

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



AUGUST 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND 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.



Psalm 15: They Who Do Justice

Refrain

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

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

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"Abandoning the Holy Spirit"

One of life's greatest blessings is having the ability to learn and unlearn. Our relationship with God involves a series of learning and unlearning, repenting, and rediscovering, spiritual chastisement, and growth, working through seasons of bondage and walking into seasons of liberation. We are constantly reminded of these themes as we witness different men and women of the Bible journey through their own spiritual development, powerfully enriching their relationship with God through different seasons.

Our spiritual experience and awakening has its foundation in the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit serves as a moral and spiritual compass, a cornerstone for believers who greatly desire to bear fruit and grow in their relationship with God as well as others. While it is paramount to be in relationship with the Holy Spirit, it is he who is oftentimes the most neglected of the Trinity.

In my experience in academic, clinical, and ministry settings, I find it disheartening to see how the Holy Spirit is often left out or is seen as an option when discussing kingdom work and the cultivation of discipleship or church administration. It was Ecclesiastical prophet A.W. Tozer who said, "If God decided to take the Holy Spirit out of the church, the church after 25 years would still be doing the same thing and not even notice the difference." This is a problem.

The indwelling and hovering of the Holy Spirit are very important in our spiritual journey because he serves as not a friend and constant guide, but he also serves as mediator between us and God. The Holy Spirit gets word from God and Jesus and communicates that word to us. He teaches, corrects, convicts, empowers, comforts, strengthens. He is always present with us as he makes his home with us and teaches us how to operate in the gifts that he has given us to advance the kingdom.

The Holy Spirit, who serves as the manifestation of Immanuel—God with us, is God (Acts 5:3-4)! He shares in the same divinity as the Father and Son and is never supposed to be treated as impersonal or inferior. To neglect and grieve the Holy Spirit is to neglect and grieve God. The Holy Spirit reveals God and makes God's truth known to us. When we receive revelation from a scripture, it is the Holy Spirit who reveals. And as the Holy Spirit indwells, he transforms us into temples of God.

In the world that we live in today, we are in dire need of the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom not only on how to live our daily lives as believers but also how to handle and combat an unjust society that seek to oppress others. The Holy Spirit shares the thoughts of God with us so that we can be able to understand what God's will is for our lives. We need the church to be saturated in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and become more sensitive and aware. It is not that the Holy Spirit is silent as some believers mistakenly deem him to be, it is the fact that we are not always listening.

Every good work that we do through programs such as the Clothing Drive, Bountiful Basement, Mobile Pantry, Community Meal, SVDP, et cetera, is evidence of the empowering will of the Holy Spirit who helps us to serve our neighbors. It is not of our own power but the power of the Holy Spirit that helps us to bear good fruit and be the answer to some people's prayers. It is the Holy Spirit who encourages us and stirs up our hearts to participate in letter-writing campaigns, protests and demonstrations, advocate for the protection and safety of others. It is the Holy Spirit who convinces us to pray with our feet.

In building a true spiritual community, the Holy Spirit grants us the gift of vulnerability so that we may show and share our scars with others as a method of spiritual cleansing and healing. This Spirit-filled method is designed to create an intentional village of both community and divine intervention.

We must embrace the Holy Spirit more by welcoming him into our daily lives, our communities, our ministries, our families, our homes, churches, et cetera. To enter any phase or season of life without the Holy Spirit is to go unprotected, unguided, and will more than likely lead to unnecessary suffering.

The Holy Spirit is part of our village and helps us to live righteously by faith. If you, like me, have found yourself unintentionally neglecting the Holy Spirit, please know that there is still time to repent, acknowledge, embrace, build, and enjoy a fruit-bearing relationship with the Holy Spirit.





AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Growing Through Grief — Bereavement Support

St. Ladislav Church invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join Growing Through Grief, an 8-week support program beginning Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. Sessions offer a caring, faith-filled space to share, heal, and find hope together. St. Ladislav is located at 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. For more information or to register, contact Carol Burtnett at 440-835-2300 or email at cburtnett@stlads.org.

Thank you for your generous support!

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| Sunday, August 24 | \$ 3,958.50 |
| Assumption of Mary | \$ 45.00 |
| Haiti Missions | \$ 95.00 |
| Bountiful Basement | \$ 182.00 |
| Help the Needy | \$ 75.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul Society | \$ 45.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 353.33 |
| Education | \$ 333.33 |
| Pastoral Ministry | \$ 353.34 |
| Memorials & Special Gifts | \$ 2,780.00 |
| Rooted in Faith | \$ 10.00 |

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Br. Tom Carroll, OFM, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darnstadt, 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, Ralph & 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 Salammon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard 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

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.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

SUNDAY, AUG. 31

12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

9:00am-10:00am Legion of Mary (CH)

7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

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)

7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (outside)

5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (BB)

5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Pantry (Back Lot)

7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

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

7:15pm-8:45pm Stephen Ministers Peer Group (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders (Zoom)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group
(R Liv Rm)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

9:00am-10:45a CGS Level 1 (A)

9:00am-10:45a PSR 1-3 (A)

10:00am-10:45a PSR 4-8 (A)

10:00am-10:45a Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

11:00am-11:15a CLW (CH)

Bible study will resume on Thursday, September 11th with an overview of the Old Testament. Contact Carla Fritsch for further details. Consult the parish directory for contact information.

Book Discussion Circle - Morning Sessions at

JRC. Three Amazing Conversion Stories. Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12:00pm. September 9, 23, October 7, 21, November 4, 18. Join Fr. Bernie Owens, SJ for readings and discussion on the spiritual transformation of William Wilberforce, an English parliamentarian; of Abraham Lincoln during his presidency of the USA; and of two characters in Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country*. Free will offering.

*For the month of September, the **Bountiful Basement** could use peanut butter, white rice (1-2 lb bags), pancake mix, and bags.*

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

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)

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

4:00pm Ernesto & Luisa Cacho (Family)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14: 25-33 (129)

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>



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.

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