

Blessed Trinity

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JULY 13, 2025

FIFTEENTH 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

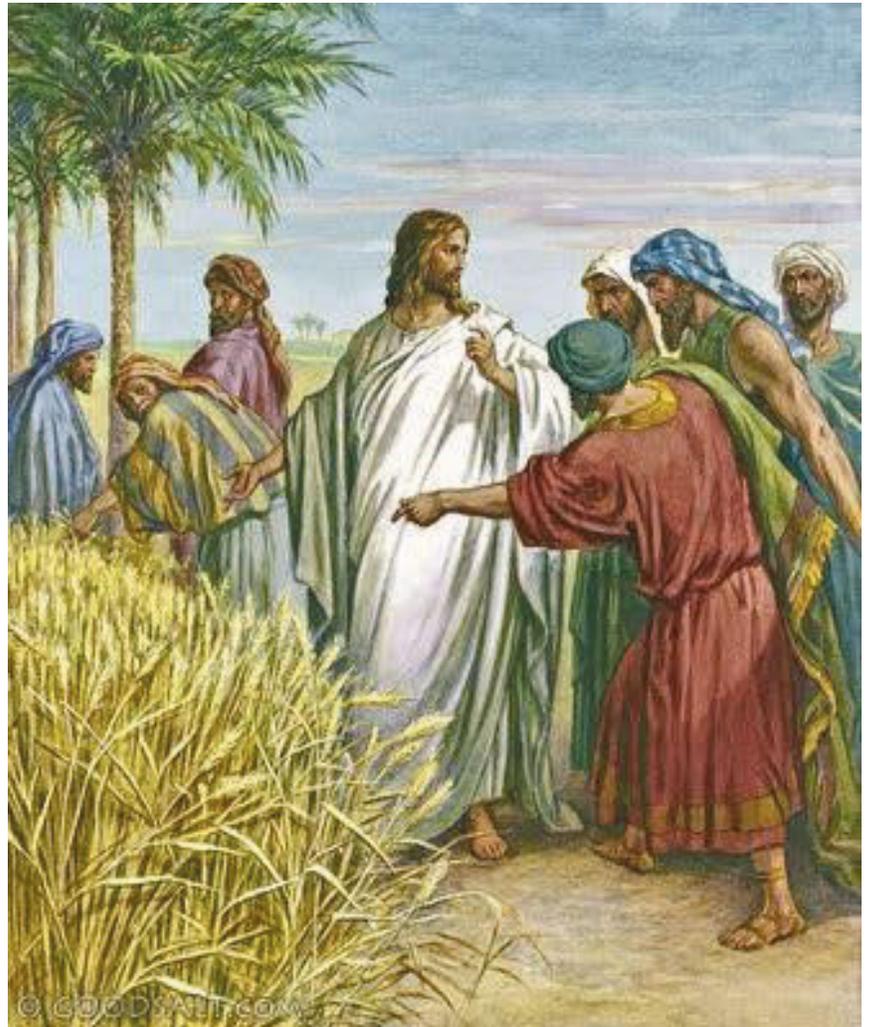
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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 69: Turn to the Lord in Your Need



Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

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Humanizing the Prophets

Growing up in church—the Baptist church that is, whenever we were going through challenging times, we were always told to pray about it, and it would go away. *Jesus will take all your problems away*, they’d say with a smile on their face. Mental health issues were considered taboo in the church I grew up in. It was right up there with sex, and the ability to think critically. You did not need a therapist or mental health resources; all you needed was Jesus. The mentality that the Baptist church had when it came to mental health was almost completely non-existent. I witnessed such a calamity first-hand.

As I witnessed this, I saw a lot of people who loved God with all their heart, served God with all their might, and loved others without condition, but they struggled mentally and sometimes emotionally. I remember thinking to myself, *how could these people love God and yet suffer from mental health challenges?* This contrast made no sense to my young mind. The question became paramount as I got older and saw some of my family members in the same predicament. I just knew that I needed to find an answer to my question.

