

CHURCH

<u>All Are Welcome</u>

MAY 5, 2024

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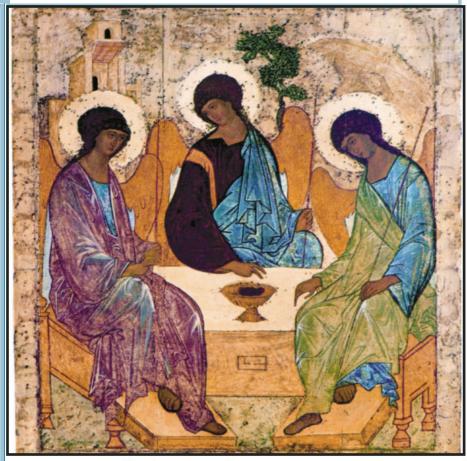
MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am Monday: 11:00am At Westpark Healthcare Campus 4387 W. 150th St. Tuesday: 8:30am Wednesday: 8:30am Thursday: No Mass Friday: 8:30am

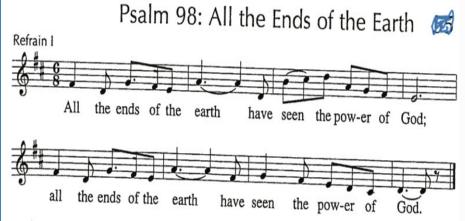
RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THIS TIME

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ATHOLIC





Text: 98 1,2-3, 3-4, 5-6, David Haas, Marty Haugen Music: David Haas, Marty Haugen, 1983, GIA Productions, INC.

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The meaning and importance of the Feast of the Ascension

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is ultimately a reminder of the mission Jesus handed over to his followers and each of the readings gives us a perspective on that reality. The opening of the Acts of the Apostles presents the scene in which Jesus told the disciples that they were to wait until they received their share of his power to evangelize.

Luke begins the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of his Gospel, with the confident statement: "In the first book ... I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up." That alerts us to two basic facts. First, Luke felt he had said everything essential about Jesus' life, death and resurrection in what we normally call his Gospel. Secondly, we can anticipate that this second work will tell us everything he thinks is essential to understand the beginnings and trajectory of the Christian movement after Jesus' ascension.

What makes Luke's statement even more thought-provoking is the fact that he said he had dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach. This seems to indicate that, like the evangelist Mark who opened his work with the statement that it was "the beginning of the Gospel," Luke sees everything that happened through the earthly Jesus and his early followers as only the beginning of the Gospel ministry. The rest is handed over to future disciples. Those disciples decided the future of the church, what was important and what was not, and so on. It wasn't Jesus who did that.

This makes it even more significant that Luke portrays the disciples as still relatively clueless as they remained with the risen Christ. Although he reportedly had opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and spoken to them about the kingdom of God, their final question to him asked if they were about to see the restoration of Israel. Perhaps because he told them to remain in Jerusalem as they awaited the promise of the Father, they were still envisioning God's kingdom as a national monarchy rather than the realm of relationships that gave witness to God's will on earth. As he had explained more than once before, Jesus told them that God's future was not predictable in any way they could understand. All they needed to know was that they were to wait for God's gift of the Spirit who would teach them all they would need to know to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

That was Jesus' final message to them: Wait together for the Spirit to lead you to take the Gospel to the whole world. This line can be considered the key to all that will follow in the work we call the Acts of the Apostles.

First, they were to wait. That meant that they had to consider the fact that even having accompanied Jesus and having witnessed his resurrection, they didn't yet know what they needed to know. They had to be patient until something more happened, something that was entirely beyond their control. Whatever they thought made them ready to be witnesses, they still lacked the power that Jesus was promising they would receive.

Secondly, they were to wait as a community. Their question about the restoration of the kingdom to Israel revealed their dream that they would replace the rulers who acted as if they were the center of the universe. Looking forward to a restored kingdom, they were individualists together, each seeking authority over others. Waiting as a community put them all on the same level, each as empty-handed (not to say empty-headed) as the other. All they had was one another. At the same time, like the party that won the election but hasn't yet been sworn in, Jesus told his disciples that they would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

At this point, the disciples must have been as confused as Jesus wanted them to be before they could receive the power to take on their vocation. Now we might picture the disciples looking intently at Jesus. While they waited to hear more about what this was supposed to mean, he disappeared. As with the disciples at Emmaus, Jesus vanished at the very height of their experience of him.

That same Spirit speaks to us today, interpreting the world around us in new and insightful ways. In other words, not everything about the Gospels and the mission of Jesus' life is in the bible. He wanted us to figure it out as we go along in our day and age. This is how we can answer questions about the death penalty or immigration or climate change. The Spirit guides us.



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NO Breaking Open the Word on May 5th & May 12th.

Would you like a new name button? Contact Fr. Doug. They are free.

