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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

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 100: We Are God's People

Ostinato Refrain

Sopranos:



We are God's peo - ple, the flock of the Lord.

Last time

Text: Psalm 100; 1-2, 3, 4, 5; David Haas Music: David Haas © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.



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An Open Letter to the new pope. I wrote this article twelve years ago, before Francis was elected. I changed three words, two names and added the names of two countries

Dear Pope N,

Congratulations on your election. We have been praying for you since Pope Francis died. We will do so every day at Mass.

Much has been written about the task ahead of you. You have two challenges that must be addressed now. Both of your predecessors did a horrible job dealing with them. One is the Vatican bureaucracy and corruption. It is no longer a secret and must be fixed. Let's be honest. It's difficult to use the words "career diplomat" and "Jesus" in the same sentence. Maybe start there.

The other is the priest pedophile crisis. It continues to fester. In case you still have not figured it out yet, this is what must be done. It is not enough to say "I'm sorry." Lives were ruined, criminal activity (statutory rape) was aided and abetted and few in authority have paid the price.

We had a similar situation here in our country at Penn State. The president resigned, the football coach and an assistant coach were fired, financial compensation was given, therapy was offered, the criminal went to jail and voila! – no one talks about Penn State anymore. Justice was served in less than ten months. We are going on year 25. Many Catholics who still remain are hanging on by a thread because of it. If the church acted justly and swiftly like Penn State did, the crisis would be over.

As I write this, you have not been elected yet. It seems like the choices are between a pope who is more conservative or most conservative. Clearly there will be no changes in church teaching or church practice. None are expected.

Still there are some important things you can and must do. Cardinal Sandri said one of the greatest challenges facing the church was trying to win back those suffering from a "loss of faith" who had "turned their back on God" and the Church of their fathers. Please know how wrong that statement is. Turning one's back on the church is the result of the first two issues not being dealt with. It does not mean there is a loss of faith. I have received hundreds of letters from people dying to return to the Catholic Church if it becomes a model of honesty and justice again. They have great faith in Jesus Christ, but not the institution. Faith in God and faith in church structures are not the same thing. Please keep that in mind.

Another thing you can do is to do away with this secrecy thing. No doubt you're seen the problems secrecy causes with the Vatican bank, the curia, the Legionnaires, Opus Dei, etc. Openness is not an American thing. It is how Jesus lived and spoke.

Please do not ignore the power of symbol. One person can do a lot. Ghandi made salt. Rosa Parks sat in the bus. The "Unknown Rebel" stood before a row of tanks in Tiananmen Square. Call us to be a church of simplicity. Maybe you'd like to discard your papal attire and miter for something simpler. How about just a tunic and a cincture? St. Francis would like that. He was also a reformer. Maybe on a warm summer day, walk around barefoot outside. You'd be amazed at the sign value. Or maybe you wouldn't. Maybe you know that already.

Jesus went to hostile lands; Gerasene territory, Samaria, etc. Maybe if you took a walk through Syria (Gaza, Haiti) they would be afraid to bomb innocent people. Maybe if you went to Afghanistan our country would not use drones for fear of hitting you. Think of the lives you could save!

Catholics are getting well educated. They are no longer strangers to the bible. They have good ideas. There is communal wisdom. We need you to enter into dialogues with the best and the brightest of our theologians. Don't be afraid of them. Dialogue does not mean you compromise belief.

And you're never going to hear the truth if you insist that people call you "His Holiness". Can you find a title that is a little more humble?

When Catholics say that the church needs to modernize, that don't mean it needs to change its teachings. They mean it needs to use the latest knowledge and resources in which it bases its teachings. Thomas Aquinas thought the world was flat. He had no idea how babies were conceived. Grace builds on nature. Theology must be based on facts.

People will give you the benefit of the doubt for a while. Enjoy it. Smile. Make us proud to be Catholic.

During these past few weeks there has been much speculation about who is going to lead the Catholic Church. They say that even Jesus would not want the job. Remind them that Jesus has the job. He leads our church. We all just follow. You too.





AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Womankind Annual Baby Bottle Collection

Please take an empty baby bottle home on Mother's Day, May 11 (bottles are also at church and the rectory) to collect change and return it on Father's Day, June 15. Your check (made out to "Womankind"), cash or coins collected in each bottle represent hope and help to the pregnant mothers in need who come to Womankind. Since 1975, Womankind has provided prenatal care, counseling and baby supplies for infants up to three years of age, all at no cost. Thank you for your generosity! For more information about Womankind visit their website at womankind-cleveland.org or contact Womankind at 216-662-5700.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, May 4	\$	4,954.57
Easter	\$	95.00
Haiti Missions	\$	53.33
Bountiful Basement	\$	793.33
Pastoral Ministry	\$	28.33
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	1,805.00
Restricted & Special Gifts	\$	150.00
Walk for Hunger	\$	100.00

Please pray for:

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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

There is a collection this week for the Office of Catechetical Services (Newman Campus). Please place donations in a separate envelope.





This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, MAY 10

SUNDAY, MAY 11

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

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

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

THURSDAY, MAY. 15

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

FRIDAY, MAY. 16

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (Zoom)

SATURDAY, MAY. 17

5:00pm-7:00pm Meet & Greet (R LivRm)

SUNDAY, MAY. 18

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open The Word (R LivRm)
10:00am-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)
11:00am-11:45am CLW (CH)

Clean Energy Letters. After worship this weekend, parish members are invited to write a short letter to our two senators about preserving clean energy tax credits. Besides promoting more clean energy, these tax credits have stimulated significant investments and job creation since first enacted in 2022. It is crucial to a healthier future to maintain these tax credits until 2032.

Tai Chi Moves Outdoors: May 14. Wednesday night at 6:30 Tai Chi will be held in the parish backyard beginning this Wednesday. Bring a chair for this class. For bad weather, we will be in the church basement. Join us!



**We Welcome Into Our
Blessed Trinity Family:**

Cindy L. McFadian & Mark A. Urban

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)

MONDAY, MAY 12

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, MAY. 15

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY. 16

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

SATURDAY, MAY. 17

4:00pm Clinton (Jim) House (Toni House & Family)

SUNDAY, MAY. 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14; 21-27 Rv 21:1-5a, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35(54)

9:00am Mike Wilson

11:00am Blessed Trinity

**Outdoor Clothing Giveaway/
UNUSABLE clothing drive**

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 12:30pm-
2:00pm

*Rain Date: June 8, 12:30pm-

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



to **Mila Kaplan, Cecilia Betz, and Alma McPartland** on their first Eucharist on May 3.

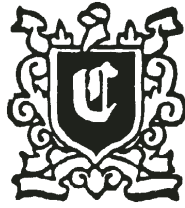
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