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FIFTH 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 12:30–1:45 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.

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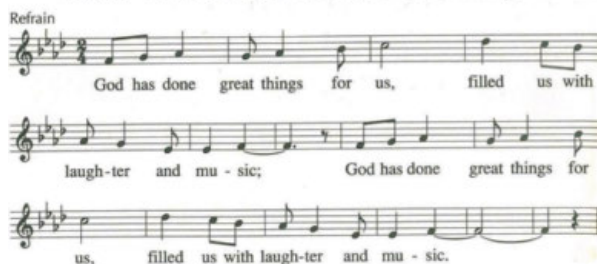
Anytime by appointment only

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 126: God Has Done Great Things for Us



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A Different Gospel

You know what is so moving and life-changing about the gospel of Jesus Christ? The true gospel of Jesus Christ embraces all in the world. It is morally and spiritually inclusive of all people—no matter the sin and or stance in culture. It gives a voice to the voiceless, courage to the discouraged, strength to the weak, and hope to the hopeless.

When you look deeply and intently at the true gospel of Jesus Christ, you find that there is no room for ambiguity when it comes to two things: restoration and inclusivity. These are foundational goals in Jesus' ministry that serve as a blueprint for us today. These goals outline the very purpose of Jesus and the spiritual maturation of the Holy Spirit that indwelt him.

When Jesus came into the world on a physical level, he interpreted the scriptures ethically, socially, and spiritually. He also lived the fulfillment and interpretation of scripture through his ministry. Giving life to the scriptures he interpreted; he made people upset—mainly times when he forgave the sins of people. He rubbed people the wrong way with his constant rescuing and favoring of women who worked as sex workers in those days.

Jesus was most comfortable around sinners more than he was with religious leaders built up with self-righteous indignation. He was most comfortable embracing sinners, sitting in their company, and welcoming them into a state of eternal restoration and inclusiveness. They, too, had sacred worth and had been crafted in the Image of God.

What Jesus was doing was countercultural to the society he lived in at that time. It is safe to say that with the understanding of Jesus' gospel of restoration and inclusivity of all people, we are to mirror this by breaking down all societal barriers.

Systemic barriers such as oppression, patriarchy, racism, poverty, and etcetera had no place in the kingdom of God. Because of this, Jesus went on a three-year tour of restoration to show that not only was the kingdom of God here and approaching, but he was revolutionary restoration had begun. People

were being restored to their original state before the fall.

As we fight for and advocate in favor of “the least of these,” we take on the role of Jesus Christ in our work to restore people back to God's original plan for us prior to the fall. Participating in the defense of people who are being oppressed or suffering from a myriad of disparities brings about a sacred social and spiritual inclusiveness. This is why we do the work and pray with our feet.

When we participate in the various outreach ministries that help us to connect with “the least of these,” we are being used by God to bring the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. All we are doing is restoring humanity to its original format designed by God.

Whenever people are willingly oppressing others, they are perpetrators of the curse of the fall, causing spiritual harm not only to those they oppress, but also themselves. But when we are fighting for the liberation of others, we become healers of society, change-agents, and free from a different gospel that has run rampant in America.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, April 14

7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



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.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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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 value of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Come sign a letter and make your voice heard. Donations to cover the cost of mailing will be accepted.

Holy Name: Our guest speakers for our Holy Name meeting will be Cuyahoga County Council member, Dale Miller, who was unable to attend our March meeting, and also State Representative Bride Sweeney. The date is Tuesday April 15th starting at 7pm in the Joseph center. All Women and Men are Welcome.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Mar 30	\$	5,752.30
Easter	\$	50.00
Haiti Missions	\$	275.00
Bountiful Basement	\$	865.00
Education	\$	50.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	2,050.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	235.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	50.00

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





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, APR 5

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

SUNDAY, APR. 6

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)
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

MONDAY, APR. 7

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
6:00pm-7:00pm Pastoral Council Planning Mtg.
(R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. (R Liv Rm)

TUESDAY, APR. 8

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. 9

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)
7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Group Mtg.
(R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, APR. 10

11:00am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
6:30pm-7:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)
7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

FRIDAY, APR. 11

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

SATURDAY, APR. 12

SUNDAY, APR. 13

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

*May the Peace of Our Lord be
with **Catherine Rajnicek,**
mother of Kathleen Plautz & also
Mary Hollowell. May God grant
comfort to their family and friends*



SATURDAY, APR 5

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, APR. 6

Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11(36)

9:00am Catherine Rajnicek (Margaret Mascha)

11:00am Denise Arnold (Nancy Koch)

MONDAY, APR. 7

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

TUESDAY, APR. 8

8:30am

WEDNESDAY, APR. 9

8:30am Carl Rhodes (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

THURSDAY, APR. 10

No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 11

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, APR. 12

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, APR. 13 PALM SUNDAY

Lk 19:28-40 (37) Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Angelina Martino (Rosa & Family)

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

Glory Road. Glory Road is a prayerful walk with Jesus through the 7 days of Holy Week, based on the Gospel of Mark. Developed and led by Mike Reiling, it will be held at Centering Space in Lakewood Sunday, April 13 from 2 -3:30. Information flyers can be found on the tables by the entrances to church.

Eccumenical Holy Week Taize Prayer. We gather for a meditative experience of Holy Week on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm. at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 15700 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Join members of our parish and others in song, silence, and scripture.


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