

Blessed Trinity

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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 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Refrain



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Showing Our Scars

In Larry Crabb's *Becoming a True Spiritual Community*, he states that one of the key essentials in doing so requires that members of the congregation show their scars to one another. According to Crabb, it is critical and beneficial that members of the spiritual community do so because it helps to create a sense of purpose, prayer, and kingdom-mindedness. Solidifying his point, he elaborates on the blessing of showing scars in community by saying that "a true spiritual community is a place where people can be known for *who they really are, not just the image they project*, and where they can find support and encouragement on their journey." In this statement, we find the purpose of brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

Upon reading this book, which was a requirement for one of my postgraduate seminary courses, something occurred to me that helped me to become vulnerable to others in the body of Christ. I asked myself, *how can we know what to pray for if others don't tell us what they are struggling with? How do we carry one another's burdens in the kingdom if we are afraid to show our scars? What is the purpose of being part of a kingdom when you must hide your true self or your sufferings to maintain a false image?*

Upon reflection, I asked my uncle who is a pastor in Atlanta these questions after writing them down. He told me that many people in the faith are afraid of being judged and condemned, so they do not show their scars. He then told me that creating a true sense of spiritual community must start with creating a safe space within the church. The truth is that a lot of our churches are not emotionally, mentally, or spiritually equipped or safe enough for people to show their scars. Because of this, brothers and sisters in the faith are married to the idea of presenting a false image.

More than anything else, I feel that we have a collective purpose to not lead others to a specific destination, but to journey alongside them; this is what Jesus did. He journeyed alongside others in their faith. One of the greatest representations of this idea is shown in his relationship with the twelve disciples. He journeyed and co-labored alongside them throughout the three years he was with them. They still had their struggles, and some were more vulnerable with showing their scars than others, but Jesus

was always open, receptive, and honest with them on their journey.

We live in a society where it is countercultural to share our flaws and shortcomings with others. We are convinced to appear as healed, unbroken, and unscathed when it is the complete opposite. I am not saying that everyone is under the same spirit of doom and gloom, but I am saying that no one living life is left unscathed by trials, tribulations, and trauma. Even Jesus himself suffered from trauma. Jesus, while in the wilderness, was tempted and had to be ministered to by angels so that he would be able to persist in what God called him to do.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, he was frustrated, exhausted, and stressed to the point of hidrosis. At this moment, Jesus was dependent upon the disciples to stay awake and pray with him. It was safe to say that Jesus was scared and needed support. If the Son of God was scared and needed support, what does that say about the rest of us? At times, we are going to need others to stand in the gap for us as we go through periods of spiritual, emotional, and psychological intensity. We must not be distracted with other things as we labor in the faith for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are riddled with scars.

Here at Blessed Trinity, we see the scars of others all the time. We see it through the patrons of community meal, mobile pantry, Bountiful Basement, et cetera. People come to us for help because they are in crisis. I see how some members of Blessed Trinity care for these neighbors who come to us for help. I see how they share a laugh or tell a story that helps them to identify with the neighbor seeking help. I love the fact that we are people who find it not strange to get on the level of others and support them in multiple ways. They show us their scars, and we gladly show them ours. Let's continue to show our scars to one another. Your scar may be the balm for the freshly wounded.

Pray and labor in the faith of your brothers and sisters. Show them your scars.



There is a collection this week for the Catholic Education (Faith & Values). Please place donations in a separate envelope.

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Someone dropped off 50 tickets for the Garden Brothers nuclear Circus, the weekend of Aug 21 - 24. On the top it says "free ticket" Then it says "\$15 value admit one child 3-13 with paid adult". I thought it was free. It seems that the adult must pay a discounted \$15 entrance fee and the child gets in for free. Anyway, you are interested I will have the tickets at church. You can take one or more and not use them.

July CPO Raffle Winners

*Eleanore Jakubowski ... Marilyn Warner ...
 Terri Pastura ... Carol Masek ... Laura McCarthy*

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, August 3	\$ 4,891.25
Bountiful Basement	\$ 263.34
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 45.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 10.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 3,525.00

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 Zambarano, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson,

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. 9	
SUNDAY, AUG. 10	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Community Meal (c)FH&K
MONDAY, AUG. 11	
9:00am-10:00am	Legion of Mary (CH)
TUESDAY, AUG. 12	
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)
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13	
3:00pm-3:45pm	Witness for Ukraine (outside)
4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp. Mtg. (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tai Chi (outside/FH)
THURSDAY, AUG. 14	
11:00am-12:30pm	AA Meeting (R B)
FRIDAY, AUG. 15	
12:05pm-1:05pm	Holy Day Mass - Feast of the Assumption (CH)
SATURDAY, AUG. 16	
SUNDAY, AUG. 17	

Honey is available after Masses this weekend. An 8 oz. Jar is \$9 and a 16oz. jar is \$18. Mulberry jam (\$7) and applesauce (\$5) are also available for purchase after Masses.



The Legion of Mary is collecting used rosaries. If you would like to donate any old rosaries, they would be happy to recycle them. Do not buy new rosaries for them.

*For the month of August, the **Bountiful Basement** could use canned, prepared meals and plastic bags.*

Welcome
We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
 Mike and Kate Schock-Williams

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 Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, AUG. 11

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, AUG. 14

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

12:05pm Laverne Fuller (Bill & Family)

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

4:00pm Alberto Javier Alvarez Predreza (Family)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 Heb 12: 1-4 Lk 12:49-53 (120)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Martin Dugan (Jeannie Strok)

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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