

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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**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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## God of the Oppressed?

In this bulletin article, I invite you to think critically:

One day in seminary, I was in my Old Testament class, and we were discussing the Israelites' takeover of Jericho. We were invited to close our eyes as the professor read through the passages leading up to Jericho's demise and the triumph of the Israelites. The Israelites obliterated the city. They killed everyone and everything within the walls except the family of Rahab, the ancestor of Jesus and the great-grandmother of King David. The Israelites took over the spoils of the city (gold, silver, bronze, treasures), dedicated them to The Lord, and burned it all to the ground. There was a curse inflicted upon anyone who even thought of trying to rebuild the city.

God as well as the Israelites were surely triumphant that day. God had proven that he was on their side and had delivered their enemies over to them. It certainly was a day to remember. When the professor ended his reading of the passage, he invited us to open our eyes. When we did, he asked us a question, *how many of you imagined that you were the Israelites?* Everyone in the class raised their hand, including me. Then he asked *how many of you imagined that you were the inhabitants of Jericho?* No one raised their hand. You could hear a pin drop in the room because a sobering question was raised. It was the first time I and many others in that classroom thought of the oppressed through valid biblical witness.

The story and sobering question reminded me of the relationship between the Puritans and the Native Americans. The Puritans believed that God had blessed them divine providence and had granted them land in North America. Because of their faith, they generated a mass genocide that was drenched in religious and social superiority. They sought to displace the Native Americans from their lands. They also chose to embark on violent conquests that ultimately led to the subjugation of the natives. The most striking thing about the Puritans taking over the land of the Native Americans was that at first, they tried to convert them to Christianity. When that did not work, the violence began.

Although the actions of the Puritans were, as scholars have mentioned, virulent, cruel, and barbaric, they held onto the claim that God gave them this

land, and it was theirs to take away from the "savages." The Puritans understood this genocidal conquest to be a divine and God-ordained command. Former Governor of Massachusetts John Winthrop solidified this point in his 1630 sermon, *A Model of Christian Charity*, when he said that the mission was rooted in divine favor and required blind obedience from the Puritans—or else.

Did or does God sign off on spiritual and political conquests geared towards the extermination of certain groups of people? Is God always on the side of the oppressed? The Bible tells us that God allowed for Joshua and the Israelites to defeat Jericho because of its sinfulness and idolatry. God's patience had worn thin with the inhabitants of Jericho as they resisted him and his ways. We see the same thing happening when the people of God were turned over to the Babylonians and Assyrians years later. The Israelites had experienced both being oppressed and being the oppressor in the Word of God.

I have yet to find an answer to my questions because I currently see a lot of solid grey areas when it comes to this topic. I believe that it is wrong to oppress people no matter what the reasoning. I know that I was always taught that God was and is always on the side of the oppressed. However, my mind goes to people like the inhabitants of Jericho, the Native Americans, poor people, Black Americans, immigrants, women, marginalized populations such as the LGBTQ community, et cetera. Are they oppressed because they are sinful and turned away from God? Or are they oppressed because there is an entrenched system in the DNA of America devoted to oppressing the "Other"? Can it be both or neither?

What do you think?



### Blessed Trinity Shirt Sale

It has been 3 years since our last shirt sale. Are you ready for a new shirt? They make great Christmas gifts! The weekends of October 18/19th and October 25/26th we will be taking orders after all Masses for T-Shirts both short sleeve and long sleeve, plus Sweatshirts and Hoodies. All payments must be turned in with your order. Orders will be distributed after all Masses no later than the first weekend in December.



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**Caring Corner**



Once a month, our Stephen Ministers meet to report on their care-giving relationships. They give a brief summary of the meetings they've had with their care receivers (all while maintaining strict confidentiality). It is gratifying to hear their stories of how their care receivers have grown and are able to resolve their particular issues. All the care givers join in the discussions and provide feedback, encouragement and suggestions to one another. If you are facing a life crisis and feel you would benefit from a Stephen Minister, please call 216-671-5890, Ext. 12 and leave us a message. A Stephen Leader will contact you to review your situation.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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*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

The Craft Show will be on **Nov. 2nd** from 9am to 3pm in Fogarty Hall.

