

Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Are Welcome



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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

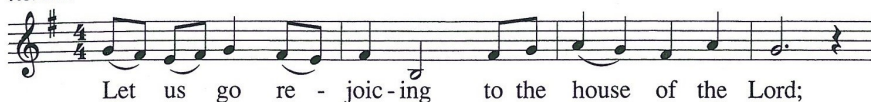
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing

Refrain



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From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Eucharist as Thanksgiving

You have no idea how many people have told me, “I don’t get anything out of Mass.” I am quick to reply, “You have it backwards. You don’t come to Mass to get something. You come to Mass to give something, and that something is your thanks to our good and gracious God for the blessings that you have received.”

Sometimes the person will add, “And Mass is boring, too.” So I will needle the grumbler, “Have you received any blessings this week?” Usually there is a blank stare and a long pause. After a brief uneasy silence, I pipe up, “What about each new day? You have your health, food on the table, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, money in your pocket, friends at your side and some happy experiences, too.”

This brief exchange is headed to two final questions. “Where did all of this come from?” For a person of faith, the correct answer is, “God.”

“And, what did you do to deserve it?” The correct answer is, “Nothing.” Everything that we receive over the course of a week is an undeserved gift from our benevolent and generous God, and if all is a gift, the least a person can do is set aside an hour a week to go to Mass to give God praise and thanks.

Actually, once a week is not enough. At a parish where I served there was a spiritual hymn that was one of the congregation’s favorites: “Every day is a day of thanksgiving. God’s been so good to me. He’s been blessing me. Every day is a day of thanksgiving. Glorify the Lord today.”

When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he established it as an act of thanksgiving. The Words of Institution are: “He took the bread, and giving thanks, broke it,” and, “He took the chalice, and once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples” (see Lk 22:19, 17 and 1 Cor 11:24). The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes this as “consecratory thanksgiving” (No. 1346). The two substances, bread and wine, are signs of gratitude, as first seen when the priest Melchizedek offered bread and wine to thank God the Creator for the

fruits of the earth (Gn 14:18-20).

The Greek word “eucharisteo” means “to give thanks.” The Catechism states that the Eucharist “is an act of thanksgiving to God” (No. 1329). At the Last Supper during the Passover meal, Jesus gave thanks. By the year 100, the weekly practice of eating together was called a giving of thanks, eucharistia, and even the symbolic foods of bread and wine were called the thanksgiving. Two centuries later, when the weekly supper evolved into a lengthy ritual of public worship, eucharistia became a proper name, so that the worship service was itself called eucharist or Eucharistic liturgy. By the middle ages, eucharistia referred to the consecrated bread and wine, a far cry from the original intent of Jesus.

The entire Mass is a prayer of thanksgiving, which is stated explicitly in some prayers and implied throughout. The priest says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,” and the congregation replies, “It is right and just.” The Preface continues, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father.” The Preface concludes with the “Holy, Holy,” a hymn of praise that gives thanks to God. Similarly, the words of the doxology are, “Through him and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever” — a joyful song of praise to offer thanks to God.

After we receive holy Communion and Christ is really present to us in an intensified sacramental way, it is a perfect time to have a chat with the Lord, to mention a few of the blessings we have received over the past week, and to tell Jesus just how grateful we are. All that we have is from God, and without God we would have nothing. It is an empty argument to say, “I don’t get anything out of Mass.” We go because we owe God our praise and thanks.

This Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving. We will gather with family and maybe some friends over a meal. Can you imagine anyone attending that meal saying “I don’t get anything out of it!” Of course not! What are we supposed to get out of Thanksgiving? Nothing. It is what we bring to it that makes it a celebration of lives well lived.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org or deliver them to the rectory office. Notices **MUST** be in by **Monday** of the week before the bulletin is distributed.

E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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Thank you for your generous support!
Sunday, Nov. 13 Due to early bulletin deadlines for the holidays, collection numbers for Nov. 13 will be in the next bulletin.

This is the last weekend for paper and cardboard recycling. Bring in all your “heavy” **paper items**, such as catalogs, magazines, paperback books, hardbound books, old encyclopedia’s, etc... **Bonus days end Nov. 22nd.**



Advent begins next Sunday. If you or your family would like to light the Advent wreath during the Advent season, please sign up at the back table.

Next weekend’s Advent Collection will support **Zelie’s Home**. Your cash or check donation can be placed in an envelope and then placed in the collection basket.

For the month of October, the **Bountiful Basement** served 287 families; 217 Seniors, 483 Adults, 238 Children, for a total of 938 individuals. Thank you for all that you do to make this possible. Also, we are in desperate need of plastic bags again. Bring them to the church after Mass, or to the office during the week. Thanks!

Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehrmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Lisa Baus, Lenore Begin, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Joan Bryan, Adele Burke, Ann Busch, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Cathrine Damm, John Darmstadt, Diane Dorenkott, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Liz Greller, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Helena Hoogstraten, Gail Iseli, Carole Iseli, John Itayem, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Annette Kalister, Joanne Kauchuk, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, Rosemarie Martin, Patrick McAvinue, George McKee, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Dave Norris, Tom O’Boyle, Noreen Ortiz, Tony Pierson, Lisa Prokopius, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Ron Ruble, Bob Ruddy, Mary Salamon, Grace Samarin, Marilyn Samonte, Jerry Secunde, Brandy Shuttera, Debbie Shavorinsky, Terri Siegwarth, Joanna Somerville, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Celine Whelpley, Noreen Williams, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssefi, Jacqueline Zambarano.

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.



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

Start getting ready for your **Christmas shopping** and look up all the cards that are available through our **shopwithscrip.com** gift card program. Put in your special orders soon, so you’ll have them for presents, or to buy presents! **Shopwithscrip.com** has over 750 vendors that participate in this program. Pick up an order form at the gift card table, or at the office. Thank you!





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Nov 20

8:45am—10:30am	Atrium Level I (Joseph Center)
9:00am—10:45am	PSR gr. 1-3 (Church atrium)
10:00am—10:45am	PSR gr. 4-8 (Rectory Basement)
11:00am Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30pm—1:30pm	Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)
6:30pm—8:30pm	Taize' Practice (Church)

Monday, Nov 21

9:30am—10:30am	Legion of Mary (Church)
4:00pm—6:00pm	Stephen Ministers Grp. Mtg. (Rectory Library)
7:00pm—8:30pm	Peace & Justice Mtg. (Jos. Cntr.)
7:00pm—8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society Mtg. (Rectory Living Room)

Tuesday, Nov 22

8:00am-8:30am	Novena—Rosary (Church)
9:30am—12:00pm	Bountiful Basement
10:30am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
6:30pm—8:00pm	Centering Prayer (Joseph Center)
7:00pm—8:30pm	InterFaith Thanksgiving Prayer Srvc At Westpark UCC

Wednesday, Nov 23

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

Thursday, Nov 24

All Day	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
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Friday, Nov. 25

All Day	Office Closed for Black Friday
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Early bulletin announcement deadlines for the holidays.

If any ministry/organization has announcements coming up for the Nov. 27th thru Jan. 1st bulletins, our deadlines are changed:

For Nov. 27th bulletin, deadline is Thurs. Nov. 17th

For Dec. 11th bulletin, deadline is Mon. Dec. 5th

For Dec. 18th bulletin, deadline is Fri. Dec. 9th

For Dec. 25th bulletin, deadline is Thurs. Dec. 15th

For Jan. 1st bulletin, deadline is Thurs. Dec. 22nd.

Please make a note of these for your records.

Ride Needed 9 a.m. Mass Two parishioners living on Brookside (near the First District Police Station) have requested transportation. If you can provide rides at all, even if not every week, or not for 9 a.m. but for another Mass time, contact Katie.

Advertiser of the Week:
Keller Williams Realtor: Dametrius Clark
(also a parishioner!)



WORSHIP

Saturday, Nov 19

4:00pm Pat Harkins (T. J.)

Sunday, Nov 20 (2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43)

9:00am Deacon Jack Koch (Family)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, Nov 21

11:00am All Souls

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

Tuesday, Nov 22

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, Nov 23

8:30am Julianne Materna (Family)

Thursday, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day

9:30am Blessed Trinity

Friday, Nov 25

8:30am LaVerne Fuller (Bill & Family)

Saturday, Nov 26

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Nov 27 (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

9:00am Jean Schlather Frey (Mary Kreager)

11:00am Betty Kensick (Teri Crowe)

Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union is proud to announce that Blessed Trinity (Cleveland) will receive \$50.00 as part of our Giving Back Auto Loan program. You had 1 member tell us that they wanted \$50 to go to Blessed Trinity when financing a car with us. For more information about this program, contact Kelly Reddy, kcreddy@unitycatholiccu.org. or 440-886-2558 x244.

November Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tues., Nov. 22, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org> You are welcome here... Cost: \$50

Apply Now, for the James E. Flynn Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by Unity Catholic Federal Credit Union. **Hurry the deadline for the Scholarship is December 31.** Applications at any office or at www.unitycatholiccu.org/youth-programs/#flynn