

Sunday, August 28 (Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Luis Garcia (Carmela & Children)

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 2nd for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd, N. Olmsted. Registration **begins at 11:15AM**, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tues., August 30th to make a reservation.

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.

St. Edward High School Open Houses for 8th Grade Families: Sunday, 10/2 from 11am-1pm or Mondays, 10/17, 24 and 11/7 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. **Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/openhouse.** Also, **St. Edward High School Admission Tests** for 8th Grade Boys: Saturdays, 10/8, 22 and 11/5 at 9am; Wednesday, 11/2 at 5:30pm. **Pre-registration is required at sehs.net/admissiontest.** For residents of Cleveland: St. Edward accepts the Cleveland Scholarship Program voucher. For questions, contact the St. Edward High School Office of Admission at 216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net

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