

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**JULY 6, 2025**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

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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

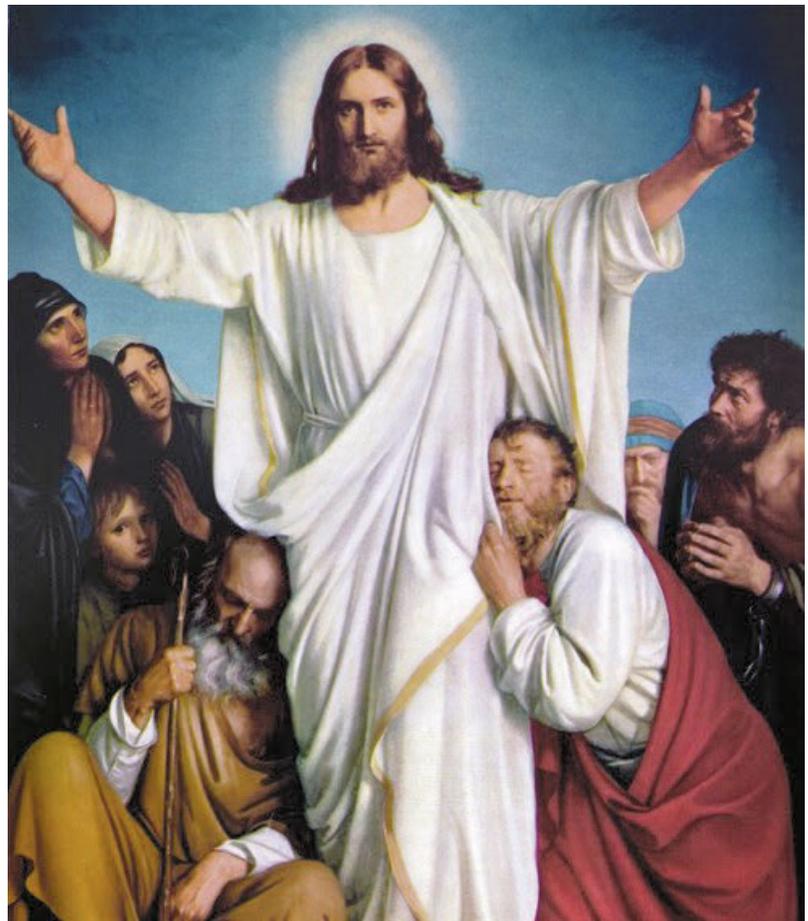
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** 11 a.m.  
**Monday:** see worship calendar  
for time & location  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:** 8:30 a.m.

### 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 66: Let All the Earth

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord;

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the

1.-3. To verses Last time  
Lord! Lord! to the Lord!

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen Music: Marty Haugen © 1982. GIA Publications, Inc.



## Two Heads are Better than One

I want to thank Maureen Duffy (three Masses!) and her fellow presenters, Caitlin Lynch-Huggins, Terri Pastura and Dee Ialacci for last week's presentation on forming our new parish pastoral council. To be concise, yet thorough, they condensed our eight-page minutes from our last meeting and the twenty pages of diocesan guidelines into two pages. So, I would like to add to what they said.

The diocese, under the direction of Bishop Malesic, has issued new guidelines for parish councils. These replace the former guidelines from 1989. There is much room for flexibility on each parish's pastoral council, but having a pastoral council is not an option.

The guidelines that the steering committee established take the best from what the diocese mandates (for example, a minimum of four meetings a year) and the unique mission of each parish (based on our size, how many members should be on the council, how long a term should be, who qualifies to be on it, etc.). In our case, as Maureen and friends said, candidates for our pastoral council revolve around a willingness to promote our mission statement, which is on the cover of our parish bulletin each week.

In the presentation last week, much was said about preserving our ministries, planning for the future and maintaining our mission. Of course, I can do that by myself. But two heads are better than one and eight heads are better than two. Simply put you see and hear what I do not see and hear. You are aware of the needs that I am unaware of. You hear people "talk" that don't talk to me.

Years ago, shortly after the merge, we were a part of a program called the Institute for Parish and School Development. Part of what we learned from that process was the acronym AWE, affirming, welcoming and engaging parishioners. Awe described every parish in this way. About 30% of the people in the parish are engaged. Engaged means they are aware of the mission of the parish, the contribute time, talent and treasure to make that mission a reality.

