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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 34: Taste and See

Refrain



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Marty Haugen, © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL Music: Marty Haugen, © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.



Pulpit Politics, Justice, & Amos

It boggles my mind when I hear from preachers that spirituality and religion have nothing to do with politics. I cannot fathom how they have ever come to that sort of conclusion. I have even heard pastors say that they keep politics out of the pulpit. No matter what their reasoning is, I still find myself saying, *why not?* In my opinion, one cannot preach the gospel without having to address politics.

My understanding of politics and spirituality purposefully intertwining comes from what I have seen in the Old Testament. The major and minor prophets entered the sphere of politics and summoned the ethical consciousness of God to political leaders and citizens alike. We see prophets like Amos, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel bring the two worlds of politics and spirituality to the forefront with a boldness granted to them by the Spirit of God. We see God using agents to bring the world of chaos into a world of order and justice.

One of the greatest minor prophets to ever live was the prophet, Amos. Amos exposed the spiritual and moral decay of the nation when God used him. The wealthy and upper echelon of society were oppressing the poor and mercilessly exploiting them to the point of genocide. Justice was being perverted also as political leaders, and the wealthy were taking monetary bribes. They were doing things in secrecy that God brought to the light through Amos. In addition to injustice, religious hypocrisy reigned as king during that time. Economic opulence was made obvious by unfathomable social injustice and moral corruption.

The most notable warning communicated to Amos by God is that God swore by His own name that these people would pay for the exploitation of the poor and the abuse of the wealthy and political leaders. *God swore by His own name* that these people would face justice.

In addition to God swearing by His own name that there will be profound justice, God also has a very knowledgeable and credible witness to injustice, corruption, wickedness, and malice, —*the earth*. Not that God *needs* the earth to make His justice against people trustworthy, but it is the fact that the earth acts on behalf of God in keeping record of worldwide injustice.

The Holy Spirit revealed to me that God's justice happens in two ways: When we see the wealthy and political leaders suffer the consequences of their corruption, it is God bringing earthly justice. When we see police officers convicted for murdering innocent Black Americans, it is God's distribution of earthly justice. The other justice comes as a guarantee. This justice says that if the perpetrators of oppression go unpunished and die without suffering the repercussions of their actions, God distributes justice to them in eternity.

What we are facing right now in our country is evil, immoral, and inhumane. Millions of our neighbors are on the brink of losing their health insurance and their SNAP benefits. Immigrants are being detained and taken off the streets. Due process is a thing of the past. The wealth of the rich comes at the expense of the poor, vulnerable, and disenfranchised. Our nation is riding the wave of a deeply spiritual decline.

The plan, much like what Amos thought in his years of prophecy, is to starve out the poor and exploit them well enough through anti-God government systems to the point where they are on the brink of extinction.

There is a striking prophetic parallelism between Amos and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King stated that there are three evils that plague our society—militarism, racism, and poverty. The prophet Amos spoke about militarism when he spoke about government interest being above the needs of its people. He spoke out about racism in Amos 9:7 when he condemned the people for their racism. A Jewish scholar stated that in this scripture, Amos is saying is that although the people may say racist things about the sub-Saharan Black African peoples, the truth of God is that their liberation from Egypt by God is just like their liberation by God from their oppressions and oppressors. In this understanding, God sees no difference and extends love in all of those He created. Amos spoke about poverty when he condemned the wealthy and political leaders for their abuse of the poor.

Amos called out the religious hypocrisy of the nation. He echoed the consciousness of God when he told them that their religious traditions and festivals were abhorrent. He even told them that their religious music was worthless. Why? These religious leaders stood idly by as political corruption swelled within the nation and the poor were being mistreated. They did this by doing nothing. They did this by refusing to speak out. They did this by saying that politics had no place in the pulpit.



Calendar Raffle tickets for the month of July will be sold after the Masses & at the Rectory during the month of June for \$10.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Tai Chi Explained



After the masses on June 28, and 29 Mike Reiling who leads the Wednesday Tai Chi will be available outside of church to share what Tai Chi Easy is and the health benefits from doing this gentle "meditation in motion" activity. Stop by and see if might be for you!

Mobile Pantry is on Wednesday, July 2 at 5:30pm. Contact Briyant if you can help.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, June 22	\$	4,366.78
Haiti Missions	\$	60.00
Bountiful Basement	\$	245.00
Help the Needy	\$	25.00
Capital Improvements	\$	333.00
Education	\$	333.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$	344.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	1,010.00
Peter's Pence	\$	15.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Terry Evans, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Linda Kreon, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Margaret McMahan, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Mary Pat Wynne.

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



to parishioners who've earned the 'First Honors' academic honor for the second semester of the 2024/2025 school year at St. Ignatius High School:

Brendan Friel '26
Gregory Friel '25



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUN. 28

SUNDAY, JUN. 29

MONDAY, JUN. 30

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

TUESDAY, JUL. 1

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, JUL. 2

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)

THURSDAY, JUL. 3

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

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

FRIDAY, JUL. 4

CLOSED

SATURDAY, JUL. 5

SUNDAY, JUL. 6

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will host its 12th annual Nostra Aetate Lecture on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm. This year's presenter is Rabbi Efraim Palvanov who will speak on *The Noahide Laws: God's Commandment to the World*.

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!, Dave Van Vickle, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

SATURDAY, JUN. 28

4:00pm Eddie Kenny (Dorothy Sadowski)

**SUNDAY, JUN. 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL,
APOSTLES**

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19 (590)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, JUN. 3011:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio**TUESDAY, JUL. 1**8:30am George Barnett & John Mickler (Ron &
Kathy Mickler)**WEDNESDAY, JUL. 2**8:30am George Clarke & Joseph Barnett (Ron &
Kathy Mickler)**THURSDAY, JUL. 3**

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUL. 4

8:30am Mass

SATURDAY, JUL. 5

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUL. 6 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

IS 66:10-14c Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Howie Dunlap (David Cutshall)

Faith – Family – Fun – FREE!!!

Everything you love about summer is a little over a month away! Join us for The FEST on Sunday, August 3 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, Ohio. It's the perfect family day and one-tank trip. Come and hear the BEST Contemporary Christian Artists: Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, and Seph Schlueter. There's also family friendly food, lots of free give aways, activities and displays for the whole family and so much more – all for FREE! Be sure to invite your family and friends to join you for The FEST – an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – thanks to our friends at Marc's, Journey Home Restoration, Drive Point Auto Group, Baron's Bus Lines and the Diocese of Cleveland.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The FEST, make plans to join us for this inspiring family day. It's a day of faith – family – fun – all for FREE. You won't want to miss The FEST Mass at 8 pm followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display. Check out a complete schedule of the day and all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us.

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