

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**MARCH 9, 2025**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**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 91: Be with Me

Refrain

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou-ble, be  
with me, Lord, I pray.

Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 14-15; Marty Haugen Music: Marty Haugen ©1980, GIA Publications, Inc.



*A Season of Emptiness*

We are not strangers to difficulty, suffering, grief, pain, and struggle. In fact, our life in Christ calls for us to experience these things...sometimes more than others. We suffer for the sake of Christ. We suffer because to take part in his triumph, we must take part in his suffering. Thinking of this very poignant fact calls to mind what we all must be—*suffering servants*.

But how must we be suffering servants in our current socio-political-economic climate? How must we be suffering servants for a time such as this? How can we be suffering servants today? During the protest interest meeting, I asked all of those who attended to search their hearts and ask the Spirit of God whether they belonged in the ministry of protest. I said that to say that our first line of discernment about how we must take on the role of a suffering servant is to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We must always be dependent upon the Spirit of the Living God to show us who we are to serve. What or who has God been calling you to as of late? Who and what has God been placing on your heart? Who do you see or whose name comes to mind when you are in prayer? By discerning who and what God has called you to, you are on the right path to becoming what God required even of Christ.

Suffering servants make their mark upon the world as they act on behalf of the Holy Triune God. Suffering servants are not only in relationship with God, but they suffer on behalf of others. They are advocates for “the least of these.” And because they are advocates for the outcasts and downtrodden of society, they are marked as despicable and ultimately rejected by mankind. A suffering servant must also intercede for those who are in desperate need of alleviation from their pain, suffering, struggles, and even their oppression. A suffering servant tends to pray with their heart and their feet... without ceasing because it is what they are called to do.

In Jesus’ primary role as suffering servant, he chose to bore the pain, the misery, the persecution, and the grief of others, mainly those whom he served. Now, make no mistake about it, he did not have to do this, but *he chose to do this*. In this understanding, Jesus chose to lay his deistic privilege aside and engulf himself in humility for the sake of others.

Just as Jesus’ functionality in the role of a suffering servant was fulfilled through various passages such as Isaiah 53, when we choose to take on the mantle of a suffering servant, we are fulfilling scripture as well. We fulfill scripture by joining Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. We partake in the life of Our Lord and Savior when we choose to suffer for the sake of others. As we choose this challenging path, we knowingly and unknowingly take part in prophecy.

Let us be encouraged to take on the function of suffering servants to “the least of these,” to our enemies, to those that are going through bouts of doubt and oppression. Everyday we should be asking the Spirit of God to lead us on a path of righteousness and solidifying our faith to continuous growth in the prophetic act of suffering servants.



Sunday's Lent bulletin insert had an incorrect QR code. You can reach the information by scanning this one instead:



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
Jay Yesenko  
May God grant comfort to his  
family and friends.*

Our guest speakers for our **Holy Name** meeting will be Councilmen Brian Kazy and Charles Slife, also Cuyahoga County Council member, Dale Miller and former Ohio State Representative, Marty Sweeney.. The date is Tuesday March 18th starting at 7pm in the Joseph center. All Women and Men are Welcome.



# AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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**Lenten Taize Prayer .** Join our Lenten Taize Prayer "Transform in Christ" on Sunday, March 16 at 7. We are now in a new location at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 15700 Detroit. Enter from the back parking lot at the lower East Entrance.



**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).

**Centering Prayer.** The Blessed Trinity Centering Prayer group meets at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Joseph Center. Meetings include a period of silent prayer, a discussion of a spiritual reading and faith sharing. Come and join us. For more information, contact Steve Flynn at 440-539-0689 or [sflynn1129@gmail.com](mailto:sflynn1129@gmail.com).

## 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, 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, 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

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. 8

### SUNDAY, MAR. 9

9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 (A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
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-1:00pm	Community Meal (c)FH&K
12:00pm-1:15pm	Children of Light (A) (CH)
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Music Practice (CH)

### MONDAY, MAR. 10

9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
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### TUESDAY, MAR. 11

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)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Centering Prayer Group

### WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12

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-8:00pm	Choir (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg. (R Liv Rm)

### THURSDAY, MAR. 13

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

### FRIDAY, MAR. 14

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

### SATURDAY, MAR. 15

### SUNDAY, MAR 16

9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 (A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR Grade 1-3 (A)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)
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-1:15pm	Children of Light (A) (CH)

**Getting to know the Children of Light** The Children of Light are 5 youth preparing for Baptism and/or First Eucharist. You may notice them some weekends as you enter church. They will be participating in the ministry of hospitality by standing at the church doors with their families to greet you before Mass. The Children of Light will wear a nametag identifying them as a Child of Light Greeter. They may also participate in ushering, helping to pass baskets during the offertory collection. Please take a moment to meet these youth, support them as they learn about our Church Ministries, and pray for them and their families during their time of formation.

**SATURDAY, MAR. 8**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, MAR. 9 First Sunday of Lent**

Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13 (24)

9:00am Mike Wilson (Family)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

**MONDAY, MAR. 10**

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

**TUESDAY, MAR. 11**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 12**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**THURSDAY, MAR. 13**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, MAR. 14**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**SATURDAY, MAR. 15**

4:00pm All Souls

**SUNDAY, MAR 16 Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Blessed Trinity

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**Dementia Awareness and Skill Development**

March 22 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Centering Space, Lakewood Ohio

**Facilitated by Beth Mancuso**

Over four Saturdays – try to attend all four



Teepa Snow has created the *Positive Approach to Care* organization to help those living with dementia and their caregivers, family and friends. In her own search for dementia education materials Beth Mancuso has found Teepa Snow's insights and educational offerings helpful.

In this series of gatherings Beth will share what she has learned from studying and applying Teepa's work.

Call to register 14812 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 | 216.228.7451 [centeringspacelakewood@gmail.com](mailto:centeringspacelakewood@gmail.com)

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Beth is not a certified trainer, but has found the materials helpful in her own life experience and is drawn to share what she has learned with others.

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