

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**JANUARY 19, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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.



### Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful; the Lord is kind and  
mer - ci - ful. Slow to an - ger, rich in  
kind-ness, the Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful.

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### It's All Relative

So, there I was ready to come home after five days in El Salvador. It had been a nice visit with friends and Fr. Paul Schindler. The 85-degree weather was not hard to take. My hotel room had an ocean view, was only \$65 a night and included breakfast. But still, it was Katie's last week and Briyant is still learning, and I wanted to get home.

First, I got a notice on my phone that my 2:50pm flight was delayed until 4:20. About an hour later, another message came saying that it was delayed until 5:30. Then another message saying until 6:45 because they couldn't get a flight crew in time. Then another saying 10:50pm. Finally came a message saying that the flight had been cancelled. At the time, I was unaware of the ice storm in Atlanta and across the East Coast. Had I known, I would not have hoped the flight would not be cancelled.

At the same time I was getting news about my flight, I was watching news on the BBC about the fires in Los Angeles. The conflagration was international news, and it was not good. Having lived in the Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, which is next to Pasadena, I was familiar with many places that were now up in smoke, especially the ones near Pasadena.

What happened to me in El Salvador was, at worst, an inconvenience. What happened to the thousands of people in Los Angeles was an unfathomable tragedy. It is difficult to imagine the degree to which places like Pacific Palisades were decimated. We all saw the pictures. It is difficult to comprehend the destruction: the loss of homes, libraries, businesses, schools, churches, temples, grocery stores and so on. How do they even begin to rebuild if they rebuild at all? It made my extended stay in El Salvador a blessing instead of an inconvenience. It's all relative.

Meanwhile, while I was enjoying the heat and the sun, Katie was running around trying to find priest substitutes at the last minute. Where is there a sub list? Fr Jack Manning wasn't available. Eventually, Fr. Bob Sanson was able to do Saturday at 4 and Fr. Lou Papes was able to do both Masses on Sunday. Both priests commented on the joy of celebrating Eucharist with our community, particularly the full, active and conscious participation of the laity.

Katie told me that Bob left before we got to the end of the last verse of the sending forth hymn and so the people didn't sing the last verse. Lou did the

same on Sunday at the 11 and so we only sang three verses. Why? Well, the message is: "the Mass is about the priest" so when the priest leaves, it's over, vs the reality, "the Mass is about the community gathered in prayer. We keep singing whether the priest is there or not!" This is another example of clericalism where what the priest does dictates what happens and is more important than good liturgical practice.

This leads me to another thought. During the book discussion, *Living the Mass*, it was suggested that I use some homily time to talk about the liturgy, about why we do what we do and how we do it. We have had so many new parishioners over the past couple of years that may be unaware of what makes good liturgy, things that I have been emphasizing since day one. This might be a good review for the entire parish as well. I will start putting some thoughts together, but here are some: why do we sing all the verses? Why do we sing the Eucharistic prayer? Why do we stand when we do? What are those two baskets for? How can I bring up the gifts of bread and wine? When does Mass begin (there is an answer in the catechism for that!)? Why doesn't the cantor just lead the psalm from where he/she leads the singing, instead of walking all the way up to the ambo? It would save time. How come the Gospel book is carried in but not carried out?

Were you able to fill in the back page of the directory correctly? I hope so.



Please join us today after mass in Fogarty Hall for **coffee and donuts** from 10am to 1pm. As Katie Corbett begins retirement, please come down for a donut, wish her well, and drop your letter to her in the box.

**Write Your New Senators About Planet Warming.** Take time after all masses next weekend to write a short letter to one of our new senators about your concerns for our warming planet and what they can do about it. Stop by the table in the back of the church. We will mail your letter to Washington.

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**Caring Corner** 

This Sunday, our Stephen Minister trainees will complete their training and prepare to be commissioned at 11 am Mass on February 2. The last session of initial training, “Go: God Is with You!” is a time for review and inspiration as they prepare for the next stage in their caregiving journey. With the completion of their training, they are ready to provide quality, one-to-one caring ministry on behalf of our congregation. If you or someone you know could benefit from the listening ear, caring presence, and Christ-centered support of a Stephen Minister, please call 216-671-5890, Ext. 12.

**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.

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.

*Please pray for:*

**Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azzarello, 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, Jenny Flynn, 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, Steven Povlis, 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 Yessenko, 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



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
**Thaddeus Patton.***

*May God grant comfort to his  
 family and friends.*



# This Week at Blessed Trinity

## **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-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)  
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)

### **MONDAY, JAN. 20**

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)  
7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Meeting  
(R Liv Rm)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)

### **TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

9:00am-12:00pm Jam Making (FK)  
9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)  
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)  
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)  
7:00pm-8:30pm Stephen Ministers Peer Group ZOOM

### **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)  
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)  
6:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting (R B)  
6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)  
7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp. Meeting  
(R LivRm)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Choir (CH)

### **THURSDAY, JAN. 23**

10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)  
6:30pm-7:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)  
7:00pm-8:30pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm) & ZOOM

### **FRIDAY, JAN. 24**

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

### **SATURDAY, JAN. 25**

5:00pm-9:00pm Music Ministry Winter Potluck  
(JC Lg)

### **SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

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-10:45pm PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)  
11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)



**We Welcome Into Our  
Blessed Trinity Family:  
Harry Goforth**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18**

4:00 pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:00 am Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)

11:00am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

**MONDAY, JAN. 20**

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

**TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

8:30am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 23**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, JAN. 24**

8:30 am Doug Harrison (Eileen Kilbane)

**SATURDAY, JAN. 25**

4:00 pm Les Schwerman (Lenore Schwerman)

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Neh 8:2-4a 5-6. 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30

9:00 am Blessed Trinity

11:00 am Ma-an Samonte (Family)

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