



All Are Welcome

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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am Monday: 11:00am At Westpark Healthcare Campus 4387 W. 150th St. Tuesday: 8:30am Wednesday: 8:30am Thursday: No Mass Friday: 8:30am

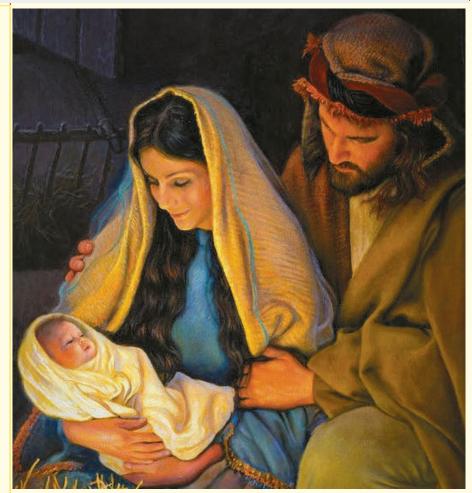
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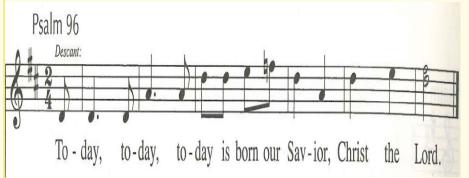
OUR MISSION STATEMENT Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation 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.



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY





Text: Psalm 96 Verse trans 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, DC, Refrain trans. 1969, ICEL. Music Howard Hughes, SM, 1976, GIA Publications, INC

From the Desk of Fr Doug......



The New Year marks an opportunity for a new beginning! Yes, clearly, every day is an opportunity for a new beginning. But a new year usually triggers something inside of us to leave last year in last year and begin again in this New Year—we anticipate some positive changes in our life as we close on one year and start a new one.

Here are four ways to begin the New Year:

1. Reflecting and celebrating on God's deliverance in our life. When God first officially established the New Year, God chose the Passover—the day when He had completely delivered the Israelites from Egypt—as the beginning. God's first "New Year" is brought in with a great deliverance, and then an order for His children to start every New Year remembering what He has done for them by celebrating Passover. That's a way to begin the New Year, reflecting and celebrating in your heart, in your mind, and in your standard of living the great deliverance God has done in your life by way of Jesus. Think on that.

2. Appreciating God's glory in our lives and offering our lives in response. "Then the Lord said to Moses: 'Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month"...In this New Year we see that the Tabernacle was set up. The Tabernacle—i.e. the sacred tent of meeting, which housed the Ark of the Covenant—was a constant sign of God's dwelling place among the Israelites. The new beginning in this New Year was God's presence. His glory amongst them leading them into fulfillment of His promises! So how much more shall God's glory be amongst us, us who have received "Emmanuel" and in whom the Holy Spirit now lives, leading us into the fulfillment of His promises for our lives? Think on that.

3. Highlighting God's faithfulness to His promises in our lives. In this New Year we see the Israelites crossed the Jordan. Crossing the Jordan for the new generations was as paramount as the prior generations crossing the Red Sea. That's definitely a new beginning! Crossing the Jordan signified God's faithfulness to His promises. And that is another way to begin the New Year. Stop highlighting the negatives around you and in your life, but





rather highlight God's faithfulness to His promises in your life. You have health. You have shelter. You have food. You have a church community. You have family and/or friends. You can use your mind and senses and other abilities. You have a purpose you will fulfill before you leave this earth. You have the protection of a sovereign God. You have eternal life. You have a personal relationship with the Creator of the Universe. Do I need to go on?

4. Claiming and walking in our victory through Christ over sin. We've already read that Passover is during the first month of the year for the Israelites. In the beginning of this Christianization of Passover, the death and resurrection of Jesus was the straw that broke the back of sin and death, giving us all the possibility of a new beginning, hope of life after death, and the accessibility to His power in our daily lives. The Bible says in 1Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." And that there is a right way to start the New Year, claiming and walking in our victory through Christ over sin day-byday.

In closing...What positive changes do you need to make in your life this year? St. Paul writes, "Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14, CSB).

Leave last year in last year, and take this opportunity in this New Year to petition God for God's help and power and then do your part to make the changes you know need to be made.

Matthew Henry wrote, "When a new year begins, we should think of serving God more and better than we did the year before." And that pretty much sums it up right there. A New Year, A New Beginning.





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Special Gifts 12/17	\$ 3,570.00
Bountiful Basement 12/17 Gift Card 12/17	\$230.00 \$152.20
Haven Home 12/17	\$ 1,042.00
Christmas Collection 12/17	\$ 355.00
<i>Religious Retirement 12/17</i>	\$ 1,165.00

May the Peace of Our Lord be with Edward L. Singleton

May God grant comfort to his family and friends.

Office Help

We are in need of volunteers to cover the office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 5pm-8pm.

Also on Saturday 1pm-3:45pm. Some morning shifts as well when needed. Contact the office if interested.

It's not too early to reserve a raised bed in the Community Garden for next season. If interested, contact Father Doug.

