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APRIL 27, 2025

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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.

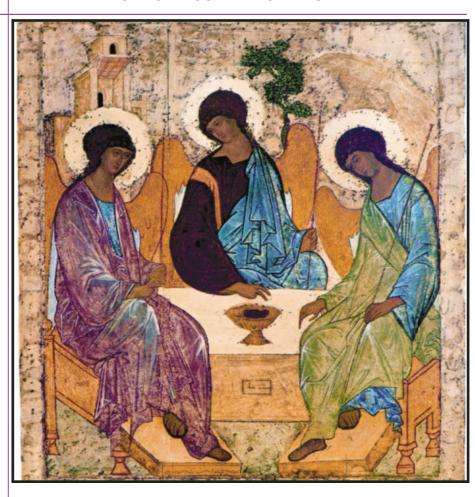
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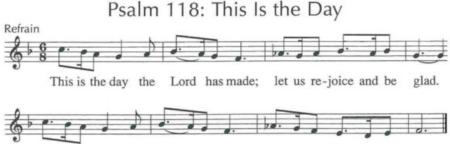
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER





This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.







FROM THE DESK OF FR DOUG...

The Work Continues

Our Peace and Justice Committee met last Monday There were about 12 of us who unpacked our recent Lenten efforts of letter writing to our US Senators, Water for Life, the clothesline packed with gloves and mittens for winter and witness for Ukraine.

The following were some of the critiques made by the members:

It was inspirational to see almost the entire congregation come forward each week to donate to Water for Life. It was very heartwarming to see the little children drop their coins in the slots. Clearly, people were looking for a concrete way to give alms during Lent and the Water for Life Project was a worthy charity. When I opened the container to count the money, I was hoping for \$4,000, maybe \$5,000 if we were lucky. When I announced during my Easter homily that we had collected over \$9,500 which brought new life to women and children in sub-Saharan Africa, the spontaneous applause reflected your surprise and pride as well.

The letter writing "faith in action" campaign was successful. We mailed about 200 letters each week about immigration, the environment, the war in Ukraine and the attack on the elderly. Along the way, people met parishioners they did not know and struck up new friendships. And the letter writing did not taper off. There were as many letters signed and sent the final week as the first.

The clothesline that had gloves and mittens and hats and scarves and socks was appreciated by so many. Over 800 items were donated.

Where do we go from here? It was agreed that letter writing is an effective tool.

It was also agreed that writing a letter every week would get stale. We learned that phone calls are just as effective as letters. Phone calls can be made after hours. You can leave a message. They tally every call and message in favor or against such and such a topic.

Here are some important phone numbers:

The White House, comments 202-456-1111 Senator Jon Husted Cleve. (216) 522-7095 Sen Husted DC Office 202-224-3353. Senator Bernie Moreno, DC 202-224-2315 Sen. Moreno Cleve Office (216) 522-7272

Gov Mike DeWine (614) 644-4357 Cong. Shontel Brown (216) 522-4900 Ward 16 Brian Kazy 216-664-2942 Ward 17 Charlie Slife 216-664-2840

Many social justices issues exist. A former parishioner emailed me once calling me a hypocrite. He said, "You say "All are welcome, but Republicans are not". It's not my fault that everything the Republican party espouses except for abortion is contrary to the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church. I never mentioned Republicans. I have said "The bible asks us to welcome the stranger. Jesus said "Do not scandalize the children" not "children belong in cages". Family values means keeping families together. Jesus said the poor are blessed, climate change disproportionately affects the poor, Jesus commands us to feed the hungry, not dismantle USAID, Jesus tells us to cure the sick, not fire 80% of the staffs of NIH and CDC, Jesus washed his disciples feet. Pope Francis washed the feet of prisoners. He didn't send them to El Salvador. Jesus cared for the poor, he didn't try to smash Medicaid or attack the Affordable Care Act via the Supreme Court. Jesus said "Woe to you rich" not give them a tax break..

The Peace and Justice Committee then looked for other ways to pressure and influence our government for the better. The libraries, new sports stadia, food deserts, college students being arrested and deported, health care, social security. etc. There are plenty of issues to confront.

On another note, our Community Garden Meeting went well. We have 28 gardeners this year plus refugee families.

I picked my first asparagus this year, but Katie picked a bunch which she shared with the group. It will be a fun year for planting and growing a variety of vegetables. There's room for you if you want to grow zucchini, pumpkins, cukes, or watermelons.

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Congratulations!

to Clare Gainley on her full initiation and Morgan Gainley on her baptism on April 19.

April 27, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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the rectory office. Notices MUST be in by Monday of the		
week before the bulletin is distributed.		

THANK YOU to all the disciples who helped make the annual Fish Fry a success. Whether you worked in the kitchen, on the main floor, did set up, clean up or baked your time and efforts were greatly appreciated.

-Pat Thacker

Please pray for those who are going on the sacred journey to protest this weekend.

May the Peace of Our Lord be with **John Frederick, husband** of **Martha Frederick.**May God grant comfort to her family and friends.



Thank you for your generous support!			
Sunday, Mar 20	\$	5,195.70	
Easter	\$	3,850.00	
Haiti Missions	\$	140.00	
Bountiful Basement	\$	778.00	
Capital Improvements	\$	100.00	
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	4,830.00	
Special Collection 3 (Water for Life)	\$	100.00	
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$	435.00	
Education	\$	50.00	
Operation Rice Bowl	\$	45.00	

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, 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, 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



We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family: Barbara Paynter





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, APR 26

SUNDAY, APR. 27

9:00am-10:00am First Eucharist (CH) 9:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 1-3 (A) 9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)

10:00am-10:45am PSR Grade 4-8 (R B)

11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)

MONDAY, APR. 28

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)

TUESDAY, APR. 29

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, APR. 30

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-8:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, MAY. 1

11:00am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)

7:15pm-8:45pm Stephen Ministry Peer Group (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, MAY. 2 SATURDAY, MAY. 3

9:30pm-11:00pm Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp. (R

LivRm)

SUNDAY, MAY. 4

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)

11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)

12:00pm-1:00pm Interfaith Protest Lunch & Learn (FH)

12:30pm-4:30pm Global Heat Rising (JC Lg) 1:00pm-5:00pm First Communion Party, John

Deighton (FH)

Global Heat Rising: A Parish Program on Our Warming Planet. On Sunday, May 4 from 1-4 in the Joseph Center, parish member Mike Reiling is offering a workshop con-



cerning the dangerous warming of our planet and how we can respond to it. An informational brochure is available at the table by the front of the church entrance. Please consider participating!

There is a collection this week for Home Missions. Please place donations in a separate envelope.



SATURDAY, APR 26

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, APR. 27 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Angelina Martino (Rosa & Family)

MONDAY, APR. 28

11:00am at West Park Health Center

4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, APR. 29

8:30am John & Ann Roddy (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 30

8:30am Jerry, Mary, & Larry McCarthy (Ron &

Kathy Mickler)

THURSDAY, MAY. 1

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY. 2

8:30pm John & Ethel Mickler (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

SATURDAY, MAY. 3

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, MAY. 4 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Bob McRae & Thad Patton (Stephen Ministry)

We are in the process of updating our annual Guidebook & Directory for the church. It is also time for you to update your membership information in the Guidebook with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Please call the office. This book is being provided and direct mailed to each family at no cost to our church. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Briyant by May 4th. The advertisers sign-up sheet is at the back table.

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.

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