About 30-40% are uninvolved. Uninvolved means they attend Mass most of the time, contribute financially but that is the extent of their involvement in the parish.

The last group of 30-40% are disengaged. Disengaged people want to keep their Catholic identity (when asked what religion they are, they say "Catholic") but they rarely attend Mass, maybe as a "Chreaster" (Christmas and Easter), if that.

Our parish has a higher percentage of engaged parishioners than most because this is a destination parish. People outside the boundaries have chosen this parish precisely because of the way we look upon Jesus Christ and live out our parish mission statement.

I see the work of our parish pastoral council as this: nurturing those who are engaged, nudging those who are involved, encouraging those who are uninvolved and finding ways to reach out to the disengaged. I get tons of emails about this and that program that supposedly do just that. But they are all the same and generally not effective at all. My delete button is wearing out on my computer.

Back to the nuts and bolts of our parish council. You have to be a parishioner for at least six months, you must be 18 or over. It only involves four meetings a year. That is not asking too big a commitment, even if you have small children. Of the eight members, four will discern whether they want to commit to one year or two to start off. Maybe you're one of the "I'll see what it's like and after a year, and I'll drop out if it's not for me". If you like it, then you can recommit for another two years. Others may be ready to commit to a two-year renewable term. His will provide overlap for the council members.

Here's a simple practical example of what I'm talking about. I've always thought I was good at communicating what's going on in the parish, what we might need, being open and transparent about everything from finances to spirituality. Then Covid hit. To keep people connected, I started Flock Notes. And what was the comment I heard most often about flock notes? It was something like "I never knew all those things were going on in our parish. I know more now than I ever did about our parish activities."

Flock notes were my idea. They might have been yours. There are many ways we can grow and improve on who we are as a parish. Won't you be a part of that?



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*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

**Caring Corner**

When the news of the world seems overwhelming, it's a good idea to practice the Power of Pause. That Pause teaches not to not react, and remember (and embrace) what is in our DNA, and at the core of our being: Light and Love. The Power of Pause refers to the deliberate act of pausing, stepping back, and taking a moment to breathe, reflect, and assess before reacting or making decisions. It's a valuable tool for enhancing communication, improving productivity, and fostering self-awareness. Pausing allows for clearer thinking, more thoughtful responses, and a deeper connection with oneself and others.



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

**Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center** in Villa Maria, PA will host its 12<sup>th</sup> 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*.

**CCA Grief Support July 20<sup>th</sup> "In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:** The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices throughout the Diocese and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The July 20<sup>th</sup> topic is **"Taking Care of Yourself While Grieving"**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

Sunday, June 29	\$ 14,761.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 50.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 415.00
Help the Needy	\$ 230.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 2,045.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 70.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 6,000.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 15.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 180.00



## This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>SATURDAY, JUL. 5</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, JUL. 6</b>	
<b>MONDAY, JUL. 7</b>	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (R Lib)
<b>TUESDAY, JUL. 8</b>	
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-8:00pm	Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUL. 9</b>	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Laura's Home Beautification Project
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 (Outside)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Meeting (R Liv Rm)
<b>THURSDAY, JUL. 10</b>	
11:00am-12:00pm	AA Meeting (R B)
<b>FRIDAY, JUL. 11</b>	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Zoom)
<b>SATURDAY, JUL. 12</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, JUL. 13</b>	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Community Meal (c)FH&K
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Music Practice (CH)

Experience Christmas in July at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church, 2425 Myersville Rd., Akron! Take a guided tour of the Bethlehem Cave and Nativity Museum, get inspired by over 400 Nativities from all over the world, then create your own Nativity scene from materials we provide. An event for the whole family!

Available dates for the Create-a-Nativity Tour are July 14, 18 and 19 at 10 AM and July 16 at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$3.00 per participant. Space is limited to 36 per session, and registration is required. Please register no later than the day before the selected date of attendance. To register, visit the website at [www.nativityofthelord.org](http://www.nativityofthelord.org). For more information, email [tours@nativityofthelord.org](mailto:tours@nativityofthelord.org).

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

**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)

**MONDAY, JUL. 7**11:00am at West Park Health Center  
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio**TUESDAY, JUL. 8**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**WEDNESDAY, JUL. 9**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**THURSDAY, JUL. 10**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, JUL. 11**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**SATURDAY, JUL. 12**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUL. 13 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37 (105)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am James Vandeveld Sr. (Monica Woodman)

**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](http://www.theFEST.us).

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