

Blessed Trinity

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OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH 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 126: God Has Done Great Things for Us

Refrain

God has done great things for us, filled us with
 laugh-ter and mu - sic; God has done great things for
 us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu - sic.

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Enlarging Our Territory

I have worked with different churches and religious organizations over the years, and I have concluded that Blessed Trinity Parish is the absolute best that I have worked with. This parish is full of very selfless and dedicated people who are constantly emptying themselves for the benefit of others. Not only is the act of constantly emptying oneself an act that closely aligns with the purpose, mission, and work of the gospel of Jesus the Christ, but it is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit's indwelling within the parish collectively and individually.

As we approach the closing of 2025 and begin to prepare ourselves for the year 2026, it is time for us to start thinking ahead. In 1 Chronicles 4:10, Jabez says to God, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And *God granted his request*. When most people read this scripture, their minds tend to go to a materialistic level where God grants favor for earthly possessions, but when you *study* and bring out the scripture's original meaning, you see that Jabez goes above and beyond material possessions when he makes the request of enlarging his territory to God.

So, what did Jabez's prayer mean? Jabez is asking God to expand his influence, opportunities, and understanding. Jabez is asking God to also broaden his spirituality and personal development. He is asking that God give him more opportunities to impact those around him. He realizes that he cannot do this on his own, so he asks for God's help because God is the only one who can grant expansion and increase in those areas. Jabez does not pray for increase and the enlarging of his territory for his personal gain, but for the benefit of others in his neighborhood and community. He wants to be a force for God by doing good things and using his talents to help others.

The most fascinating thing about the prayer of Jabez is that everything he asked for aligned with the will of God—and so as scripture states, God granted his request. We can also learn in Jabez's selfless prayer that God does not honor selfishness

or people who want wealth and wisdom to only bless themselves and people like them. Jabez's prayer was communal and inclusive. When we ask God to enlarge our territory, we must ask with a heart geared towards others. My prayer is that God enlarges our territory as a parish.

In asking God to expand our influence personally and spiritually, Jabez asks God to jeep him from all harm so that he will be free from pain. Jabez did this because he knew that what he was asking for would also mean that there would be attacks in accomplishing the will of God. Jabez was kept from all harm because of God's grace and mercy that followed him as his territory enlarged.

Asking God to enlarge our territory for selfless purposes and the advancing of the kingdom is considered countercultural in our country and even the world today. It seems like just about everyone is worried about getting ahead in life and making sure they are okay without being mindful of others who may be suffering. We cannot afford to be like that in this coming season.

I ask that you go before God and ask what you can do to help others and advance the kingdom. Whatever your talents are, bring them to the parish so that God can be glorified and people can be helped. Blessed Trinity Parish must enlarge its territory for this upcoming season. Jabez had a heart for the people, a vision, and a purpose that led others to God. Let us mirror Jabez's dedication to others and prayer life so that God may grant our requests to help our neighbors.



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!

Sunday, October 19	\$ 3,863.00
All Saints' Day	\$ 20.00
All Souls Day	\$ 50.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 458.33
Bountiful Basement	\$ 1,071.34
Help The Needy	\$ 333.33
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 45.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 1,630.00
Blanket Sunday	\$ 425.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 120.00

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, 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, Gail Iseli, 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 Rossmann, 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

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

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with **Mary Rita Fallon, mother of Laura Fibbi**, May God grant comfort to her family and friends.*



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 or at 216-312-8648. No previous experience needed.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

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

MONDAY, OCT. 27

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

8:00am-8:30am Novena (CH)
 9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)
 9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 10:30am-12:00pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 6:30pm-8:00pm Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
 6:30pm-8:00pm Parish Council (R Liv Rm)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (outside)
 4:00am-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

11:00am-12:30pm AA Meeting (R B)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

9:00am-3:00pm Craft Fair
 9:00am-10:45am CGS Level 1 (A)
 9:00am-10:45am PSR 1-3 (A)
 10:00am-10:45am PSR 4-8 (RB)
 10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)
 12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

Interreligious Understanding: Looking Back, Moving Forward, a lecture by Dr. John Borelli, will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00pm in the Dolan Science Center at John Carroll University. Dr. Borelli—a longtime consultor to the Vatican and the U.S. Bishops—will reflect on the 60th anniversary of Vatican II's Declaration on Non-Christian Religions, and the importance of dialogue today. For information, contact 216.397.4700 or www.visit.jcu.edu/tuohycenter.

*For the month of October, the **Bountiful Basement** needs hygiene products (bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, and plastic **grocery BAGS**). Large shopping bags are needed too.*

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, OCT. 26 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14 (150)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am All Souls

MONDAY, OCT. 27

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

No Mass

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

No Mass

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

4:00pm All Souls

SUNDAY, NOV. 2 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

9:00am All Souls

11:00am All Souls

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.

GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP AN INTER-PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070. Join us for a must see powerful talk as Fr. Damian Ezeani will once again be speaking for us after several years! The title of his talk is "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel" which is about an unwavering belief in the Christian Message. Father Damian has an intense passion for helping others, prayers and leading retreats. He has dedicated his life and resources to empowering people from underprivileged backgrounds to break cycles of poverty.

An inter-parish men's group will meet November 7th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Our speaker and celebrant is Fr. Adam Zajak. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, November 4th to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

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