

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



AUGUST 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN 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

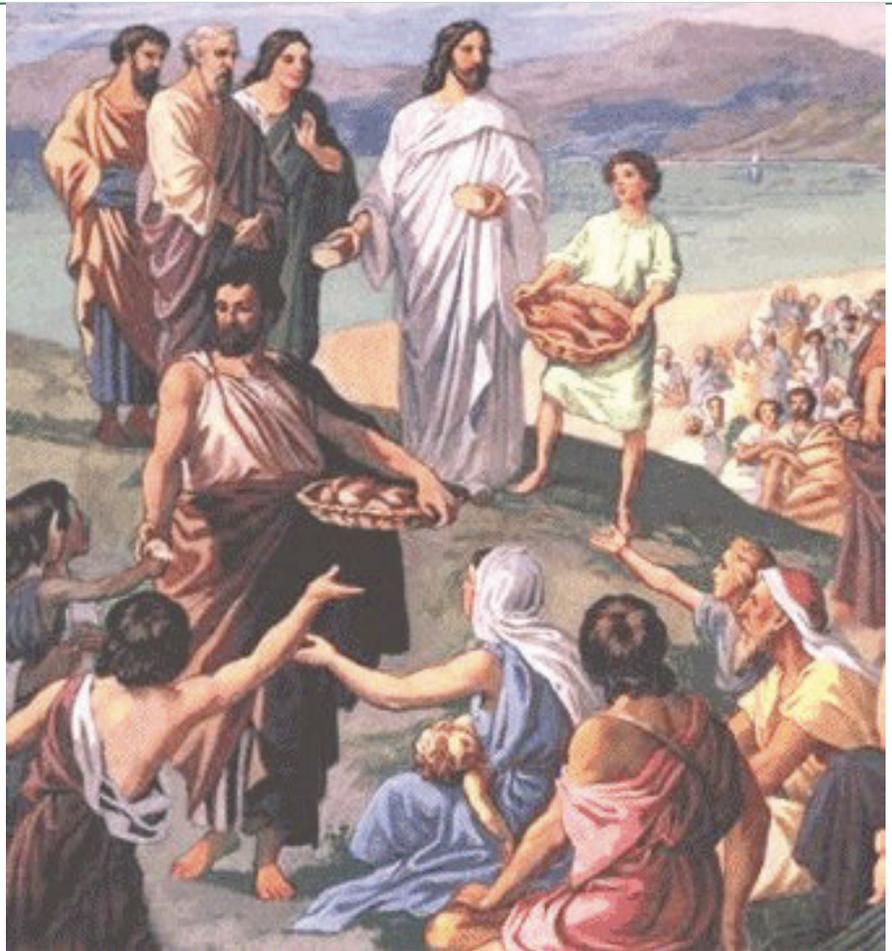
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
 for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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.



Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.

1-3 to Verses 2,3
last time: to Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

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Meet Your New Parish Council Members

For the past year, a steering committee has been working diligently to form a parish council in line with Bishop Malesic’s new guidelines. The committee took the meat from those guidelines and incorporated all that is unique about our parish’s activities to form a cohesive whole. Many thanks to those steering committee members: Terri Pastura, Maureen Duffy, Caitlin Lynch-Huggins, Katie Higgins, Karin Wishner and Dee Ialacci.

Our guidelines call for eight parishioners to be on the pastoral council plus the parish pastoral staff (at the moment; Dick, Briyant and myself). When we asked parishioners to prayerfully discern whether they were being called to serve in this ministry, more than eight responded. Those who were not selected will have an opportunity to serve next year or in the years ahead.

Our parish pastoral council members are Mary Cavoli, Maureen Duffy, Laura Fibbi, Joe Gauntner, Terry Gorges, Betsy Knestrack, Loretta Randolph, and Steve Suding. Our first meeting will be sometime in September. We will plan to meet four times a year but if the council would like to meet more often, that is possible. Four of the eight will be asked to serve a one-year term. The other four will be asked to commit to a two-year term. All eight members will have an opportunity to renew their commitment for an additional two-year term but no more. This will provide continuity to the council and as well as keep it ever renewed.

A parish pastoral council will only be as good as the people who support it and inform it. That’s you! How can you support them? You have their names. Now pull out the parish pictorial directory and match their names to their faces. Pray for them. Introduce yourself. Thank them for taking on this new ministry.

What does a parish pastoral council do? Our parish council will be guided by our parish mission statement, which is found on our bulletin cover, in the guidebook and in the parish pictorial directory. They will ensure that our parish activities incorporate missionary discipleship at every turn.