Tai Chi in May: <u>No Tai Chi on May 8th</u>. Tai Chi will resume outdoors (bad weather FH) on May 15th through August. 7pm-8pm. Bring a chair.

The Universal Christ Book Discussion: We will Discuss Richard Rohr's influential book The Universal Christ on Tuesday evenings in May on zoom. More information contact Mike Reiling@ mreiling@gmail.com.

> *Advertiser of the Week:* Catholic Cemeteries Association

Flease pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, 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, Al Delattre, 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, Agnes Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Denise Kamiola, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Jim Jefferis, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Diane Kortan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Liz Mahan, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra SND, Jerry Masek, Dennis McAndrew,Lucy McInerney, Tom McInerney, Tommy McInerney, 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, Steven O' Malley, Terri Pastura, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Betty Schmidt, Vic Šcigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, 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

For the month of May the Bountiful Basement could use hygiene Products

(Bar Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toilet Paper) Thank You!!

This Week at Blessed Trinity

Saturday, May 4 9:00am-11:00am 9:30am-5:00pm

Sunday, May 5 9:30am-10:00am 11:00am-12:00pm

Monday, May 6 9:00am-10:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 7 8:00 am - 8:30 am 9:00 am - 11:00 am9:30 am - 12:00 pm 10:30am-12:00pm

Wednesday, May 8

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 5:00pm-6:45pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 7:00pm-8:30pm

Thursday, May 9 11:00am-12:00 pm

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

RCIA(RLiv)

Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp.(JCLG)

Photo Directory Picture Day(Rectory)

CLW (Church Atrium)

Legion of Mary (Church) St. Vincent De Paul Society mtg. (R Liv Rm)

Novena - Rosary (Church) IDCC (Joseph Center) Bountiful Basement (BB) AA Meeting (RB)

IDCC (Joseph Center) Bountiful Basement (BB) Tai Chi (FH) Community Garden Mtg.

AA Meeting (RB)

Happy Friday!!!!

Have a Blessed Weekend!!!

Happy Mother's Day!!!!

Sunday, May 12 9:30am-10:00am 11:00am-12:00pm

RCIA (RLiv) CLW (Church Atrium)

Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser Help support Womankind's life-affirming mission through Blessed Trinity's Baby Bottle Drive! Pick up a baby bottle next weekend, May 11 & 12. Fill it with change, cash, or a check made out to Womankind, and return it on Father's Day weekend, June 15 & 16. You can also scan this QR code or the one included on the bottle label to make a secure donation online. Money raised helps Womankind provide free, comprehensive prenatal care and support services for pregnant women and families in need from throughout northeast Ohio. For more information about Womankind, visit their website at womankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700. Thank you for your generosity!



WORSHIP

Saturday, May 4 4:00pm	Blessed Trinity
Sunday, May 5 Acts 10:	Sixth Sunday of Easter 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17 (56)
9:00am 11:00am	Henry Reitinger Jr. (Family) Deceased Betz & Keeper Relatives (Kathy Betz)
Monday, May 6 11:00am	 @ Westpark Healthcare Center 4387 W 150th Street
Tuesday, May 7 8:30am	Blessed Trinity
Wednesday, Ma 8:30am	y 8 Margaret Cutshall (David)
Friday, May 10 8:30am	Laverne Fuller (Bill &Family)
Saturday, May 1 4:00pm	1 Blessed Trinity
Sunday, May 12 Acts 1:1-11/eph (58)	The Ascension Of The Lord 1:17-23 Eph 4:1-13or 4:1-7,11-13 Mk 16:15-20
9:00am 11:00am	Jerry Nusbaum (Carol & Don Blankenburg) Blessed Trinity

Witness for Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East is Wednesdays from 3:00-3:45pm. Come and join us in front of the rectory on Puritas Ave. Bring a chair if you'd like to.

Mulberry Jam Making Saturday mornings, May 18 and May 25, 9a.m. in the Fogarty Hall kitchen. Contact Katie if you would like to help.

Outdoor Clothing Giveaway & <u>Unusable</u>-Clothing Giveaway June 2. The <u>unusable</u> collection is for torn and stained clothes and shoes, well-worn <u>beyond use</u>, headed for a landfill.

June 1: Walk for Hunger at the Cleveland Metro parks Zoo. Make a donation to help fight hunger in our city or sign up to walk with our Bountiful Basement Buddies Team at https:// give.hungernetwork.org/event/36th-annual-walk-for-hunger-5k-run/ e539558. Register to walk with our "Bountiful Basement Buddies" team by May 15 to get a free t-shirt. Parking is FREE at the Cleveland Metro parks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109. Check-in begins at 7:30 AM. 5K Chip-timed Run begins at 8:30 AM. Walk begins at 9:00 AM. For questions or if you'd like to share a ride, contact Katie Corbett. Don't wait to make a difference.



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