

Blessed Trinity

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain

Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

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Words fall short

As you know it has been a long journey to get to where I am today which is about 70% of full capacity. I looked back at my calendar and my first doctor's appointment was in October of 2023. You have all been so supportive and understanding.

A special thank you to Dick Beercheck, who stepped up in so many ways. Even before my surgery, Dick would unlock the church, lock it up, set up for Mass, put out the schedules and petitions and all the other things I normally did without being asked. He just did it. He was more than willing to do the baptism that I could not do, the family was more than happy to let Dick celebrate the baptism and he never flinched when the family showed up at 10:59 without having been given instructions! Dick and his wife Judy prepared a beautiful musical setting for the blessing of the water and that engaged the entire congregation.

Dick accompanied Fr. Bob Sanson while he covered for me for two weeks at all the Masses as well. Thank you Dick for all that you did and the many other things that you do, especially Bountiful Basement. You are a blessing.

As I entered the operating room I was taken aback at how big and how bright it was. I was not awake long before the anesthetic kicked in, but my last thoughts and pictures were the beautiful anointing of the sick service you had for me and the many faces of love and friendship that accompanied your healing hands.

Recovery has taken longer than I had hoped. The worst part (the two weeks after the surgery) has come and gone. The pain is more manageable and the soreness a little better. The surgeon says it will be about four months before I am free from all my pain. Along the way I became more sympathetic to those who use a walker or other electronic device. I would bang into doorways, lift up the corners of carpets, get stuck because there was no room to turn, etc. Meanwhile first, oxycodone and now tramadol and extra strength Tylenol are my new friends.

Our bountiful basement helpers, Sean and Vinny took over the edible forests one and two, clearing the paths, weeding, watering, and edging. The place never looked so good. They also harvested zucchini, squash, tomatoes and more – things that I can no longer do, at least for now. They also identified the

young children who threw rocks into the window of Donna's office.

Finally, I have to thank you for all the prayers, cards, letters and meals that I have received. Each one was so special. One of them contained a package of flock notes. I am so weak that I will never be able to respond individually to each one. Please know that your thoughtfulness has made my recovery all the easier.

I have had one meeting since I got home three weeks ago. That meeting was with our newly formed parish pastoral council. We went through six dates before we found one we could all attend and I was hell bent on not cancelling it.

Our first meeting was partly "get to know one another" and partly sharing our vision about how the council can help serve our parish. It was agreed that we would like to get some kind of data, not from a survey but from another way to learn from the parish members. Among other things, this data would help inform us about how parish groups implement the parish mission statement.

Many of the council members are not familiar with the parish groups. Does the name of the group adequately describe who is in the group and what they do? When I first came here 15 years ago there was a program called Children of Light. I didn't know what it was about from the name. But I did ask if there was a first communion program. That is what Children of Light was. I will invite the council and the parish groups to look at their names and mission and see if they adequately convey what the group is about.



The 19th Annotation Retreat: Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life. 32-Week Retreat in Everyday Life (Virtual Program). Tuesday, October 14, 4:00pm - Tuesday, June 2, 5:00pm EST. *Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ and other Presenters.* JRC offers the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola in a 32-week retreat in everyday life starting every October. Please email Director of Ignatian Identity and Mission, Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ, for questions & details: poconnor@jesuitretreatcenter.org. Cost: \$1600

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A Catholic Call to Action: Caring for Creation

On Sunday, September 28, St. Ladislav Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) will host a special panel presentation to explore the Church's call to care for God's creation. The discussion will highlight the themes of Laudato Si at its 10th anniversary, the global plastics crisis, and practical steps we can take to live more sustainably. Speakers include Brenna Davis (Director of Integral Ecology, Ignatian Solidarity Network), Heidi Paul (AP Environmental Science Teacher, Magnificat High School) and Marty Smith (Co-chair of the St. Ladislav Care for Creation Team). Discussion begins at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, September 7	\$ 5,036.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 18.33
Bountiful Basement	\$ 163.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 45.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 18.34
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 53.33
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 2,730.00

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

Prayer for Peace Taize. We gather for the meditative Taize Peace Prayer Sunday, September 21st at the Sisters of St. Joseph Center Chapel at 7 pm.

Liturgy & Ignatian Spirituality: Mass & Ignatian Reflections in October. Tuesdays, 8:00 - 8:45am. October 7, 14, 21, 28. 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 CPO Raffle Winners

Sunnie Poplar ... Marilyn Warner ... Anna Marie Parker ... Marty Smith ... Jane Sopsky



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

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. 15

9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-6:30pm	Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

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-9:30pm	Holy Name Society (JC Lg)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

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)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

11:00am-12:30pm	AA Meeting (R B)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

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)
10:00am-1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts (FH)

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. 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

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MONDAY, SEPT. 15

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

8:30am Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

8:30 The George Plagman Family (Dave Plagman)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

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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