In April of next year, I will turn 74, one year from retirement. Then what? If I get healthy again, I would like to stay on if the bishop lets me. As one

person put it, “What happens if you leave? What will happen to all our beautiful music? Where will I go to church?” have all worked hard to make something beautiful here at Blessed Trinity. Having said that, I may have to retire for a variety of reasons. Then what? Or maybe you want to say to the parish council “Make sure he retires!”

This is where the parish council comes in. It would be their job to inform the personnel board of the diocese what kind of pastor you want. Usually, the personnel board comes out and does a kind of town hall to hear the people out. They usually come out cold, meaning they know very little about the parish or my ministry. For example, I have a conversation with someone in Spanish almost every day. I wish I knew Arabic; it would help.

But how could we be more proactive about my possible replacement, if there even is one? It was suggested that each week, beginning in April of ’26, the parish pastoral council would select one person in the parish to write to the personnel board and talk about the one ministry they are involved in. One week that might be Bountiful Basement. Another week it could be a prayer group. One week it could be music ministry. Another week it could be mobile pantry. It could be Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It could be RCIA, or the Legion of Mary, or how we celebrate the sacrament of anointing of the sick after Mass or community meal or coffee and donuts, or being a lector, or the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Peace and Justice Committee or Witness for Ukraine or Stephen Ministry or Men’s ministry, etc.. Imagine getting 40 or 50 letters about Blessed Trinity Parish before the personnel board even came out for a town hall meeting. That would speak volumes.

And finally, the bishop is appointing a man as administrator of a parish before naming him pastor to see if it’s going to work out. The parish pastoral council could report back to him and say “Yes, this man is a good fit” or “no, please look for someone else.” That’s his Modus Operandi. Take him up on it.



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bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org or deliver them to the rectory office. Notices MUST be in by **Monday** of the week before the bulletin is distributed.

CCA Grief Support August 17th “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 August 17th topics are **“Planning for Special Days/Memorials”** and **“Family Dynamics in Grief”**. 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 27	\$ 4,064.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 45.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 215.00
Help the Needy	\$ 10.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 1,953.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, 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, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, 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, Jacqueline Vamzbarano, 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

Parishioners, families, and friends are invited to come together **immediately following 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 16th**, for prayers honoring our Blessed Mother. On this weekend of the Feast of the Assumption, members of the Legion of Mary who meet at Blessed Trinity will lead us in prayer behind the Music Section of the church. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about Legion of Mary and the group’s contributions to the community. The group meets inside the Church on Mondays at 9 a.m., and then Fr. Doug joins us at Westpark Nursing Home to assist with Mass at 11:00am. For further information, contact Joan Francis at 216-676-4762 or Carmen DeHaan at 216-904-0728.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 2	
SUNDAY, AUG. 3	
MONDAY, AUG. 4	
9:00am-10:00am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society Mtg. (R Lib)
TUESDAY, AUG. 5	
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, AUG. 6	
3:00pm-3:45pm	Witness for Ukraine (outside)
4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Mobile Pantry
7:00pm-8:00pm	Choir
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tai Chi (outside/FH)
THURSDAY, AUG. 7	
11:00am-12:30pm	AA Meeting (R B)
6:00pm-10:00pm	SVDP West District Mtg, (FH)
7:15pm-8:45pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group (JC Lg)
FRIDAY, AUG. 8	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Zoom)
SATURDAY, AUG. 9	

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in August. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. August 5, 12, 19, 26. On Tuesdays, the Jesuit Retreat Center offers Mass in the Main Chapel followed by a brief reflection on Ignatian Spirituality. Free will offering (registration is not necessary).

August Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Tuesday, August 5, 8:30am - 3:30pm. We have carved out time in the JRC calendar for those who would like to come to JRC – to pray in our chapels, to sit in quiet reading in the library, to walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Sandra Keres,
Wife of John Keres. May God grant
comfort to their family and friends*



SATURDAY, AUG. 2

4:00pm Margaret Cutshall (Cutshall Family)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 3 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Ecc 11:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21 (114)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Mary Ann Lauver (Katie Corbett)

MONDAY, AUG. 4

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

8:30am Edward & Annette Kalister (Family)

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

4:00pm Rosemary Nosetic (A&J Weber)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 10 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a special weekend retreat with Eric A. Clayton on September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life. The retreat is entitled “Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover our Deepest Selves.”

For more information or to register, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1024>

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