

Blessed Trinity

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JULY 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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 15: They Who Do Justice

Refrain



They who do jus-tice will live in the pres-ence of God!



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Who Knew?

My physical health has deteriorated to the point that I can no longer do the needed work in the edible forest and flower garden. So last week I hired two homeless men to do the work for me, Vinnie and Sean. Vinnie stays where he can. Last night he slept behind the CVS across the street.. Sean is in a friend's back yard. He doesn't go inside the house because his friend has an autistic son who goes ballistic when Sean enters the house.

Vinnie and Sean have been volunteering at the Bountiful Basement. They carry groceries to people's cars and they have been doing that in the heatwave. When I talked to them about being homeless, I mentioned some of the city homeless shelters. They both said they did not feel safe at the City Mission. Vinnie tried the shelter on Lakeside but didn't feel safe there, either. I sent Sean to inquire about being admitted to Herman House but he was told since he didn't have a drug or alcohol problem they would not take him in.

I hired Sean to go with me to the Food Bank since I cannot lift much weight anymore. I noticed that he did things without me asking him to, like adjusting the side view mirror and closing the garage door so I wouldn't have to.

White driving to the Food Bank, I said to him, "So tell me about Sean". Sean related that he is 33 years old. He has seven children from three mothers. The mothers are all best friends. He has a job for a construction company that calls him when needed. The reason he is homeless is that he gives all the money he makes to support his children. Consequently, he has no money for rent.

Sean was a great help at the Food Bank, helping Cas load the carts and then loading her car and the parish truck. When we got back to the parish he unloaded the car and truck.

It was on the way home that I thought I'd hire him to weed the vegetables in Edible Forest II that will be donated to the Bountiful Basement, so I asked him. The first words out of his mouth were, "Can I ask Vinnie to help me? I'll give him some of the money you're going to pay me to him because he needs money too." I said of course.

Vinnie and Sean worked Friday from noon-6pm weeding 30 cucumber, zucchini and pumpkin plants. They also weeded the asparagus and tomato plants. It was the hottest day of the year, reaching 90 degrees with high humidity. Like Sean, Vinnie said to me "Whatever you need, Fr. Doug, just ask me. I'm willing to do anything. You don't even have to pay me". After Vinnie is done loading cars with food, he say "Have a nice day and be safe." He always seems so upbeat.

Sean said that they would be happy to come back on Saturday to weed whack and mow around the beds. How could I say "no"? So, they returned on Saturday and did just that from 10am to noon. Again, it was 90m degrees and humid. When I went out at noon to pay them, it looked like the garden area had been professionally landscaped. There was great attention to detail. Not only did Vinnie mow around the perimeter, he raked up all the cut grass and put it in the dumpster. And not a stray weed in sight. Sean used the weed whacker with perfection. Edible Forest II never looked so good.

How many more Seans and Vinnies are out there? How often do we see those men and women at the exits of the freeway asking for help? If we can't give them money, can we give them a smile? Can we ask their name? Can we promise to pray for them? How often do we hear about "the homeless, the poor, the migrants, the transgender people" without giving a thought to their humanity. They have names. They have faces. They may have children or spouses or parents. Each one has a story to tell. Some suffer from PTSD. Others do not. Just hard luck or victims of bad choices. What I learned from Sean and Vinnie is that homeless people are people, not a category. They are not lazy. And throughout the day we had some good laughs, too. We are blessed in our parish to have so many disciples. Some of them are even homeless.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Living into a Dangerous Future: A Journaling Program on Zoom. Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm EST. August 4, 11, 18, 25. Presented by Michael Reiling, M.Ed. This journaling program is built on the insights of Brian McLaren's book, Life After Doom, as well as other sources. Brian encourages us to plan for living on a planet of increasing heat, more powerful storms and droughts, diminished nature, and threats to human living. Each session will include short presentations, reflective journaling time and the sharing of thoughts. Cost: \$40

Taize Prayer on July 27. We gather outdoors on Sunday, July 27 at 7 pm at Centering Space, 14812 Lake Ave in Lakewood for our July Taize prayer. Bring a chair and a snack to share at our social afterwards. We will be inside Centering Space if the weather is not suitable.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, July 13	\$	3,802.00
Haiti Missions	\$	318.33
Bountiful Basement	\$	993.34
Help the Needy	\$	188.33
Capital Improvements	\$	40.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$	20.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$	3,335.00
Missionary Co-op	\$	1,775.51

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 Hocesvar, 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,

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

Rosary Hall AA Men's 12 Step Retreat. **Friday, August 1, 5:30pm - Sunday, August 3, 11:30am.** A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity, deepen your spirituality and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. The weekend includes inspiring presentations, small group discussion, fellowship, private rooms and 5 meals. \$300



*May the Peace of Our Lord be with **Marty Dugan**, brother of **Kathy Dugan**. May God grant comfort to their family and friends.*



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JUL. 19

SUNDAY, JUL. 20

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

MONDAY, JUL. 21

7:00pm-8:00pm St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. (R Liv Rm)

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

TUESDAY, JUL. 22

8:00am-8:30am Novena - Rosary (CH)

9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)

9:00am-10:00am Start with Jesus (CH)

9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)

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

6:30pm-8:00pm Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)

6:30pm-7:30pm Start with Jesus (CH)

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 23

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)

7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing (R Liv Rm)

THURSDAY, JUL. 24

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

FRIDAY, JUL. 25

SATURDAY, JUL. 26

SUNDAY, JUL. 27

Invitation to Serve on Parish Pastoral Council

We need your help! Please consider serving on Blessed Trinity's new Parish Pastoral Council or nominate a fellow parishioner as a candidate. The Blessed Trinity Parish Pastoral Council will consist of eight members of the parish who are committed to empowering parish members to live the Mission of Blessed Trinity. More information can be found on the flyers at church at the back table. You can also stop by to talk with a representative from the council planning group during the car show. We ask that all interested in serving apply by July 20. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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 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.

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

MONDAY, JUL. 2111:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio**TUESDAY, JUL. 22**

8:30am Carl & Lillian Meenan (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 23

8:30am Joanne Carlson & Family (Ron & Kathy Mickler)

THURSDAY, JUL. 24

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUL. 25

No Mass

SATURDAY, JUL. 26

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, JUL. 27 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13 (111)

9:00am Deceased of the Salem Family (Richard Salem)

11:00am Debi Walker (Susan Ward)

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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