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THE BAPTISM 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.



Isaiah 12: We Shall Draw Water

Paul Inwood

We shall draw wa- ter joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy - ful-ly, sing-ing joy - ful-ly; —

we shall draw wa- ter joy - ful-ly, from the well - springs of sal - va - tion.

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From Katie's desk...

Baptism
Living in Relationship

How fitting that we are celebrating the Baptism of the Lord today, not John's baptism of repentance, but God's gift of love, freely, undeservedly, given to us, through Jesus. On the banks of the Jordan River, while Jesus prayed, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him. A voice came from heaven. "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Present was God the Father in the Voice, God the Spirit descending from Heaven, and God the Son, Jesus, on earth, one like us. Trinity. Present at our baptism through the words of the priest, "I baptize you, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Trinity.

Going under the baptismal water signifies a death to our former self and rising from the water as a new Child of God, filled with the new life and light of the risen Christ. We are called to live in relationship with God as our Father, and as brother and sister with Christ and all God's people. Baptism, with the gift of Trinity, fills us with Divine life. God above me. God around me. God within me.

We are God's presence for another. Luke tells us that a voice came from heaven and said, "You are my beloved Son." As we receive Eucharist, we hear a voice say, "The Body of Christ." This is who we receive. This is who we are. The Body of Christ.

We encounter God in others and all of creation. God dwells in the Spirit in everything that God has created. Opening our hearts to this love, the Spirit can help us not to miss these encounters and to use them to know God, know who we are, and know who we are called to be. As we conform our hearts to God's will, to Jesus' way of loving, we hear the whisper, "With you I am well pleased."

Liturgically, we leave Christmas behind but filled with joy from the Incarnation's Good News. God loves us, desires to be in union with us, just as we were created, just as we are. Because God is good so are we!

The gifts of baptism will reinforce our being as we move into Ordinary Time. As we planned our Blessed Trinity Parish 2024 picture directory, we

knew what the cover had to be as soon as we saw this picture. Gary Williams, coming up from the waters of baptism. Pure joy! Not the best quality photo, to be sure, but it captures *exactly* who we are here, at Blessed Trinity. We know what Christian community and discipleship mean. We live it. We begin Ordinary Time claiming the strengths and gifts of our baptism.

So, I return to my opening statement. How fitting that as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and bring this Christmas season to a close, I leave behind my years of Diocesan ministry and enter retirement. (notice I re-worded "move into retirement" I'm not moving, just going home to clean my house!) I don't even have the words to describe these 34 years (10 years teaching in Ascension School, 10 years on Core Team at Ascension Church, 14 years on staff at Blessed Trinity). I feel like Gary! My heart is full, so much gratitude. Doug's suggestion for a note from you is perfect. You are my community. You mean so much to me. I look forward to being parishioner, Katie. May grace give me strength as I find my new direction.

Thanks to all who helped us out at our Craft Show. Fr. Doug, Linda Wilson, Katie Corbett, Phil and set up crew. Also, Frank Schreiber, and Rosemary Moore, Caitlin McAvinue, Kim Itayem(McAvinue), Nathen Jr., Kathy Vasko, Pattie Isley, Pat Thacker and Jeff Roach and all who helped out throughout the day. Thanks also to all the Crafters and their donations and the local businesses that donated for the Chinese raffle. Thanks all. We appreciate you all. God Bless You.

Wednesday Night Tai Chi Easy at 6:30

Join Tai Chi Easy, a meditation with movement, Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the parish basement. Tai Chi Easy is led by parish member Mike Reiling. A free-will offering goes to our parish Haiti fund.

SO MUCH GRATITUDE for the effort of the FH kitchen cleaning crew. Five disciples came to wash, scrub, scrape, sweep, and organize, non-stop for 3 hours, THEN asked if they could come back again because they hadn't been able to finish all they'd wanted to. Thanks to Diane Kortan, Dora Quintana, Cas Robertson, Sr. Ruth Urbanski, and Susan Ward, with additional help from Briyant and Katie. FHK has never been this well-organized, shiny, and grease-free! After Fish Fry season, maybe you will help (?), when we give it a good once-over again!

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Caring Corner

This Sunday, our Stephen Minister trainees will be experiencing their second-to-last training session before commissioning: “How to Make a First Caring Visit.” This class summarizes everything our Stephen Ministers have learned so far and applies it to getting their first caring relationships off to a strong, healthy start. Pray for their continued growth—and pray for those who will begin receiving care from them in the coming weeks. If you think you’d benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you know someone else who might, call the rectory and leave a message on ext. 12 to find out more.

TO PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Please note that if you have recurring meeting dates in 2025 that need to go on the calendar, please RESEND to the Rectory office so that we can ensure that we have a complete and accurate calendar.

Gospel of John on Spirituality and Discipleship

Parish member Mike Reiling is offering a series of Zoom programs on the Gospel of John for contemporary believers. Program flyers are at the back table and the table by the school entrance to the church.

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, 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 Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
The Schuler/Kilcline Family**



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

9:00am-12:00pm Jam Making (FHK)

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 Atrium
9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
9:30am-10:45am Confirmation Prep (R Lib, R Liv Rm)
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (Rec)
10:00am-10:45am PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)
11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)
12:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Leaders Training (JC Lg)
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (c)FH&K

MONDAY, JAN. 13

9:30am-10:30am Legion of Mary
6:00pm-7:15pm Parish Council Planning Meeting
(R Liv Rm)

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

9:00am-11:00am IDCC
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:00pm Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

9:00am-10:00am Living the Mass (CH)
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:00pm-7:00pm Living the Mass (CH)
6:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (CH)
7:00pm-8:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

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

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (Off site)

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 Atrium
9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv Rm)
10:00am-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)
10:00am-10:45pm PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)

There is a Fish Fry organizational meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 30, at 7:00pm in Fogarty Hall. We need many hands to pull this together, please join us for this meeting so we can have a successful event. Fish Fries start Friday, March 7th. Contact Briyant Hines for more information. If you cannot make the meeting, but you are interested in helping out, also please contact Briyant Hines.

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

MONDAY, JAN. 13

11:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

8:30am John & Kathleen Murphy

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

8:30 am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JAN. 18
SUNDAY, JAN. 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11 (66)

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