

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**MARCH 2, 2025**

**EIGHTH 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.



## 59 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.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, ©1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. ©1969, ICEL Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.



### Lenten Opportunities

Please bring your dried palms to church by Monday morning, March 3 so that they can be burned for the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The traditional Lenten practices associated with this penitential season, prayer, fasting and almsgiving are found in Matthew 6:1-18. Our parish is providing the following opportunities for you

#### Prayer

There will be a Mass on Ash Wednesday at 12:05pm with the distribution of ashes. There will be a Liturgy of the Word service in the evening at 7:30pm. Abbey Meyer will be the guest homilist. Come support her and get a feminine perspective on the season of Lent.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back table for those who would like to be a part of a prayer group. This will be just during the season of Lent. Afterwards the group or groups will decide if they would like to continue.

You might want to take advantage of Breaking Open the Word which is every Sunday between Masses in the rectory. Laura Fibbi leads these discussions about the readings.

There will be prayer cards available in the pews with pictures of those children and adults who will be celebrating their sacraments of initiation in the Easter season. You are encouraged to take one or more prayer cards home during the Lenten season to pray for these candidates for the sacraments.

#### Fasting

Lent is a time for sacrifice and fasting. The word sacrifice comes from two Latin words meaning "to make holy". If you choose some sacrificial practice, like giving up chocolate, make sure it is making you holier.

On Ash Wednesday at 6:00pm we will have our annual simple soup supper. You are invited to bring a meatless soup to share with others. This simple meal may leave us a little hungry, reminding us to hunger for the Lord. Bring your recipes too. People like to exchange them. The parish will provide bread and beverages.

Once again we are promoting Dump Your Plump. Are you looking to take advantage of the season of Lent by dieting and working on your wellness. Why do that alone? It's easier with a partner. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who would like to participate in dump your plump. This will simply be a chance to check in with a buddy every day to check on and encourage your

diet plan, and to recommit yourself to it if you suffer a setback.

#### Almsgiving

Our parish will be encouraging contributions to Water For Life, a program by Cross Catholic to drill community wells — giving families clean and abundant water for life in the sub-Saharan countries of Ghana, Malawi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Eswatini and Zambia.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and every weekend Mass, a plastic tub will be brought forward at the offertory. You will then be invited to come forward and donate to Water for Life in the same way that we bring our baby bottles forward for Womankind. You can come up every week and drop a dollar in the tub or just come once and put in some change. We will be able to move the tub to fish fries to give others the opportunity to give alms to the thirsty of the world.

#### Miscellaneous

On Fridays during Lent we will be having fish fries from 5:30-7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. This is not so much a fund-raiser as it is a community builder. People often come at 5:30 and stay until 7:30 just to visit and chat – well and to enjoy many of the delicious homemade desserts. This is why we also have Dump Your Plump during Lent.

The Chosen, Season Five, is previewing at the theatre beginning March 26, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. I'll get more details in case we want to attend as a group like last time.

Vegetable, herb and flower seeds will be available for free next weekend. Many thanks to Puritas Nursery who have given us over \$1,000 worth of seeds. The first week of March is the time to plant them indoors in peat pods or other containers with topsoil.



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## *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 Heovar, 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 Zamborano

**Lent Luncheon. Ignatian Spirituality—Interior Freedom, Removing What Holds Us Back.** Tuesday, March 18 10:00am—12:30pm. *Presented by Fr. Paul O'Conner, SJ.* Join us for a presentation, reflection & prayer, sharing, and lunch at the Jesuit Retreat Center. Early registration is recommended. Cost: \$50

**Lenten Retreat: Going Deeper through Prayer, Focused on Six Biblical Themes Essential to Our Spiritual Growth.** Friday, March 7, 5:30pm - Sunday, March 9, 11:15am. *Presented by Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ.* Preparing well for Lent and the Easter Season. This retreat begins with Dinner on Friday 5:30 PM and an Opening Talk. Ends on Sunday with 11:15 AM Mass & Lunch at Noon. Cost: \$225 - \$325

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## *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

Save the date. The Reverse Raffle is April 26, from 5-10pm. Tickets go on sale March 29.





# This Week at Blessed Trinity

## SATURDAY, MAR. 1

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

## SUNDAY, MAR. 2

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)  
 9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A)  
 9:30am-10:45am Confirmation Prep (R Lib, R LivRm)  
 10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)  
 10:00am-10:45am PSR Grades 4-8 (R B)  
 11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)  
 12:00pm-1:15pm Children of Light (A)  
 12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

## MONDAY, MAR. 3

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)  
 6:00pm-7:00pm Pastoral Council Dev. Committee  
(R LivRm)  
 7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Meeting  
(R LivRm)

## TUESDAY, MAR. 4

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)  
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)  
 6:00pm-7:00pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (FH)  
 5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Food Pantry  
 6:00pm-7:00pm AA Meeting (R B)  
 7:00pm-8:00pm Choir

## THURSDAY, MAR. 6

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

## FRIDAY, MAR. 7

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (R Lib)  
 5:30pm-7:30pm Fish Fry (FH)

## SATURDAY, MAR. 8

**Breaking Open the Word.** Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10am in the rectory to pray with and to explore the Sunday scriptures. Together we reflect on how the readings at Mass are God's Word to us. No need to register. If you would like more information please email [Lfibbi@gmail.com](mailto:Lfibbi@gmail.com).

*Thank you for your generous support!*

<i>Sunday, Feb 23</i>	<i>\$ 1,908.00</i>
<i>Haiti Missions</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>
<i>Bountiful Basement</i>	<i>\$ 257.00</i>
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**SATURDAY, MAR. 1**

4:00pm George & Ethel Barnett (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

**SUNDAY, MAR. 2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45(84)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

**MONDAY, MAR. 3**

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

**TUESDAY, MAR. 4**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5—Ash Wednesday**

12:05pm Blessed Trinity

7:30pm Word Service with Ashes

**THURSDAY, MAR. 6**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, MAR. 7**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**SATURDAY, MAR. 8**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**Thank You!** It has taken me many days to read through all the cards, notes, and stories you gifted me with on my retirement. To sit down to read through them all at once proved to be just too much. Sitting with just a few at a time, I've been able to enjoy the richness of this gift and appreciate the thoughts in the cards you chose, your personal words, and the effort it took for you to write the heartfelt words you shared. You gave me the perfect closure to the rich experiences of my professional life. With much appreciation and sincere thanks, *Katie.*



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