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AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST 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 12:30-1:00pm & 1:15-1:45 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.

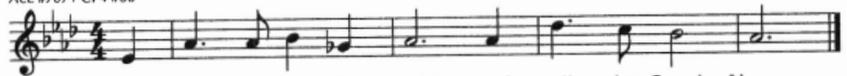


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PSALM 117: GO OUT TO ALL THE WORLD

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Louis Canter



1. Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples.

2. For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

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A Redemptive Creation

How many times have we heard the Creation Story in Genesis 1? Too many times. In fact, most of us could probably recite the story of how God created the earth and transformed it into a mysterious thing of undeniable beauty. The heavens and the earth openly declare the glory of God and bear witness to the fact that redemption was at its foundation. How often do we think of the Creation Story as a guide to the love and redemptive nature of God? How often do we see ourselves in the story of creation? Not often.

The book of Job, so full of poetic language, suffering, and redemption, gives a glimpse into the very redemptive nature of God. In Job 38:8-9, it says that God swaddled the seas of the earth through the garment of the clouds. Most commentaries state that God lovingly swaddled the seas of the earth like a mother swaddles her newborn. Prior to the swaddling of the seas, the earth was chaotic, uninhabitable, and dangerous.

Before God created the earth, it was a watery abyss with boundless seas, unfit for life. It was covered in darkness, desolate, and without form. Scientists believe that it had a very warm climate of at least 3,680 degrees. No human could dwell there nor animal or plant life. By earth's description prior to creation, it would seem odd that God would see the potential in something so meaningless, but God saw the beauty of what the watery abyss could be. He saw how he could make life and bring light into existence.

I like to think of children of God as living works of creation. A prime example of God's continued work as Creator comes from our lives or the lives of people we know. God sees that our lives are chaotic, dark, and boundless without his intervening. In calling us to him, God swaddles us, engulfing us with love, grace, mercy, kindness, and forgiveness.

After swaddling us in this form of love, through various seasons of light, God cleans us up.

In the first season, the Creator gives us *light*. He gives us light—knowledge so that we are no longer ruled by the atmosphere of darkness. In the second season, the Creator gives us boundaries now that there is light and knowledge. These boundaries teach us that we must not operate in the ways prior to our encounter with God. With revelation and boundaries set, there is a third season of growth. Growth is a sign of life and progress. In the fourth season, God gives us discernment with foundation in the Holy Spirit. This discernment is designed to determine different things naturally and spiritually. In the fifth season, more life springs forth. Growth is constant as well as revelation, giving way for the Creator to continue his work within you. The sixth season is a season of community, authority, and blessings. In this sixth season, God gives us a village of likeminded people who fit our call and purpose. God also grants the authority to operate in spiritual gifts in advancing his will and the kingdom. In the seventh season, God gives us the gift of sabbath—a place of resting, retreat, and pause. This is the season of self-care.

In all these seasons, there is constant change for the better. You are being shaped, molded, and perfected into the Creator's vision. All this work has its foundation in the redemptive nature of The Holy Triune God. Redemption has always been a specialty of God crafted by the evidential indwelling and *hovering* of the Holy Spirit.



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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, Ralph & Judy Kobus, Linda Kron, 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, 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

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Please join us on Sunday mornings to pray with and explore the Sunday scriptures.

Together we will reflect on God's Word for each of us and for the Church.

We will meet for approximately one hour in the Rectory, beginning Aug 31st at 10 am. (This time is conveniently scheduled so that you can attend either the 9am or the 11am Mass.)

There is no need to register and it is not necessary to attend every week. Please come when you are able.

If you would like more information, please email Laura Fallon Fibbi at: lfibbi@gmail.com

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Come to renew your love for Jesus, and to develop an even fuller relationship with Him.

Having already received the Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation, we come to know more fully that it is the Holy Spirit who makes our relationship with Jesus throb with life. We meet in the Primary bldg. of Our Lady of Angels School, 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland 44111. The seminar begins September 9th for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings through October 28th from 7:30-9:00pm. Please phone Verna, 216-251-3560 or Tom, 216-536-6495 for information or to register. There is NO charge for this seminar.

Thank you for your generous support!

<i>Sunday, August 17</i>	\$ 4,563.00
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This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

MONDAY, AUG. 25

9:00am-10:00am Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm Finance Meeting (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

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. 27

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 Meeting
7:00pm-8:00pm Tai Chi (outside/FH)

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

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.

Jesuit Retreat Center

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in September. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 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).

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, AUG. 24 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Is 66:18-21 Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30 (123)

9:00am Pat & Maureen Ruppe (Tim Ruppe)

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, AUG. 2511:00am at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio**TUESDAY, AUG. 26**

The George Plagman Family (Dave Plagman)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

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SATURDAY, AUG. 30

4:00pm Ernesto & Luisa Cacho (Family)

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1,
7-14(126)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Elaine Bowers (Jerry & MaryAnn Bowers)

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>

Taize Prayer on August 24

Taize Prayer, led by parish members, is Sunday the 24 at 7 pm at Centering Space in Lakewood. We plan to be outdoors, so bring a chair. A social will follow the prayer.

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