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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

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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 25: To You, O Lord

Antiphon



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.



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From the desk of Fr. Doug

Advent and the Prophet Isaiah

The Catholic theologian Gerald O'Collins, S.J., has called the writings of the prophet Isaiah "the fifth gospel." By this he means that so many of the themes of the gospels, enfolded in their portrayal of Jesus, have their scriptural beginnings in Isaiah. Isaiah's connection to the story of Jesus seems particularly strong in the Advent and Christmas seasons. Even the prophet's name — Isaiah means "Yahweh saves" — foretells the Christmas story.

The book of Isaiah is one of the longest books in the Old Testament and the writings within it were composed over a period of so many years that most scholars believe there were at least three "prophet Isaiahs." That is, prophets who lived long after the original Isaiah attached themselves to his name and style because of his importance and effectiveness as a conveyer of God's message. For that reason the portions of the book of Isaiah between chapters 40 and 55 are often called "Deutero" or second Isaiah, and the chapters from 56 to 66 are called "Trito" or third Isaiah.

During the time of Jesus, nearly 800 years after the prophet's own life and death, the words of Isaiah continued to be read prominently in the synagogue. Jesus probably heard more about what Isaiah had to say than about any other prophet. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus begins his ministry by reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah and applying the message to his own ministry (Luke 4:16-21).

In the earlier chapters of Isaiah, the prophet gives us quite a bit of information about himself. His father's name was Amos and he was a lifelong resident of the city of Jerusalem. His concerns are those of the city, the king, and the Temple. Isaiah was called to prophetic service in the year King Uzziah of Judah died, which would have been around 742 B.C. He appears to have been around 18 years old at the time. He was married to a woman who was herself a prophetess (there were many more men and women prophets in those times than those whose writings have survived in Scripture).

He had two sons. Isaiah preached at a critical time in the history of the Jewish people. The original nation of Israel had divided into two, Israel to the North and Judah to the South. Each had its own king, and they were constantly in conflict with each other and with larger, more powerful nations. Isaiah tried to advise three successive kings of Judah (Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah) who sometimes accepted his counsel but more often ignored him to follow their own priorities. Isaiah disappeared from the scene sometime around 701 B.C.

The writings of Isaiah are distinguished among the Old Testament writings for their extraordinary literary quality. Isaiah was a poet who used vivid and powerful images and symbols to convey his message. He manages to preach even uncomfortable messages in a style that makes them possible to digest.

Isaiah's writings are prominent in the liturgies of Christmas for these reasons:

1. He is a prophet of hope and new beginnings. In particular, he speaks of the birth of a new king who will be a "Wonderful Counselor" and "Prince of Peace." Isaiah's own prophetic eye may have looked no further than the birth of Ahaz's son Hezekiah, who did turn out to be one of the better (though by no means perfect) kings of Judah. But Christians have seen in his words a foretelling of the birth of Jesus.
2. He is a prophet of the compassion of God. Isaiah's God is a God of mercy, comfort and consolation, much like the Father of whom Jesus spoke.
3. Isaiah was the first to articulate that the God of the Jews is also the God of all people. God's mercy was to reach beyond the boundaries of Jerusalem and Judah to extend to all peoples in every corner of the earth. Jesus, who brought the gospel to Jew and Gentile alike, very consciously exercised his ministry in the spirit of Isaiah.
4. Isaiah is a prophet of peace and justice. Harmony among all peoples and compassion for the poor are the hallmarks of God's presence. In these matters Jesus spoke out of a prophetic tradition that truly began with Isaiah.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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

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!

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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.



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Marjorie Sanders
May God grant comfort to her family
and friends*

Tai Chi on Wednesday Evenings. Come to Tai Chi on Wednesday nights from **7-8pm in Fogarty Hall**. Tai Chi is great for balance, stress relief and is a mild workout. **Come any time** Free will offerings go to our Haiti Fund. Tai Chi is led by parishioner Mike Reiling. Contact him at mreilingllc@gmail.com with questions.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Nov 27

8:45am—10:30am Atrium Level I (Joseph Center)
11:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, Nov 28

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm Finance Committee Mtg. (Jos. Cntr.)

Tuesday, Nov 29

8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)
9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Wednesday, Nov 30

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

Thursday, Dec 1

11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
2:00pm—4:00pm Stephen Ministry Group Mtg.
(Rectory Library)
6:30pm—8:00pm Faith Sharing Prayer Group
(Rectory Library)

Friday, Dec 2

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

Saturday, Dec 3

9:00am—11:00am IDCC (Joseph Center)
9:30am—11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group]
(Rectory Living Room)

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.



Save the date:
December 9th!
That's when our
wonderful **Holi-**
day Concert will
be happening at

7pm in the church! The bell choir will be playing, along with the church choir and we will have musical guests to highlight the whole evening. Be sure to get here early because seats will fill up fast! The concert is FREE, but there will be a free will offering as well. Get yourself into the holiday season feeling with the great sounds of our own Blessed Trinity Bell Choir and Adult Choir on Friday, December 9th at 7pm in the church!



WORSHIP

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)

Monday, Nov 28

11:00am All Souls

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

Tuesday, Nov 29

8:30am George & Julia Barnett
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Wednesday, Nov 30

8:30am All Souls

Friday, Dec 2

8:30am All Souls

Saturday, Dec 3

4:00pm Joanne Stevens (Stanley Gromek)

Sunday, Dec 4 (Is 11:1-10; Rom 14:4-9; Mt 3:1-12)

9:00am Kevin Boyer (Family)

11:00am Patrick & Jane Sopotsky (Family)
40th Wedding anniversary

An inter-parish men's group will meet **December 2nd** for a First Friday luncheon at **St. Clarence Church**, 30106 Lorain Rd, N. Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by **Tuesday, November 29th** to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00.

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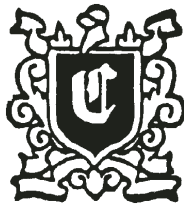
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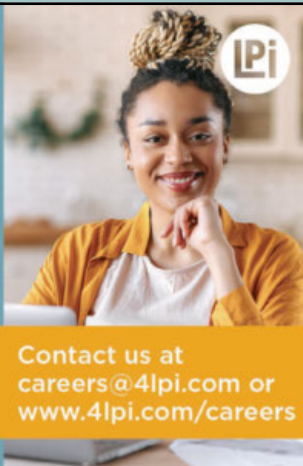
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