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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9am—8pm

Thursday & Friday: 9am—5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)

Saturday: 1pm—3:45pm

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

RECONCILIATION

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 147: Bless the Lord, My Soul



Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the bro - ken - heart - ed.



Text: Psalm 147:12-13,1-2,3-4,14-15; Marty Haugen Music: Mary Haugen 1987, GIA Publication, Inc



Getting Ready for Lent

Lent begins Feb 14. That may get lost this year because that is Valentine's Day. Here at BT, we will be celebrating both, especially Lent.

Our simple soup supper recalls what Lent is all about. In his commentary on the readings on Ash Wednesday from Matthew, ordained Presbyterian elder Cláudio Carvalhaes describes an Ash Wednesday service he attended with people who were homeless.

"[They are] like walking ashes while alive. In that service, it made no sense to put ashes on the forehead of the homeless for they know, better than any of us, what it is to remember their mortality. ... In many ways, to pay attention to the homeless is to have ashes placed on our foreheads. They are the sign of our own death, the death of our systems of care and mutuality. They are the presence of our absence in acts of justice, they are the necessary absence of our society so we can feel we can exist."

Not easy reading. And not limited to just what homelessness reveals about us. We face many mirrors — war, white supremacy, climate change, economic injustice — which reveal the underside of our lives together. These Ash Wednesday readings invite us to look deeply, honestly, knowing that with our God, it is safe to do so.

Context is crucial here. There is nothing wrong with almsgiving, prayer or fasting but in Jesus' time and place these had become the sole required signs of a piety in a rather twisted form of Jewish belief. Carvalhaes calls the historical moment the "Olympics of Piety."

We do this. We turn a good thing into the only thing and then put it in competition with everything else. Carvalhaes notes that almsgiving, prayer and fasting had been put into competition not only with each other, but with all aspects of Jewish identity. How you lived no longer mattered. A man would stand on a corner and pray as loudly as possible in order to be heard because that was how one manifested piety. Like the Olympians, those who prayed were in a piety competition. How the rest of life was lived was immaterial. Any semblance of balance had been lost. These gestures had become disconnected from any inward belief or conviction.

This is what Jesus addresses in today's reading. A false piety had replaced active fidelity and was undermining the Jewish understanding of what YHWH required.

This is an object lesson for us and our ever-present tendency to make a God of what is not God. To worship what is not holy. To confuse ego with fidelity.

According to Jesus, if we follow these false ways, we have already received our reward. That's it. We've settled. Jesus repeats this over and over: "They have received their reward." So, we can't say we haven't been warned.

And there was so much more to receive in the fuller recompense from God. What a cruel thing to do to ourselves. What a never-ending loss to have settled for so little when so much was offered.

So, get ready for Lent. A simple soup supper goes a long way to get us in the spirit of the Lenten season.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS



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Mobile Pantry/Produce Give Away
Feb 7th, 2024, 5:30--6:30 p.m. Contact Katie to help at 3:45 pm to set up. Disciples also needed 4:45pm--6:30pm.

No one is allowed on property before 4:30 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER On Feb. 14th at 6 p.m. we will share a simple soup supper in Fogarty Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a crock pot of meatless soup and a ladle marked with your name. The crock pot will keep the hot soups warm during dinner time (crock pots will not be plugged in). Please plan to take your left over soup, crock pot and ladle to your car before the Ash Wednesday service begins at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot make soup this year, canned soup donations for the Bountiful Basement will also be accepted. In order to help with planning, please sign up at the back table with the kind of soup you will bring. Disciples are needed to help with set up at 5 p.m.

Please pray for:

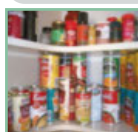
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Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * 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
- * 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

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For the month of February the Bountiful Basement could use canned meat like Chicken, Beef, Pork, No Tuna. Thank You!!



This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, Feb 3

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp.
(R Liv Rm)

Sunday, Feb 4

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 (R B)
9:30am—10:00am RCIA (R Lib)
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
11:00am-12:00pm CLW (Church Atrium)
12:00pm-1:15pm CL Session (Atrium)

Monday, Feb 5

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (Ch)
7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent De Paul Society Mtg,
(R Liv Rm)

Tuesday, Feb 6

8:00 am - 8:30 am Novena - Rosary (Church)
9:00 am – 11:00 am IDCC (Joseph Center)

9:30 am - 12:00 pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
6:00pm-8:00pm Dementia Workshop (RB)

Wednesday, Feb 7

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Pantry (back lot)
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm– 8:30pm Tai Chi (FH)

Thursday, Feb 8

11:00am-12:00 pm AA Meeting (R B)
7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

Friday, Feb 9

Have a Fantastic Friday!!!

Saturday, Feb 10

Have a Blessed Weekend!!!!

Sunday, Feb 11

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 (R B)
9:30am—10:00am RCIA (R Lib)
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
11:00am-12:00pm CLW (Church Atrium)
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH&K)
12:00pm-1:15pm Taize Practice (CH)
12:00pm-1:15pm CL Session (Atrium)

Centering Prayer

The Blessed Trinity Centering Prayer group meets at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Joseph Center. Meetings include a period of silent prayer and a discussion of a spiritual reading. Come and join us. For more information, contact Steve Flynn at 440-539-0689 or sflynn1129@gmail.com

WORSHIP

Saturday, Feb 3

4:00pm John & Kathleen Murphy
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Sunday, Feb 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb7:1-4,6-7 1 cor 9:16-19,22-23 mk 1:29-39 (74)

9:00am Blessed Trinity
11:00am Tim & Catherine Daly & Family
(Ron & Kathy Mickler)

Monday, Feb 5

11:00am **Wilmer & Jeanne Jarus (Family)**
@ Westpark Healthcare Center
4387 W 150th Street

Tuesday, Feb 6

8:30am All Souls

Wednesday, Feb 7

8:30am All Souls

Friday, Feb 9

8:30 am All Souls

Saturday, Feb 10

4:00pm Marlene Brunette (Nancy Butler)

Sunday, Feb 11 Sixth Day In Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45 (77)

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

Lenten Fish Fries coming soon -- every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, Feb, 16 – Mar.22. Dinner served 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. Help is needed (especially disciples new to this event) If you can't help Friday nights, please consider baking a dessert item to donate. Cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. from your kitchen will be most appreciated! Sign up at the back table in church or contact Katie Corbett.

COMMUNITY MEAL SUNDAY,
Feb 11th, @ Noon—1 p.m., in
Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come
enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospi-
tality!



YOUR OLD PALM BRANCHES will be burned for ashes and distributed on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Place them in the baskets by the church doors or bring them to the rectory by Feb. 12.

AED/CPR Training on February 9th, 2024 has been Canceled.

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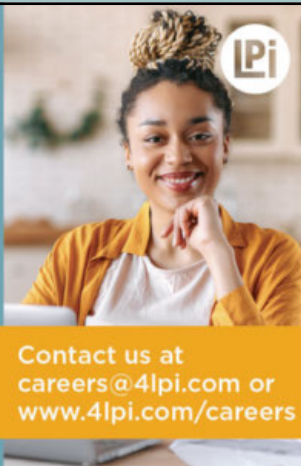
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