**Tai Chi On Wednesdays at 6:30** Tai Chi Easy begins this Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 in the church basement. If you want to know about this meditation-in-motion practice and health benefits, contact practice leader Mike Reiling at [mreilingllc@gmail.com](mailto:mreilingllc@gmail.com) or at 216-312-8648. No previous experience needed.

**Laudato Si! Taize Prayer Sunday, October 5.** Our creation praise Taize prayer is Sunday, October 5 at 7 pm at the CSJ Chapel at 3430 Rocky River Drive. Join us for this meditative prayer and bring a friend!



# This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 4</b> 9:30am-11:00am	Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group (R Liv Rm)
<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 5</b> 9:00am-10:45am 10:00am-10:45am 11:00am-11:15am 12:30pm-2:00pm	CGS Level 1 (A) Breaking Open the Word (R Lib) CLW (CH) Clothing Drive (outside)
<b>MONDAY, OCT. 6</b> 9:00am-10:30am 7:00pm-8:30pm	Legion of Mary (CH) St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)
<b>TUESDAY, OCT. 7</b> 8:00am-8:30am 9:00am-11:00am 9:30am-12:00pm 10:30am-12:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	Novena (CH) IDCC (JC Lg) Bountiful Basement (JC Lg) AA Meeting (RB) Bell Choir Practice (CH)
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8</b> 3:00pm-3:45pm 4:00am-6:00pm 5:00pm-6:45pm 6:30pm-7:30pm 7:00pm-9:00pm 7:00pm-8:30pm	Witness for Ukraine (outside) IDCC (JC Lg) Bountiful Basement (JC Lg) Tai Chi (FH) Choir (CH) LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg (R Liv Rm)
<b>THURSDAY, OCT. 9</b> 11:00am-12:30pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	AA Meeting (R B) Bell Choir Practice (CH)
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 10</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 11</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 12</b> 9:00am-10:45am 10:00am-10:45am 11:00am-11:15am 12:00pm-1:00pm	CGS Level 1 (A) Breaking Open the Word (R Lib) CLW (CH) Community Meal (FH)

**Blessed Trinity's Holy Name Society** is participating in the Eighth Annual Men's Socks & Underwear Drive. The Drive will run from October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup> and Blessed Trinity parishioners and friends are asked to place any donations of NEW items in the collection box located in the Narthex.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**39TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY**  
**October 12, 2025**

*For the month of October, the **Bountiful Basement** could use hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, and bags).*

# WORSHIP

<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 4</b> 4:00pm	Blessed Trinity
<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 5 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10 (141) 9:00am 11:00am	Blessed Trinity Blessed Trinity
<b>MONDAY, OCT. 6</b> 11:00am	at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
<b>TUESDAY, OCT. 7</b> 8:30am	Ronald Mickler Sr. (Kathy Mickler)
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8</b> 8:30am	Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)
<b>THURSDAY, OCT. 9</b>	No Mass
<b>FRIDAY, OCT. 10</b> 8:30	George & Julia Barnett (Kathy Mickler)
<b>SATURDAY, OCT. 11</b> 4:00pm	Les Schwerman (Lenore Schwerman)
<b>SUNDAY, OCT. 12 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19 (144) 9:00am 11:00am	Blessed Trinity Gerald & Eileen McSweeney (Kathy Mickler)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is scheduled to begin Oct. 5th on Sunday mornings at the 11am Mass, but to continue this wonderful program we need adult help. You may choose to break open scripture with children (resources provided) or just be present during the program as another adult leads the session. All our programs with children require that two adults are present. High school age youth can also be mentored to lead the scripture reflection. Younger youth can serve as lectors. Call Briyant to inquire or to sign on with a

Anointing of the sick. We will be celebrating the sacrament of the Sick at all the Masses the weekend of Oct 25/26. Anyone who is chronically ill, facing surgery, or is 65 years of age or over may be anointed. Just show up.

*Welcome*

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