

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**JUNE 1, 2025**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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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

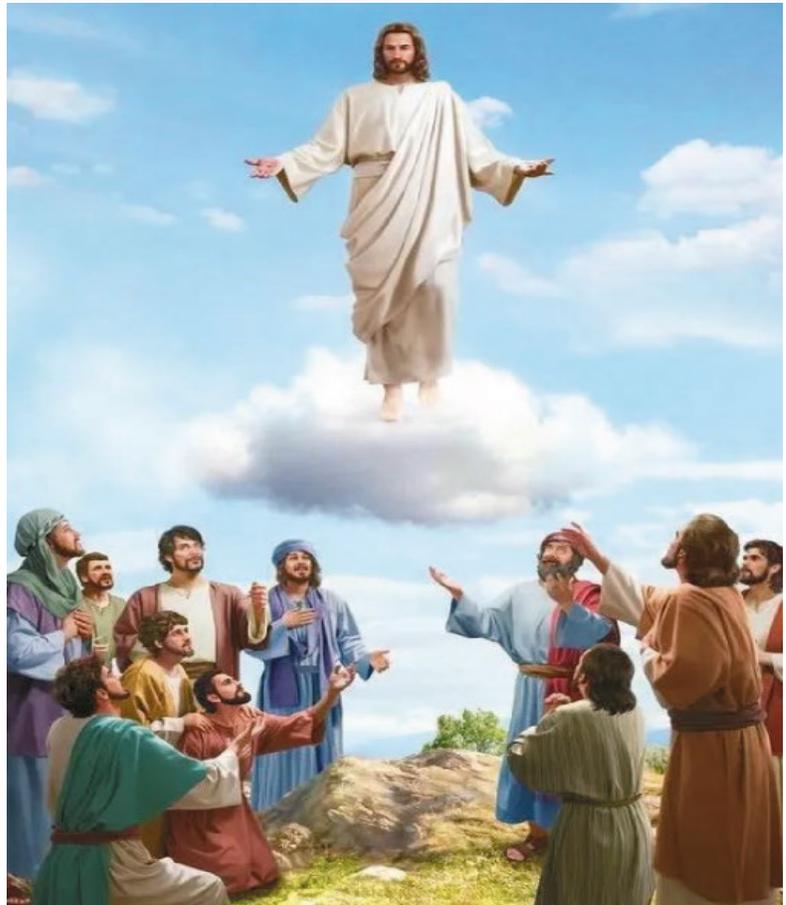
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 11 a.m.  
**Monday:** see worship calendar for time & location  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:** 8:30 a.m.

### 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 47: God Mounts His Throne

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy,  
O sing your praises to the Lord!

Text: Psalm 47:2-3; 6-7, 8-9; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc. Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.



Experience, Scripture, Tradition

I absolutely love listening to podcasts and watching YouTube videos from different seminaries about theology. I remember my professor at Emory calling it, “the king of sciences.” Theology, in my opinion, is God revealing himself through human consciousness, modes, and linguistic abilities. It is encompassed with some knowledge deep enough to the point where one could drown in it and yet shallow enough for a toddler to wade in. Through the subject of theology, God can be as clear as day, while sometimes, God can be very opaque. What I love most about the king of sciences is the experience.

Last night, I was listening to a podcast called, *The Bible for Normal People*. It has become a very popular podcast for people who like to be able to critically think about the sacred and inspirational text that God has blessed us with. Pastors, priests, and theologians from all over come on this show as guests and try to give a more relevant understanding of the Bible to the listeners.

On this episode, they had Richard Rohr on as a guest. For those unfamiliar with Rohr, he is a priest, writer, and a known pantheist (the belief that God lies in all things and transcends all things). As he takes a contemplative look at the Word of God, he tells the audience that Protestants and Catholics have it wrong (talk about a conversation starter) on how to rightfully interpret the Bible.

In his understanding of the Word of God, its transmission, and its filtering, Protestants and Catholics have created their own form of rationality. Catholics, he says, have overemphasized the church, tradition, the pope, and bishops. Protestants overdid it, he says, with the scripture piece. He says that Protestants and Catholics have abandoned true spiritual experience with God in exchange for extrinsic authority, thus giving ourselves over to a form of idolatry. He called these methods, “biased outer experiences.”

Understanding that he would be immediately labeled as a heretic, he provided some light to the context. He stated that scripture and persistent tradition must be used as a test to verify our experiences because we all start to know God through the mode of experience.

In further explanation, he opines that there is a tricycle of biblical methodology. Experience is at the front of the tricycle while scripture and tradition are the back wheels of the tricycle. These three wheels, according to Rohr, go together, and they are not independent, but codependent upon each other.

To Rohr, experience is identical to spirituality and even in the breaking down of the Word of God. My mind went back to seminary when learning about general and special revelation—without the Bible. My mind also wandered into asking the question I asked my Sunday School teacher, how did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob know God without a Bible?

