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MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

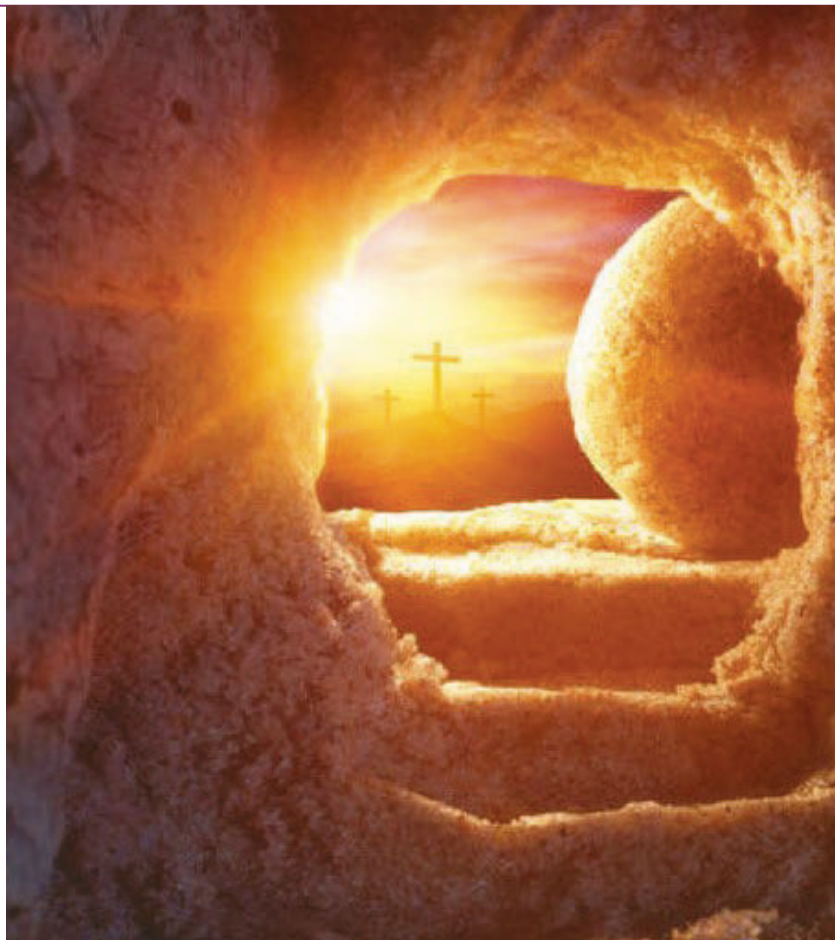
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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 30: I Will Praise You, Lord

Refrain



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Witnessing through Activism

When I prayed to God sometime in January of this year, I had the urge to gather a group of inter-faith congregants and leaders to go to our nation's capital in the spirit of activism and fight for the oppressed. I struggled with the idea as I pondered how much money it would take and how expensive DC was. I thought about how I was going to get people on board and get them to act at a time such as this. There were so many reasons why the sacred pilgrimage to DC would not work. I started off with 62 people and the number gradually decreased.

As these thoughts ran rampant in my mind, it was the voice and guidance of the Holy Spirit that said to me, "Keep going." I was worried about the number of people, but the Spirit of God kept telling me to "Keep going." Not sure about how we would get the money for the charter bus, the hotel rooms, food, and etcetera, facing a lot of uncertainty, and yet God was telling me persist. And so, I did. Without the slightest idea as to how all of this was going to happen, I stepped out on faith and the assurance that God would guide me even in my unbelief.

As I persisted with meetings and permits and scheduling different things, my faith increased. One of the greatest signs of faith included the support of the parishioners at Blessed Trinity as well as a few other organizations. We ended up raising over \$10k for the DC pilgrimage. One parishioner had donated \$2,500 from their retirement savings just to support the cause. Margie Pavone helped raise funds for people who were not financially able to come and join us as we prayed with our feet. One of the protestors that came along on the trip expressed her gratitude in tears. She had lost her job and had no money. She did not know how she was going to be able to make the trip. Your contributions not only helped her to reignite her passion for activism but also reignited her relationship with God on this pilgrimage. God used you to answer her prayers.

The Spirit of Immanuel rested upon the activists in DC. God was evidently with us. We were protected, nothing went wrong, no one was arrested, all went according to plan. The 95 petitions were read several times over the two days we were protesting. These petitions grabbed the attention of others. Some responded well and others did not, which was to be expected.

We were not only activists, but we were witnesses. Someone told one of us that we had given them the courage to act. I met a father and son who were Catholic and told me they wished their home parish would be more involved in activism like we were. I was at the Capitol Visitor Center when a kid waved at me and said he saw me protesting with the others. The fact is whether Congress was in session or not, people were paying attention to what God was doing through us. We witnessed and showed our fruit through our activism.

The 19 souls that decided to pray with their feet in DC had the backing and prayers of our home parish. We knew that you were praying for us and with us as we set upon this sacred pilgrimage. I am overwhelmed with the love and support as well as the time and effort that you all have put into making this protest happen. Whether you made signs, came on the pilgrimage, donated money, said a prayer, or even thought of us, I thank you and am eternally grateful for you.



to **Zachary Konjura** on his first Eucharist
on April 27.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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On the weekend of May 10/11, there will be an opportunity to sign a letter after Masses, asking congress to preserve tax credits from 2022 to 2032 for companies making clean energy, using it in their industrial processes, or making component parts for clean energy technologies.

100 Year Anniversary of Annunciation School. On Wednesday May 21, at 6pm at Innovation Academy West , 13111 Crossburn Ave. Hosted by Gerry MacLeod (class on 1969) No RSVP Necessary. Spread the Word. Bring a friend. Questions? Call: 216-671-2710 ext. 207

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Mar 27	\$	5,137.80
Easter	\$	1,819.00
Haiti Missions	\$	8.33
Bountiful Basement	\$	353.34
Help the Needy	\$	253.33
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$	45.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	1,440.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$	50.00

Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Azarello, 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, Erna 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:**
Chris & Ann Garland & Family





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, MAY 3

9:30am-11:00am 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
 12:30pm-4:30pm Global Heat Rising Meeting (Jc Lg)
 1:00pm-5:00pm First Communion Party, John Deighton (FH)

MONDAY, MAY 5

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

TUESDAY, MAY 6

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)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine
 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, MAY. 8

11:00am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)
 7:00pm-8:30pm Bible Study (Rec LivRm)

FRIDAY, MAY. 9

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (R Lib)

SATURDAY, MAY. 10

SUNDAY, MAY. 11

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)
 11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)

Mobile Pantry is this Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30.

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 concerning 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!



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)

MONDAY, MAY 5

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

TUESDAY, MAY 6

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, MAY. 8

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY. 9

8:30pm Laverne Fuller (Bill Fuller & Family)

SATURDAY, MAY. 10

4:00pm Ken Pratt (A&J Weber)

SUNDAY, MAY. 11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30 (51)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Ken Pratt (A&J Weber)

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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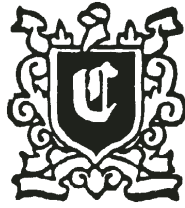
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