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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 18, 2022

THE FOURTH 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

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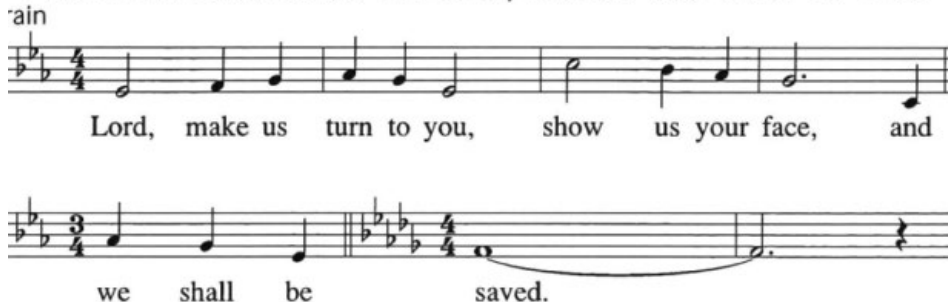
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You





From the Desk of Fr. Doug

Ever changing, Ever the same.

Last week I reminisced about the institute for School and Parish Development. At our parish synod (yes, we had a synod ten years ago before synods were fashionable!) the following challenges and solutions were discussed.

Challenge #1) How to improve communications in our parish? Use more technology. Facebook, Twitter, technology, constant emails, use local secular publications, phone calls, market our brand.

Challenge #2) How to get more people involved? Personal invitation, limit people's time to serve, educate the people about what 'welcoming' means, interview new parishioners, find out what attracted them, what are the parishioners' gifts,

Challenge #3) How to improve our greeter ministry? Make sure there are greeters at all doors of the church for each Mass. Provide training, this is not the same ministry as being an usher, learn people's names, acknowledge unfamiliar faces and ask what brought them here today.

Challenge #4) How to attract young families with small children? Ask young parents what they need, advertise our wonderful Atrium, is babysitting needed, have families bring up the gifts, have children be greeters, have cloth books for kids to use during Mass to occupy them,

Challenge #5) How to attract people ages 18-35? Have a sports night, have a movie night, what are the youth of today interested in? Have special outreach meetings for this age group? Why be a disciple in today's day and age.

Challenge #6) How to improve out hospi-

ality? Bless first timers in the assembly, make sure each person welcomes a new face if sitting beside them, leave pew for the sign of peace.

Challenge #7) How to attract non church-going Catholics? Have a ministry fair, blood screening, little seminars about Vatican II, how to get an annulment, talk about how religion is relevant to daily lives – or is it, use our new electronic sign to invite, who's hurt and can we help.

As you can see, our efforts over the past ten years have yielded some terrific results. At the same time, we can see that the challenges of ten years ago are the same challenges of today.

One thing we learned was that our approach to young people did not include young people! We didn't ask them if they wanted a sports night or a movie night. The institutional church has lost credibility with many people, but most notably younger people. The only way to build that trust again is for our parish to be faithful to what Jesus said and did so that young people can put their trust in us on the local level.

On another note, we will be decorating the church on December 23 after the 9:00am Mass. Help is needed to set up the manger scene, put up Christmas trees, arrange poinsettias, etc. This could be a fun family affair since the kids are on vacation. It gives children a sense of belonging to the parish when they are a part of something tangible. Belonging leads to believing. Coffee and donuts and orange juice will be provided.

This week's Advent collection is for **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Your cash or check donation can be placed in an envelope and then placed in the collection basket.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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Please pray for:

Nancy Abarca, Thomas Ausnehmmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, Lisa Baus, Lenore Begin, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, 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 Dzurro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Liz Greller, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hovevar, Helena Hoogstraten, Gail Iseli, Carole Iseli, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, 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 Siegwath, 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.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Dec 4	\$ 4,233.00
Special Gifts	\$ 4,215.00
Scrip, profit from gift card sales	\$ 505.64
Paper recycling in November	\$ 10.36

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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.



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

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.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Dec 18

8:45am—10:30am Atrium Level I (Joseph Center)
11:00am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:30pm—8:30 Taize Practice (Church)

Monday, Dec 19

9:30am—10:30am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00pm—8:30pm Peace and Justice Mtg. (JC Lg)
7:00pm—8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Soc. Mtg.
(Rectory Living Room)

Tuesday, Dec 20

8:00am-8:30am Novena—Rosary (Church)
9:30am—12:00pm Bountiful Basement
10:30am—12:00pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:30pm—10:00pm Holy Name Men's Ministry (JC Lg)

Wednesday, Dec 21

5:00pm—6:45pm Bountiful Basement
7:00pm—8:00pm Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty Hall)
7:30pm—8:30pm Christmas Vigil Taize Service
(Church)

Thursday, Dec 22

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

Friday, Dec 23

Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, Dec 24

1:00pm—3:45 pm **Rectory Office Open**

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

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.

AN INTER-PARISH MEN'S GROUP will meet **January 6th** for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorraine Road, North 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, December 27th** to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00.

AUXILIARY HEARING AMPLIFICATION PACKS are available in the sacristy. Please return them when you are finished.

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 17

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Dec 18

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

11:00am Rennie Juris (Maryann Thomas)

Monday, Dec 19

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 20

8:30am Alice Friedel (Pat Base)

Wednesday, Dec 21

8:30am All Souls

Thursday, Dec 22

No Mass

Friday, Dec 23

8:30am Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)

Saturday, Dec 24

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Dec 25

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

For the month of November, the Bountiful Basement served 427 Families; 299 Seniors, 790 Adults, 434 Children for a total of 1523 individuals. For the month of December they could use toilet paper, Kleenex, & paper towels. month of December. Thank you!



Holy Name Society—Our guest speaker for the Holy Name gathering on Tuesday, Dec, 20th will be Derek from Christian Missionary Alliance Church and will be sharing with us about Apologetics. Doors open at 7pm and ALL are welcome.

BRING IT TO THE BIN! During the holidays, Americans throw away 25% more trash than any other time of the year. That amounts to 25 million extra tons of garbage. If every family reused 2ft of ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the planet! If every American family wrapped 3 gifts in reused material, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields! Recycle all your wrapping paper and cards in Blessed Trinity's bins in the back parking lot. Being good stewards earns funds for BT!

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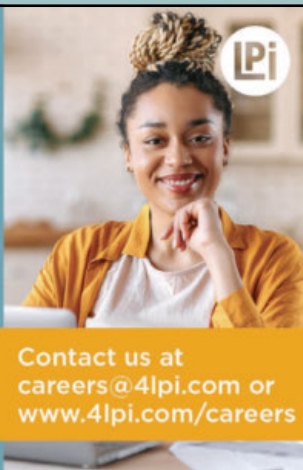
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