Then, I realized that before I could read, I had a relationship with God. I knew God before Genesis, and I knew God through my experience with him before Sunday School. After coming to this realization, I concluded that my experience with God was confirmed by the Bible that I learned to read later. I say this to say that yes, absolutely, the Bible is critical and serves as one of the foundations of our faith and spiritual growth, but dare I say that our experience with God, much like the patriarchs of Judaism, comes from a direct and deeply personal relationship with him. I am reminded of the prophet Jeremiah’s relationship with God beginning before he was formed in the womb. And although scripture and tradition are essential, we must remember that our genuine relationship and faith experience with God ultimately transcends all.

Hebrews 11:3-12

By faith, we...  
By faith, Abel...  
By faith, Enoch...  
By faith, Noah...  
By faith, Abraham...



*Community Meal is next Sunday, June 8*

**Calendar Raffle** tickets for the month of July will be sold after the Masses & at the Rectory during the month of June for \$10. They make great Father’s Day gifts.

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*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

**Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland – Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour, educational pre-planning seminar on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 1p.m. in the main office building of Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland. Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to Calvary Cemetery – 216-641-7575 ext. 2 or email bstrauhon@clecem.org. Please visit clecem.org for more information.

*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

**Thank you for your generous support!**

Sunday, May 25	\$	3,806.00
Easter	\$	375.00
Bountiful Basement	\$	200.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	1,870.00

**Tai Chi Outdoors and New June Time**

Tai Chi is now outdoors on Wednesdays - weather permitting - at 6:30 in the parish back field. Starting on June 4, it will begin at 7 pm instead of 6:30. Want to see if it is for you? Contact practice leader Mike Reiling at 216-312-8648 or [mreilingllc@gmail.com](mailto:mreilingllc@gmail.com).



## This Week at Blessed Trinity

### **SATURDAY, MAY 31**

9:00am-12:00pm Global Heat Rising (JC Lg)

### **SUNDAY, JUN. 1**

9:00am-10:00am First Eucharist Maura Mae Garland

### **MONDAY, JUN. 2**

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

7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Mtg (R Lib)

### **TUESDAY, JUN, 3**

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, JUN. 4**

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (Outdoors)

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)

5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)

5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Food Pantry

7:00pm-8:00pm Tai Chi (Outdoors)

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

### **THURSDAY, JUN. 5**

11:00am-12:30pm AA Meeting (R B)

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

### **FRIDAY, JUN. 6**

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

### **SATURDAY, JUN. 7**

### **SUNDAY, JUN. 8**

12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (c)FH&K

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

**GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP – an INTER-PARISH WOMEN’S GROUP** Meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070. **FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 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 Talk in Classroom 8

Join us this First Friday, June 6, for our last gathering before we start back up in October. Father Robert Cole will be speaking on “The Compassion of God as Seen through the Kindness of Our Acts.” He was ordained in May of 1973 and has served at Immaculate Heart Parish in Cleveland, Saint Bernadette in Westlake, St. Mary of the Falls in Olmsted Falls and Sacred Heart Parish in Oberlin. Since retirement, Father has been busy serving at St. Mary Parish in Berea and giving very inspirational talks at many parishes! R.S.V.P. to Carole at 440-454-1549, if you will be joining us for the gathering about 9:30 in Classroom 8.

**50/50 Raffle**

**All Women Welcome!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUN. 1 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23

9:00am William Sommerville (Steve & Anne Suding)

11:00am Giuseppe & Carmella Delvecchio (Rosa & Family)

**MONDAY, JUN. 2**

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

**TUESDAY, JUN. 3**

8:30am Julia Barnett & Ethel Mickler (Ron & Kathy  
Mickler)

**WEDNESDAY, JUN. 4**

8:30am Emily Clarke & Elinor Barnett (Ron & Kathy  
Mickler)

**THURSDAY, JUN. 5**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, JUN. 6**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**SATURDAY, JUN. 7**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUN. 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b

9:00am William Sommerville (Steve & Anne Suding)

11:00am Giuseppe & Carmella Delvecchio (Rosa & Family)

**Outdoor Clothing Giveaway/  
UNUSABLE clothing drive**

Sunday, June 1, 2025,

12:30pm-2:00pm

\*Rain Date: June 8, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Pentecost is celebrated the weekend of June 7/8. Red is the liturgical color. Help decorate our church by wearing something **red** to church that day.



Congratulations to Alexa Alvarez, Axel Alvarez, Lizmarie Alvarez, Kim Chisholm, Arielle DeJesus, Lucy Friel, Emma Kaplan, Tyler Kaplan, George Khuri, Lyla Khuri, Jon Konjura and Lyann Vasquez who have entered deeper into their relationship with God through the sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide all you do.

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