I found my answer a few years ago as I was reading and researching some of the prophets of the Old Testament. I found that there were more than a few people in the Bible, namely prophets, who loved God with all their heart, became the mouthpiece of The Almighty, the Creator of the universe, and still suffered from mental health challenges. I was amazed. I then realized that I, like many other Christians, forget to humanize the people of the Word. They were *just like us*.

We forget to humanize Moses who had great anxiety to the point where he felt that dealing with the Israelites in the wilderness was too much. He was in great distress (Numbers 11). We forget to humanize Elijah who struggled with severe and clinical depression according to the International Bipolar Foundation. He felt overwhelmed and alone sometimes and even wanted to die. King David, through the poetic words of the psalms, suffered from mental agony, great misery, and even had thoughts of ending his life.

Jesus himself experienced emotional distress in the Garden of Gethsemane when he was sweating drops of blood. Jeremiah suffered from isolation (Jeremiah 15) and was known as the “weeping prophet.” He also suffered from depression. According to the American Psychological Association, the prophet Ezekiel suffered from schizophrenia by way of his experiences, disordered thinking.

The Bible does not explicitly diagnose these prophets with these mental health issues, but some claim that the behaviors of the prophets aligned with various bouts of mental health challenges. Others claim that there was nothing wrong with these prophets, and that they were just communicating the message of God that made no sense to some people. I believe that both things can be true.

This topic became of great interest to me. My research with this topic has led me to invitations to present my research from the American Academy of Religion conference as well as the Society of Biblical Literature. I wanted to present the fact that God uses people from all walks of life to communicate his message to the world, serve others, and love others. The “least of these,” the outcasts of society, and et cetera, all play a role in bringing the Kingdom of God *on earth as it is in heaven*.



Calendar Raffle tickets for the month of July will be sold at the rectory during the month of July for \$10.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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We need people willing to provide a ride to parishioners in need for various reasons. If you are able to do so, please call the rectory. And if you need a ride, call the rectory.

CCA Grief Support July 20th "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 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th 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 20th 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, July 6	\$	7,994.00
Haiti Missions	\$	50.00
Bountiful Basement	\$	378.00
Help the Needy	\$	55.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$	45.00
Capital Improvements	\$	35.00
Education	\$	9.99
Pastoral Ministry	\$	15.01
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	1,750.00
Peter's Pence	\$	5.00

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, Judy Kobus, Linda Kreon, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Margaret McMahon, 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:

Matthew & Michael Loveday & Christine Ignasiak & Dennis Sadowski



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUL. 12

SUNDAY, JUL. 13

12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (c)FH&K
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice

MONDAY, JUL. 14

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
6:30pm-7:30pm Start with Jesus (CH)

TUESDAY, JUL. 15

8:00am-8:30am Novena - Rosary (CH)
9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)
9:00am-10:30am Start with Jesus (CH)
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 16

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (outside)
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm-8:00pm Tai Chi (Outside/FH)

THURSDAY, JUL. 17

11:00am-12:30pm AA Meeting (R B)
7:00pm-8:30pm Women's Faith Sharing Mtg. (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, JUL. 18

SATURDAY, JUL. 19

SUNDAY, JUL. 20

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

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. For more information, email tours@nativityofthelord.org.

***The Community Meal and
Classic Car Show are today at Noon***

June CPO Raffle Winners

***Laura Fibbi ... Maria Klemens ... Peggy
Lopuszanski ... Laura Peeper ... Dottie Schultz***

SATURDAY, JUL. 12

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUL. 13 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
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Dt 30:10-14 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37 (105)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

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

MONDAY, JUL. 1411:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio**TUESDAY, JUL. 15**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 16

8:30am Dr. James Ryba (Mary Ann & Jerry Bowers)

THURSDAY, JUL. 17

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUL. 18

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUL. 19

4:00pm Michael Pavlik (Joan Francis)

**SUNDAY, JUL. 20 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Gn 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42 (108)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

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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