

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



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**THE PRESENTATION 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.



## 71 Psalm 71: I Will Sing



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A Flourishing, Apostolic Church  
A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Edward Malesic

All of you received the recent pastoral letter from Bishop Malesic titled, A Flourishing Apostolic Church. The letter focuses on worship, evangelization and service. It contains four sections 1. The Paschal Mystery 2. Friendship with God 3. Becoming missionary disciples and 4. The Apostolic parish.

I'd like to focus attention on part three, iii, where he talks about Communal Encounters with God: Faith Sharing, Small Groups and Retreat experiences. The bishop writes:

*In our diocese, the people who are most involved in the life of the church, the life of the diocese, and the life of their parish are often people who are also a part of a small group within the parish where they are regularly seen, known and loved. We all need a small circle of friends with whom we can share our faith, to grow in our faith. **I am encouraging each Catholic to become a part of some small faith sharing group, whether it is formal or informal, a bible study, or a book club...*** (Emphasis mine.)

In our parish we have many opportunities for just such a vision of faith sharing. We have several faith-sharing groups, some of which have been around for decades. We have new prayer groups which formed after our Ignatian spirituality retreats, We have the Ragamuffin women's group, We have the Centering Prayer Group., We have bible study. We have LGBTQ+ faith sharing group. We just finished our first shared book experience, reading and reflecting on the book, *Living the Mass*.

That list of activities looks impressive, and it is. But when I look closer and add up the number of participants, I see that the number of parishioners who are actually involved in some kind of faith sharing or small group is small.

I have been asking myself how to engage more people in the parish in the kind of small group sharing that the bishop encourages. Is there some fear of sharing one's faith journey with strangers and if so how can we alleviate that fear? Is someone just waiting to be asked to join a faith sharing group? Do people not see the value of a small group as the bishop described it. Do people need a ride? Is babysitting needed? Are people just content to do the minimum? I have tons of questions about how to get more people involved. Do people think "I'm not good enough, or holy enough to be in a prayer group? Do people think "I have nothing to offer?"

I think I will start by simply inviting you to sign up to be part of a faith-sharing group. Then we will have an organizational meeting, perhaps to group people with similar interests such as families with small children, or widows and widowers, and so on. On the other hand, some groups prefer diversity to get a different perspective on our faith.

What happens at a faith sharing group? Most of our prayer groups use the following format though it is not mandatory: begin with fifteen minutes of socializing, then an opening prayer from a book or a saint or Richard Rohr or some such person, then reading the upcoming Sunday Gospel (or all three readings) followed by sharing on the question, "what spoke to me in the readings today?" Or as St. Ignatius taught in *lectio divina*, 'what one word grabbed my attention?'

Perhaps a prayer group will discern the call to service out of state that Briyant mentioned in his bulletin article last week.

Some prayer groups meet at homes. Some meet in the rectory. Some meet in the Joseph Center. There are many options and no right way to do it. If there are experienced prayer group participants who might be willing to help some new groups started, that would be great. Let me know.



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**Caring Corner**



This Sunday, we celebrate the commissioning of 5 caring members of our congregation who have completed training and are ready to use their spiritual gifts as Stephen Ministers. As we commission Nancy Barile, Rose Jancsy, Steve Flynn, Terri Cotner and Rosemary Tante and send them forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their response to God’s call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry. 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.

**Abide in Me: The Gospel of John 13-17 Course**

On the back table and school entrance table is information on a 3 session course on the Gospel of John 13-17. This course will be on Zoom and taught by parish member Mike Reiling.

*Please pray for:*

**Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, 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, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hevar, 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



**We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:  
TJ and Caroline Gainley**





# This Week at Blessed Trinity

## SATURDAY, FEB. 1

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

## SUNDAY, FEB. 2

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

## MONDAY, FEB. 3

9:30am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)  
 4:00pm-5:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Meeting  
 (R Liv Rm)

## TUESDAY, FEB. 4

8:00am-8:30am Novena - Rosary (CH)  
 9:00am-11:00am IDCC  
 9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)  
 10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC  
 5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Food Pantry  
 6:00pm-7:00p AA Meeting (R B)  
 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir (CH)

## THURSDAY, FEB. 6

11:00am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)  
 6:00pm-10:00pm SVDP West District Meeting (FH)  
 6:30pm-7:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

## FRIDAY, FEB. 7

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

## SATURDAY, FEB. 8

## SUNDAY, FEB. 9

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-10:45am PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)  
 11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)  
 12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (c)FH&K  
 12:00pm-1:15pm Children of Light (A)

*Thank you for your generous support!*

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 1**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, FEB. 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

9:00am George &amp; Julia Barnett (Ron &amp; Kathy Michler)

11:00am Ismael Quintana (Dora Quintana)

**MONDAY, FEB. 3**

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

**TUESDAY, FEB. 4**

8:30am Tim &amp; Catherine Daly &amp; Family (Ron &amp; Kathy Michler)

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5**

8:30am All Souls

**THURSDAY, FEB. 6**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, FEB. 7**

8:30am All Souls

**SATURDAY, FEB. 8**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, FEB. 9 The Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am James Ginley (Ginley Family)

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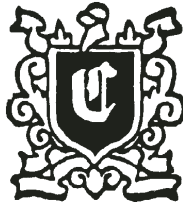
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