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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

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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



Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain 1





From the Desk of Fr. Doug

How do you become a Magi?

The Magi? These pilgrims fit the description of “God fearers.” They were people looking for more, who believed in signs indicating that God was involved in human history. They were also ready to go the distance to see.

The Magi followed a star, a sign in their own tradition, but they didn’t limit themselves to their own religious background. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, they sought counsel from the faith of the people of that place. When “they sought diligently,” Jewish wisdom together with their own tradition led them to the child. Matthew records no commentary about the family’s modest setting, but only says that they saw the child and prostrated themselves in homage. Then, adding practical content to their religious sentiment, they “opened their treasures” and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We might say they worshiped in word and deed.

We picture them as three because of the three gifts that are named. In reality, they could have been two or ten or more; they could have been a retinue including women and children or only women. But what’s important about them is what they have to tell us about seeking and finding, about worship that has integrity.

Without mentioning the Magi, St. Augustine reflected on how human nature was created with a thirst for the divine: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” The Magi were people gifted with what Augustine might have called the grace of holy restlessness. Apparently well-to-do enough to take a long journey and arrive with expensive gifts, they set off with enough interior freedom to be responsive to the Spirit who urged them to look for more than they already had and knew.

We use the story of the Magi’s seeking and

finding as the frame for our feast of the Epiphany, the celebration of God’s self-revelation. The combination of this story and the meaning of the feast make a subtle theological statement intimating that only those who are willing to go a distance in their seeking will discover God’s self-manifestation. We might look to e e cummings for light on the mystery of the Epiphany journey. In his poem “somewhere i have never travelled” he writes:

somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond any experience, your eyes have their silence: in your most frail gesture are things which enclose me, or which i cannot touch because they are too near

That’s an ode to the beloved. At the same time, perhaps unintentionally, cummings’ poetry suggests an insight into what it meant to gaze on the Christ Child; it’s meditation on the dance between humans and the God who lures us to share divine life. When the Magi encountered the babe they had indeed traveled beyond any experience and found great power in frailty.

Today is a good day for poetry, the sort of reading that demands both quiet contemplation and the restlessness of spirit that opens us to what lies beyond anything we already understand. The journey of the Magi is a reminder that the pilgrimage toward God is long. As the Magi seeking a king found a poor child, our journey will surprise us as well. In telling of the Magi, strangers to the traditions of Israel, Matthew intended to shake us out of our ethnocentrism and facile assumptions about other people’s beliefs and our own as well.

The story of the star leading to Bethlehem’s child is one more rendition of God’s gentle yet unrelenting overtures to humanity. In the effort to draw us close, God will use anything from stars and prophecies to poetry or restlessness. If we are open to the grace of seeing, anything and everything can be an epiphany.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Fellowship Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, January 21st from 8:30am—10:30am in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome! Cost is only \$3 each, or 2 for \$5. So, bring a friend!



For the month of January the Bountiful Basement could use Pet food, cat litter, Pet toys and treats. Thank you!

The Calendar Raffle is happening! We will be selling tickets this weekend after Masses and they will be for sale in the Rectory Office during the week. You'll still have more than 20 chances to win prizes with your \$10 investment in a ticket.

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.

Gift Card Raffle winners for December:
Tom Vasko, Sunnie Poplar, Dottie Schultz, Judy Beercheck and Cathy Shoztah. Congratulations!

Centering Prayer meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings each month at 6:30 pm in the Joseph Center. Join us for these spiritual growth sessions.

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Jan 8

9:00am—10:45am	Level 1 Atrium & PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)
10:00am—10:45am	PSR Grs 4-8 (Rectory Basement)
11:00am Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00pm—1:30pm	Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, Jan 9

9:30am—10:30am	Legion of Mary (Church)
4:00pm—5:30pm	Stephen Ministries Grp. Mtg. (Rectory Library)

Tuesday, Jan 10

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 Grp. (Joseph Cntr)
7:00pm—8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Group (Rectory Living Room)

Wednesday, Jan 11

5:00pm—6:45pm	Bountiful Basement
7:00pm—8:30pm	Tai Chi Easy (Fogarty Hall)

Thursday, Jan 12

11:00am—12:00pm	AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00pm—8:30pm	Bible Study (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, Jan 13

1:00pm—3:00pm	Stephen Ministry Leaders Mtg. (Rectory Library)
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Saturday, Jan 14

9:00am—11:00am	IDCC (Joseph Center)
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COMMUNITY MEAL THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Fogarty Hall. **Note earlier time!** All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!



Blessed Trinity Bible Study is on break until after the start of the new year. Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, January 12, 2023** and begin a series on Exodus. Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month both in the rectory living room and via ZOOM. Study materials are available in the rectory library. All are welcome.

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WORSHIP

Saturday, Jan 7

4:00pm Rochelle Samonte
(Ferdinand Samonte)

Sunday, Jan 8 Epiphany of the Lord

(Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

9:00am All Souls
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, Jan 9

11:00am No Mass

Tuesday, Jan 10

8:30am No Mass

Wednesday, Jan 11

8:30am No Mass

Friday, Jan 6

8:30am No Mass

Saturday, Jan 13

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, Jan 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34)

9:00am Eugene & Mary McSweeney
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)
11:00am Betty Kensick (Teri Crowe)

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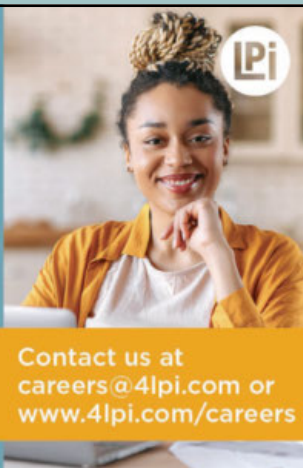
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