

Blessed Trinity

CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Are Welcome



DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

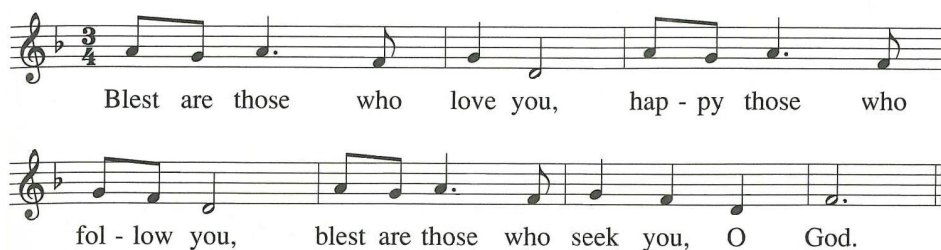
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You





From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Who Counts in a Parish?

Ten years ago about 12 parishioners and I attended a five week workshop from the Institute for School and Parish Development. We still use many of the techniques and idea that we learned in those sessions.

I pulled out my notes from those meetings just to review some of those ideas. The first was to look a typical Catholic parish, USA. In any given parish, 30% of those registered will be actively engaged, 30% will be uninvolved and 40% will be actively disengaged.

Actively engaged parishioners attend Mass regularly, support the parish financially, are involved in one or more parish ministries, see the parish as a basic part of the lives and have a basic understanding of stewardship/ownership for the parish.

Uninvolved parishioners are those who attend Mass once in a while, are not involved in any parish ministries, give little to the parish with no pattern of giving, do not see the parish as an integral part of their lives and feel little or no sense of belonging to the parish.

Actively disengaged Catholics attend Mass maybe at Christmas and Easter (Chreasters), give nothing to the parish financially, and are not involved in any way.

The goal of the whole process is to increase the percentage of people in the parish who become actively engaged. This is done through a cyclical seven step process.

Identify the mission of our parish and our mission for the future. Do as "SWOT" analysis, i.e., what are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to our parish

Keep the parish informed via, bulletins,

flock notes, newspapers, fliers, emails and websites.

Invite people personally. Make sure what you are inviting them to in meaningful to their lives.

Involves as many people as possible into parish life. This gives people a sense of ownership and belonging. Belonging leads to believing and active engagement in parish life. Assess the gifts of each parishioner.

Implement a plan of action. Many parishes have good ideas that never get farther than a committee meeting. What are the strategies to make sure someone is responsible to make sure things get done. Is the plan strategic? Measureable? Achievable? Realistic? What's the timetable for making that happen?

Invest in the parishioners' time, talent, wisdom, expertise, and resources.

Continue quality improvement. Evaluate efforts. Affirm what is good. Promote a culture of creativity and success. Advance the parish mission and ministries when necessary.

I took a quick tally of our parish. Out of 508 families, we have 135 actively engaged households. I created my own category, people who worship every week and support the parish financially but are not otherwise actively involved. That group totaled another 72 households. So 207 household in our parish actively worship on Saturday/Sunday. That's over 40% well above the national average. That doesn't count the 22 people who used to come regularly but are now in nursing homes or assisted living. So we can be glad about that >40% but dedicate more effort to the 60%.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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E-MAIL BULLETIN NOTICES TO:

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:

gracesamarin@att.net

Thank you for your generous support! Sunday collection information will be reported next week. Scrip, profit from gift card sales \$ 555.64

This week's Advent collection is for Religious Retirement. Next weekend's Advent Collection will support our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Your cash or check donation can be placed in an envelope and then placed in the collection basket.

COMMUNITY MEAL THIS SUNDAY,

December 11th, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in

Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



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Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehrmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, 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 Comet, 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, 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, Monica Woodman, 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.

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](https://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!

The Haiti Committee will be selling Just Haiti coffee after all the Masses this weekend (Dec. 10/11). Thank you for your support!





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Dec 11

8:45am—10:30am Atrium Level I (Joseph Center)
 11:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word
 12:30pm—1:30pm Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, Dec 12

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

Tuesday, Dec 13

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 Group
 (Rectory Living Room)

Wednesday, Dec 14

5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
 6:30pm—8:30pm Micro Loan Meeting
 (Rectory Living Room)
 7:00pm—8:00pm Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty Hall)

Thursday, Dec 15

11:00am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
 2:00pm—4:00pm Stephen Ministry (Rectory Library)
 5:00pm—7:00pm Women's Faith Sharing Group
 Joseph Center)
 6:30pm—8:00pm Faith Sharing Prayer Group
 (Rectory Library)

Friday, Dec 16

1:00pm—3:00pm Stephen Minister Leaders Mtg.
 (Off Site)
 7:00pm—8:00pm Fish Fry Volunteer Meeting
 (Fogarty Hall)

Saturday, Dec 17

9:00am—11:00am IDCC (Joseph Center)

Early bulletin announcement deadlines for the holidays. If any ministry/organization has announcements coming up, our deadlines are:

For Dec. 18th bulletin, deadline was 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.

Christmas Vigil Taize at Blessed Trinity

On Wednesday, December 21, come to a meditative evening prayer of singing, scripture and silence. Our prayer will be from 7:30-8:30 in our Church. This prayer blends Advent with the soon to come Christmas feast. Singing is led by our choir members.

The Calendar Raffle is back! We will be selling tickets starting this weekend after Masses. We will be drawing winners starting January 1st! They make great stocking stuffers!



WORSHIP

Saturday, Dec 10

4:00pm Delzani Family (Kathy Dugan)

Sunday, Dec 11 (Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)

9:00am Nicola & Alberto Pirozzoli
(Rosa & Family)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, Dec 12

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 13

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, Dec 14

8:30am All Souls

Thursday, Dec 15

No Mass

Friday, Dec 16

8:30am Andrew Needham (Ginger Needham)

Saturday, Dec 17

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Dec 18

9:00am Sr. Marie Veres, HM (Ann Hvizdos)

11:00am Ronnie Juris (Maryann Thomas)

Caring Corner



Author Jamie Anderson writes that grief is love with no place to go. And grief can be especially difficult during the holiday season. You grieve because you've loved, have been loved and continue to love. An important part of your healing this holiday season may be to embrace the love and memories you've shared. Sharing stories, making favorite foods, looking at photographs may help. Let your feelings be your guide. Finding the path to navigate through all the [season's activities](#) may provide a sense of empowerment.

Bountiful Basement could use toilet paper, Kleenex, & paper towels for the month of December. Thank you!



Lenten Fish Fries are back on the parish calendar because a skeleton crew of disciples said "YES" to filling key roles. Additional disciples are needed. The next organizational meeting is Friday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Fogarty Hall.

Advertiser of the Week:
Nature's Way Day Care Center