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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 25: To You, O Lord

Antiphon



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Text: Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; David Haas, © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICCEL
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Letter from Birmingham Jail (2025)

I remember reading Letter from Birmingham Jail while I was in grade school. It was not as significant to me as it is to me now. Then, it was just an assignment I had to write a report on. Now, it speaks to me in a way that invokes my calling as I communicate the ethos of God to my brothers and sisters in and outside of Christ.

I read this letter again last night because one of my friends on Instagram shared it. Each time I read this letter, I have a newfound revelation. I decided to write this article on one of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most popular pieces of work. I felt in my spirit that we could use a refresher course of the essential points as King attempted to arouse the consciousness of clergy leaders and encourage them with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to pray with their feet.

In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Martin Luther King Jr. contends for the spiritual and constitutional obligation of nonviolent direct action as a reason to combat spiritual and political injustice as well as strategically achieving social change. He stresses the position of telling the difference between just and unjust laws, promoting the breaking of unjust laws as a moral imperative. He also criticizes white moderates and the white church for their perceived "inaction and complacency in the face of segregation and racial inequality."

Not only does he advocate for a stronger sense of political and social morality, but he calls to mind the prophets of the Old Testament as reason for his behavior. He boldly states, "Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid."

He goes on and says, "I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who

lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds." This tells us that we must be concerned about injustice happening to everyone because we all are of a common thread, destiny, and accountability. We can no longer say in 2025 when seeing the plight of others, "That is not my business." God calls for us to act!

Also in this letter, he attempts to grab the attention of white moderates because he is disappointed. He is disappointed because these white moderates are very sympathetic to the plight of Black Americans at that time but were unwilling to put themselves on the frontlines of action. He goes further to say that the white moderates caused more detriment to the cause more than the KKK. It was not enough to support through a sense of morality, but the sense of morality was supposed to stir consciousness into action.

As we take heed to the words of King in 1963, we must remember and understand that his words remain true 62 years later. But what are we to do with his words in 2025? Why does this matter?

The time for change is now. No, we cannot wait and sit by on the sidelines praying that things get better. We are not just called to pray for our neighbor, but we are called to act on their behalf. Doing so is not only acting in the commonality of a shared destiny, but it is also exercising the gift of prophecy that God has given us. We are not to be complicit in injustice, but we are to be what King called "extremists of justice."

"Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Letter from Birmingham Jail

April 16, 1963

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Join us for the 25th Anniversary of The FEST on Sunday, August 3, 2025 in Wickliffe, Ohio. The FEST is the perfect family day and features some of the best Contemporary Christian Artists – Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, and Seph Schleuter). There is something for everyone at The FEST from the Marc’s Moms’ Area... to crafts, games, inflatables, a BMX show and faith-based activities for the kids. The FEST day concludes with an inspiring outdoor Mass on the grounds of our diocesan seminary at 8 pm. As you celebrate Mother’s Day, invite your family to join you at The FEST....a day of faith, family and fun....all for FREE. For all the details go to: www.theFEST.us

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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



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with **Joan Andrews**, mother of Kathy Grega, **Caroline Dewees**, granddaughter of Mike and Marilyn Dewees, and **Mary Ann Lauver**. May God grant comfort to their family and friends.*

May CPO Raffle Winners

*Linda Bellini ... Jennifer Brown ... Janet Dubas...
 Maria Klemens ... Laura McCarthy*



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUN. 14

SUNDAY, JUN. 15

10:00am-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)

MONDAY, JUN. 16

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

7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting
(R LivRm)

7:00pm-8:30pm Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, JUN. 17

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)

6:30pm-10:00pm Holy Name Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 18

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, JUN. 19

10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (R B)

7:00pm-8:30pm Women's Faith Sharing

FRIDAY, JUN. 20

SATURDAY, JUN. 21

9:00am-1:00pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
(JC Lg)

5:00pm-6:30pm Blessed Trinity Youth & Family
Gathering (Outdoors)

SUNDAY, JUN. 22



The Juneteenth a collaborative celebration of freedom which begins with a liturgy officiated by the Most Reverend Bishop Martin J. Amos. Fr. John Judie of the Archdiocese of Louisville will be the homilist for the occasion. Liturgy will be followed by a family picnic with plenty of food and games, outdoor and indoor activities commemorating the Emancipation of African American slaves of Texas proclaimed by Major Gen. Gordon Granger June 19, 1865. All are welcome.

Return your **baby bottle** for Womankind today and bring them up during the offertory.

SATURDAY, JUN. 14

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, JUN. 15 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16: 12-15 (166)

9:00am Catherine Rajnicek (BT Apiary Team)

11:00am Josephine DiLiasio (Rosemary)

MONDAY, JUN. 16

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

TUESDAY, JUN. 17

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 18

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, JUN. 19

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUN. 20

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUN. 21

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, JUN. 22 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Gn 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17 (169)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Edward & Annette Kalister

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.

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference** to be held on Saturday July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of Faith on Fire!

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