

Blessed Trinity

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD 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.



In Every Age

Refrain

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

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

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

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Lamenting as Spiritual Renewal

Have you ever complained to God about your suffering and pain and then the next moment you end up trusting God and praising him? I have. At first, I used to feel guilty about complaining to God or being frustrated with God and ending up praising him and trusting him in the end. I thought for the longest that my faith was faulty until I came across Psalm 13. I saw where the psalmist, King David, was in anguish and expressed his sorrow to God and begged God to give him an answer. In the last two verses of the psalm, David gives glory to God amid his traumatic and exhausting suffering. I learned soon after reading Psalm 13 that David was worshipping God in the form of lament. I also learned that the act of lamenting was genuine, spiritual, and holy.

Lamenting is defined as a *passionate expression of grief, sorrow, and confusion*. It is a direct and very honest prayer of pain to God that asks for God's intervention or expresses confusion at God's lack of intervention. However, somehow and some way, the lamenter ends up trusting God and glorifying him—just like David. Lamenting is a genuine and holistic spiritual discipline.

I find the book of Lamentations to be poetically prophetic and divinely profound because of its message. Lamentations highlight the fact that things were not going well for the people. They were truly suffering and had gone through the traumatic experience of losing their temple. They were saturated in grief and disappointment. The people did not keep their anger, grief, and disappointment to themselves, but they expressed their feelings towards God. After expressing their feelings towards God, they praised him in remembrance of his sovereignty, love, grace, and mercy. They *knew* that through their grief and suffering, God would not only restore them but restore the temple. To the people of Lamentations, restoration came after suffering.

One of the greatest examples of lamenting inside of Lamentations comes from the prophet Jeremiah in the third chapter. We see how Jeremiah, the lamenter in the first 18 verses, blames God for the bitterness, darkness, and tribulations that have engulfed not only himself but the people as well. He says that God tore him, and the people to pieces and did not listen to their prayer. He and the people no longer knew happiness. Depression set in and the soul of himself and the people had no peace. In verses 22-24, Jeremiah says that he has hope

because God's compassion and lovingkindness never fail. Jeremiah praises God and says that he will wait for him. He believes that God will not ignore him forever.

Lamenting *mindfully cultivates* our relationship with God as the Holy Spirit ushers us into spiritual renewal and lifelong discipleship. It is an opportunity to honestly communicate to God (although he already knows) our wounds. We have the chance to fervently request his intervention on our behalf. It gives the Holy Spirit a chance to remind us of who God is and how deep his love is for us.

The greats of the Bible such as Elijah, Moses, and Job were some of the best lamenters. Airing the grievances to God did not make God turn away from them. It did not mean that they weren't blessed or that they had even lost prophetic voice; *it meant they were human*. It meant that although their feelings were shaped by their reality, they *knew* God. The *Holy Spirit reminded them*. Their remembrance of who God was had ultimately led them to outbursts and moments of praise, high expectations, and peace.

God is not afraid of your lament nor your humanity. He welcomes your lament and your humanity because even he himself laments (Isaiah 1:2-9); Jesus, the Son of God laments; (Matthew 27:46) The Holy Spirit laments (Romans 8:26).



The parish is in need of the following disciples:

- 1) An assistant PSR catechist for ages 4-8. Detailed lesson plans are available to assist the head catechist on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15, more or less.
- 2) Money counters are needed. Several counters are retiring after many years of service. Offertory envelopes are counted after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday.
- 3) Disciples to answer the phones on M, T, or W evenings from 5-8pm or Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:45pm.
- 4) Apple and pear picking season is upon us. Contact me and I will let you know when the fruits are ripe for picking. This is a great family affair for people of all ages.

Call Fr. Doug if any of these ministries interest you and he will give you the details



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.

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.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, August 31	\$ 4,195.60
Assumption of Mary	\$ 50.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 18.33
Bountiful Basement	\$ 1,253.34
Help the Needy	\$ 13.33
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 250.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 625.00

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 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 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, 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, SEPT. 6

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)
9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 (A)
10:00am-10:45am PSR 4-8 (R B)
10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

8:00am-8:30am Novena (CH)
9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (BB)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:30pm Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (outside)
4:00am-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing (R Liv Rm)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

11:00am-12:30pm AA Meeting (R B)
7:00pm-8:00pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

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)
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH)
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

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, SEPT. 6

4:00pm Ma-an Samonte (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 Courtney Kuhl

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

8:30am Patricia Flynn (Eileen Kilbane)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Laverne Fuller (Bill & Fuller Family)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

4:00pm Kate Sweeney (Marty Sweeney)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS**

Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17 (638)

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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