

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



JANUARY 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p. m.
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 p.m.)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment only

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.



46 Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain I

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;

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Text: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Michael Joncas Music: Michael Joncas ©1987, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.



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Christmas Gratitude

The seasons and Advent and Christmas evoked the spirit of generosity from so many parishioners. Throughout the season of Advent, so many people contributed to the various Advent collections that we sponsored. The results from those collections are:

Zelie's Home \$2,100.25

Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,736.25

St. Vincent de Paul \$1,758.25

Haiti \$1,570.58

During Advent many homes collected food for the Bountiful Basement for the Reverse Advent Calendar. Those bags and boxes decorate our church throughout the Christmas season which ends Jan 12. Then they will be distributed. We are grateful for the donations but we also hope that that activity made your Advent season a spiritual time of expectation and joy.

The bell choir, the musicians, and the adult choir rehearsed throughout the Advent season. The generous donation of time made our church resound with joy on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Thanks to all those who took the time to undecorate our church from Advent and decorate our church after the Sunday 11:00am Mass for Christmas. We had great fun trying to figure out what goes where and what should be thrown out.

Outside, Phil and Adam, our custodians, kept the sidewalks clean and the parking lot plowed. Along the way they discovered that the ice melt melted the new concrete in front of the church. It now has pock marks in it. We are working on having it resealed when the weather warms up.

I am taking a quick trip to El Salvador from January 6-10, so I will be out of the office that week, but back for Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Many thanks to all those who worked in the Bountiful Basement during the month of December. Sometimes it was cold outside, sometimes it was raining or snowing, and all the time there was an excess of people. The food pantry is a well-oiled machine. We are blessed to have so many disciples living the Gospel call to feed the hungry.

How's that letter for Katie coming?

“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11.

The Jesus in the school Christmas play is safe. But what of the Jesus, the Living One who reaches out to the homeless, the immigrant, the outcast, the prostitute, or the economically-challenged guy who pushes a grocery cart with all his possessions in it and carries a sign which says, “Will work for food”? What about the mother of three children from three different men, with no job and no husband? Do you find yourself wondering, “What were you thinking!?” rather than “What do you need?”

The real Jesus—the One who became flesh at Bethlehem, the One who wants to touch the lives of people through you today—isn't pushed aside so easily as packing up the Christmas decorations and forgetting the whole season. He compels us to look around us to see who needs us to be His hands and feet.

As Deacon Dick reminded us at Christmas, the real Jesus “pitched his tent among us”, moved into our neighborhood. Life can never go back to what it was before He came. “Getting on with business” after Christmas must include the risen Lord who will someday return from heaven. As you “get on with business,” make sure dispensing His love and grace is your business. May we enter the New Year with eyes that see those who need Him most.

LGBTQ Faith Sharing group meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Rectory living room.

Note the meeting day has changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month. All LGBTQ meetings will be on Wednesdays.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org or deliver them to the rectory office. Notices MUST be in by **Monday** of the week before the bulletin is distributed.

“Thank you!” to St. Bernadette parishioners who gave us \$5,005 in gift cards this Advent. They have been including Blessed Trinity in their Adopt-a-Family Christmas program for the past 14 years. With their support and more donations of gift cards, cash, and purchased gifts from our parishioners and other friends of Blessed Trinity, more than 75 households shared in our Christmas outreach. Thank you for your generosity!

Please plan to purchase one of our many **Gift Cards**. They’re great for doing your shopping. The proceeds benefit Blessed Trinity Parish. *Blessed Trinity can make special orders from shopwithscrip.com for those items you may not find in our gift box. Contact the Parish office to place your special order. Please allow two weeks for delivery. Please note that Malley’s is now available as a plastic card and the whole amount of the card does not need to be spent. At this time they cannot be used for online purchases.

Please note that due to New Year’s Day, there will be **NO MOBILE PANTRY** for the month of January. The next one will be on February 5, 2025.

Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, Charlene Boyer, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Joyce Geib, 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., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra SND, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Lucy McInerney, Tom McInerney, Tommy McInerney, Margaret McMahan, 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, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Sean Szill, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, 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

We will be making jam in the Fogarty Hall kitchen on Saturday, January 11 at 9:00am. If you can help, please contact Katie or sign up at the back table.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

9:00am-4:00pm Stephen Leaders Training
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word
11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)

MONDAY, JAN. 6

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

8:00am-12:00pm Novena - Rosary (CH)
9:00am-11:00am IDCC
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC
5:00pm-6:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Group
Meeting (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
6:30pm-7:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish will host the University of Notre Dame Chorale Winter tour concert on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2:30pm. The Chorale is the official concert choir of the University of Notre Dame. It is free and open to the public.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, December 22	\$ 4,593.00
Zelie's Home	\$ 2,100.25
SVDP	\$ 1,758.25
Religious Retirement	\$ 2,736.25
Bountiful Basement	\$ 280.00
Special Gifts	\$ 1,240.00
Gift Card Profit	\$ 447.90
Haiti	\$ 1,570.58

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

4:00 pm Rochelle Samonte (Ferdinand Samonte)

SUNDAY, JAN. 5 The Epiphany of The Lord

IS 60: 1-6 EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12(20)

9:00 am Virginia Bevans (Helen Rielinger)

11:00 am Eugene & Mary McSweeney (Ron & Kathleen Mickler)

MONDAY, JAN. 6

No Mass

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

No Mass

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

4:00 pm Barbara & Dennis Conroy (Elizabeth Knestrick)

SUNDAY, JAN. 12 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00 am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Carlos & Migdalia Delgado

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons who are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter, the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Heights, 10806 Granger Road. During this season of giving, please consider supporting these special children and the nonprofits that serve them. Visit <https://www.carmonacaravan.org> to support the Caravan & for more details.

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