

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 12:30–1:45 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 34: Taste and See

Refrain



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

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New Life is Upon Us

Temperatures are slowly rising as a new season awaits us. That means there is a shift in activity in the parish. In other words, it's farming season here at Blessed Trinity.

For those who are unaware of our parish history, when I came here 15 years ago, the first thing I did was nothing. Well, it looked like nothing but it was not nothing. I observed, took notes, looked at how we might flourish as a new, merged parish and most importantly, asked myself "What does it mean to be a church in the city in the 21st century?" What's changed?

After a year of observation, one thing I noticed was that I saw that we had two unused baseball fields. The most activity they got was a lawnmower, using gas, polluting the air. Surely there was a better use of this land.

Around the same time, Pope Francis wrote his encyclical, *Laudato Si* about care for our planet and what we can do about it. We experimented with some raised beds outside the Joseph Center. Then we added 46 fruit trees as part of edible forest one. Before we expanded we tried to see if anything would grow. We planted a corn field and sure enough, even the deer were happy.

Fast forward and we have edible forest two and forty raised beds. In addition, we have an acre and a half for in-ground planting. This requires a lot of work. Many disciples have come forward to help plant, weed, water and harvest. Some of our refugees use this land to grow crops native to their own countries.

Already seeds for hollyhocks and loofah have been planted. Some have started to germinate. Daffodils, tulips, and hyacinth are bringing color to our property. The crabapple trees will soon be in bloom.

Laudato Si invites us to care for our common home. The use of our land in a responsible way is just such a response to that invitation. In this time of rising prices for food and subsidies to the Greater Cleveland Food bank, it is more imperative than ever to take advantage of the land we have, put it to good use and provide fresh fruits and vegetables to our neighborhood.

Because we have more land to grow things, we want to make the most of this opportunity. There are still a few raised beds available if you'd like to grow your own tomatoes or peppers. There is in-ground land available for planting corn, zucchini, watermelons and pumpkins. There is an irrigation ditch that provides water to all the farming areas. All growing areas are now fenced in, providing protection from the hungry deer.

Sometimes I hear people lament the loss of the good old days. Where are the children that played baseball? It is difficult to adjust to new times. I remember before Vatican II, the Easter vigil was celebrated on Saturday morning at 8:00am! But what a great change Vatican II made in restoring the original intent of the Easter vigil. Change can be pleasantly surprising. I love my microwave.

One of the things I have learned from all this farming is how dependent farmers are on our weather. Two years ago, there was a frost around May 28 that killed all the plants. Last year we began planting outside by May 1 and things flourished. It hardly rained last June. I was watering almost every day. These are the noticeable effects of climate change. Lord knows what the farmers do.

This year the eighth-grade students from Birchwood will spend part of April 7th getting the soil ready for rototilling. They will be gathering loose rocks, spreading leaves and weeding. Their community service will have things ready before the annual OSU Extension gathering of community gardeners.

If you are ever looking for something to do in the parish, there is always something to do outside in the gardens. Just let me know your availability.



GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP – an INTER-PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070.

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 8:30 Attend Holy Mass in the Chapel
- About 9:00 Pray the Holy Rosary in the Chapel
- About 9:30 Gather for a Snack and Coffee Followed by a Video Presentation in Classroom 8 in the Hall across from the Office

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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, Louise J. Hall, 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, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano

Peace and Justice News. Senator Mark Kelly and others have said there are two things we can do to preserve our democracy, write letters and show up. Each weekend after Masses the Peace and Justice Committee will have letters for you to sign and add your own message. This week's letter is about the attack on seniors. Come sign a letter and make your voice heard. Donations to cover the cost of mailing will be accepted.

We still have Applesauce & Jam for sale. Jam is \$7 a jar and applesauce is \$5



Thank you for your generous support!

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| Sunday, Mar 23 | \$ 3,956.00 |
| Bountiful Basement | \$ 63.33 |
| Help the Needy | \$ 48.34 |
| Education | \$ 50.00 |
| Memorials & Special Gifts | \$ 470.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 67.00 |
| Operation Rice Bowl | \$ 195.00 |

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 are \$45 for dinner and main board, \$25 for dinner only, and \$10 absentee ticket.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, MAR. 29

SUNDAY, MAR. 30

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| 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-1:15pm | Children of Light (JC Lg) |

MONDAY, MAR. 31

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| 9:00am-10:30am | Legion of Mary (CH) |
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TUESDAY, APR. 1

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| 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) |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm | First Communion Prep (A) |
| 6:30pm-8:00pm | Centering Prayer Group |

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2

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| 4:00pm-6:00pm | IDCC (JC Lg) |
| 5:00pm-6:45pm | Bountiful Basement (BB) |
| 5:30pm-6:30pm | Mobile Food Pantry |
| 6:30pm-7:30pm | Tai Chi (FH) |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm | Choir (CH) |

THURSDAY, APR. 3

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

FRIDAY, APR. 4

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| 5:30pm-7:30pm | Fish Fry (FH) |
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SATURDAY, APR. 5

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| 9:30am-11:00am | Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp (R Liv Rm) |
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SUNDAY, APR. 6

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| 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-1:15pm | Children of Light (A) |

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, April 14

7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club
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Passion Narratives Compared! Palm Sunday, we'll hear Luke's account of the passion & death of Jesus. What do the other Evangelists tell us? That's what we'll find out as Fr. Mark Latcovich, Pastor of St. Ladislav, will explain. Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended.

Register in advance:

www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MAR. 29

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, MAR. 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, MAR. 31

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

TUESDAY, APR. 1

8:30am Kletke & Lillian Twigger (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2

8:30am Kenneth Nodge (Family)

THURSDAY, APR. 3

No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 4

8:30am Edward & Annette Kalister (Family)
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APR. 5

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, APR. 6

9:00am All Souls

11:00am Denise Arnold (Nancy Koch)

Jesuit Retreat Center Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in April. Tuesdays, 8:00-8:45am, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. On Tuesdays, we offer Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary)

April Sabbath Days — a Personal Retreat Day, Monday, April 7, 8:30 - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC – to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50



Mobile Pantry/Produce Give Away April 2, 2025, 5:30--6:30 p.m. Contact Briyant to help at 3:45 pm for early set up. Disciples also needed 4:45pm—6:30pm. No one is allowed on property before 4:30 pm.

There is a collection this week for Catholic Relief Services. Please place donations in a separate envelope.

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