Ilease pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Lenore Begin, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Thomas Heim, Agnes Hocevar, Anna Hvizdos, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Paul Kish, Diane Kortan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Éileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, Jerry Masek, SND, George McKee, Margaret McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Terri Pastura, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Celine Whelpley, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Karin Wishner, 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
- * Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- * Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- * James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- * A.J Butler. (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler

Advertiser of the Week: Chambers Funeral Homes



For the month of January the Bountiful Basement could use canned prepared meals. Thank You!!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Dec 30	Office/ Rectory Closed !!
Sunday, Dec 31	New Year's Eve !!!! Office / Rectory is Closed !!!
7 :00pm	Interfaith Peace Vigil
Monday, Jan 1	New year's Day !!!!! Office / Rectory is Closed !!!
Tuesday, Jan 2	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Novena - Rosary (Church)
9:00 am – 11:00 am 9:30 am - 12:00 pm	IDCC (Joseph Center) Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm	A.A Meeting (RB)
Wednesday, Jan 3	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Mobile Food Pantry
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tai Chi (FH)
Thursday, Jan 4	
11:00am-12:00 pm	A.A Meeting (RB)
2:00pm-4:00pm	Stephen Minister peer Grp (R Lib)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Faith Sharing Prayer grp. (R Lib)
Friday, Jan 5	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (R Lib)
Saturday, Jan 6	
9:30am-11:00am	Ragamuffin Faith Sharing grp (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tai Chi (FH)
Sunday, Jan 7	
9:00am-10:45 am	CGS Level 1 (Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 1-3 Grade (A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 4-6 Grade (RB)
9:30am—10:00am 10:00am-11:00am	RCIA (R Liv)
11:00am-12:00pm	Breaking open the Word (R Lib) CLW (Church Atrium)
11.00am-12.00pm	

Dementia Training. Understanding and communication tools for caregivers. Together, we can build our caregiver community and our skills. These six free 1.5-hour sessions are absolutely ideal for anyone who has a curiosity about dementia, such as family and hands-on caregivers. These trainings from Positive Approach to Care are deeply rooted in compassion, curiosity and empowerment. Trainings will be held Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00, with a light soup supper. January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Rectory basement. Please call/text Beth Mancuso at 216-225-5100 to RSVP. Questions? Interested in a future opportunity? Call Beth.

WORSHIP

Saturday, December 30 4:00pm Patricia Kilbane (Family)

Sunday, December 31The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary& JosephSir 3:2-6,12-14Col 3:12-21or 3:12-17Lk 2:22-40or2-22,39-409:00amBlessed Trinity11:00amJerry Nusbaum (Nature's Way)

Monday, January 1 11:00 am No Masses

Tuesday, January 28:30amNo Masses

Wednesday, January 3 8:30am No Masses

Friday, January 5 8:30am No Masses

Saturday, January 6 4:00pm Dolores Tabor (Diane & Jim Stricker)

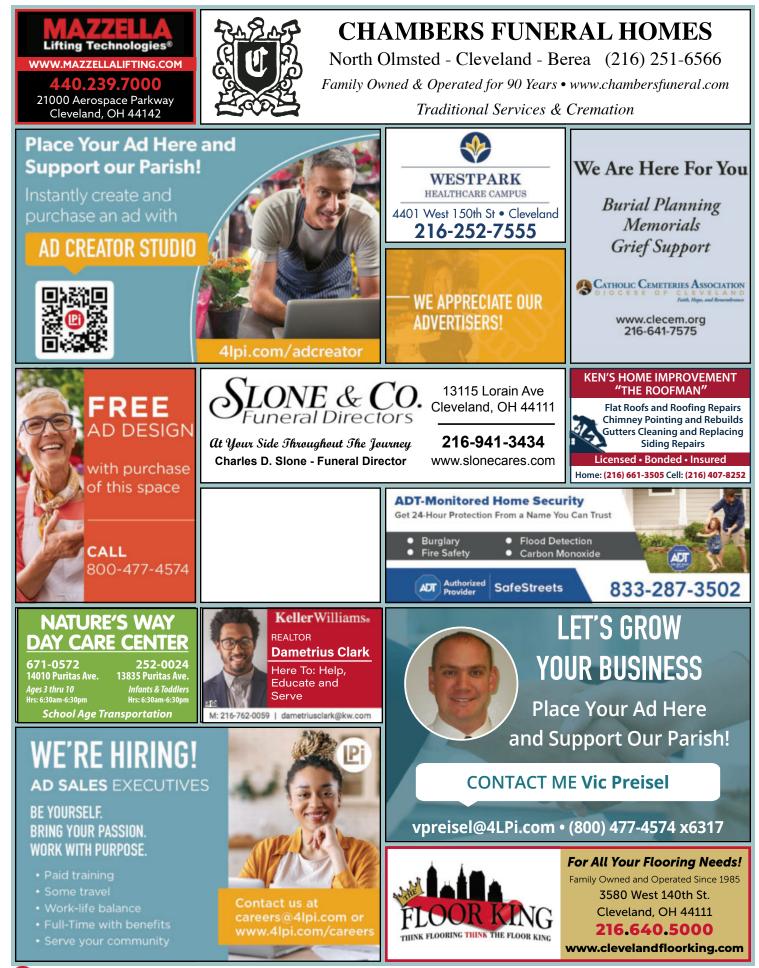
Sunday, January 7

9:00am Blessed Trinity 11:00am Blessed Trinity

LENTEN FISH FRIES WILL SOON NEED YOUR HELP Last year a skeleton crew was able to offer a come -in to eat with us event. A comment often heard was, "Why no carry out?" With the skeleton crew of volunteers we worked with we did an amazing job, but no carryout option was possible. The way to offer more is to come forward to volunteer. An organizational meeting is scheduled for January 11, 7pm in Fogarty Hall. This is the time to say you are willing to help. Fish Fries begin February 17. Contact Katie for more info.

Next weekend, Fr. Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Fr. Doug will be on vacation in El Salvador from Jan. 1 - Jan. 12.



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