

Blessed Trinity

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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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(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 16: You Will Show Me the Path of Life

Refrain I



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



In your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev-er.

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Hosea, Inwardness, and Idolatry

In observing and studying the prophets of the Old Testament, we must learn that there is more to what we see in our country than we understand. The injustice is rampant, the idolatry authentic and opaque, and God's detestation of such is much deeper than we think it is. When thinking of the principal sin of idolatry, one Old Testament prophet come to mind: Hosea. Hosea was focused on the idolatry in the land that he believed was a primary sin that was taking over the people. To the prophet Hosea, injustice prevailed from a form of idolatry.

In this context, we can understand Hosea's mission, calling, and purpose to be centered on identifying and exposing idolatry. Hosea was concerned about the lack of inwardness the people were facing. This *lack of inwardness* can be defined as a genuine love for God that resulted in intimate and personal knowledge of God. *Inwardness* was supposed to birth in people a sense of ethics and morality descended from the Spirit of God (the pathos of God). Instead, Hosea believed the people had been given over to the opposite in unification with outward religious practices. The prophet said this of the Northern Kingdom, "There is no faithfulness, no love, and no knowledge of God in the land." (Hosea 4:1)

During the prophetic time of Hosea, things were deeply chaotic. There were constant military revolts, political strife and violence, falsehoods were considered truth, and at the time, Hosea said that a vulture stood over the house of The LORD. (Hosea 8:1). Fraudulent leaders and people were misleading others and finally exposed as frauds. The more God called his people, the more they ran from him. The more they ran from God, the more they wallowed in their lack of inwardness and love for God.

In our country, there is a lack of inwardness in which God requires, and Hosea speaks of. The pathos—or passion of God is missing. What is rampant instead of inwardness are the idols of capitalism and white supremacy, the golden calves of America. America has been rooted in the idolatrous act of oppressing disenfranchised and marginalized populations. Its foot has been on the neck of the oppressed and it seems as though to some people that that is just the way it is and supposed to be. This frame of thinking is not true. However, I am a firm believer that if you tell a lie long enough and consistently enough, it becomes a twisted truth as well as a master narrative.

From a theological perspective, idolatry is viewed as the *act* of worshipping anything or anyone else other than the Creator. In the context of white supremacy, here in America, whiteness is seen as pure and divine. It has become the standard and seeks to shape the country in its own image, not God's. The elevation of white supremacy seeks to devalue others. Devaluing others give birth to things such as racism, ethnocentrism, and injustice. Most theologians view white supremacy as a principality that the perpetrators of such give blind loyalty to. White supremacy demands the country give their loyalty to the advancement of it. It also gives a false sense of superiority and security to the perpetrators of it. Whiteness becomes a god.

The idolatrous acts of capitalism and has been embedded in the culture of our country to the point where the seeds of these idols spring forth and are considered a normal part of everyday life. Capitalism worships money, wealth, status, and focuses on self. One philosopher claimed capitalism as a religion that demands consumption without knowledge of salvation. Profits become more important than people, which leads to greed and exploitation. The well-being of people is not an important matter because in the mind of capitalism, money comes first.

The idols of white supremacy and capitalism negatively impact our country. Our country must turn to God in the spirit of genuine repentance. Hosea called for the people of the Northern Kingdom to turn their hearts towards God, who was calling after them. We must take heed to the warning, to the call, and to the nudging to align ourselves with the moral and ethical compass of God, the passions of our Creator. Our hearts, motives, ambitions, and purpose must mirror that of God's.

The inwardness God is calling us to through the prophet Hosea, can be viewed as armor to keep ourselves and our neighbors from all forms of idolatry. As children of God, as American citizens, and righteous people, we must do what we can to eradicate white supremacy and idolatry from our country; it has no place here.



Rest in Peace:

Bill Mahon, Bill Kuhn, stepson of Laura Kuhn, Peggy Yomnick, and Gail Michael, sister of Nancy Butler.



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On Saturday November 22, the Blessed Trinity/Men's Ministry is sponsoring a morning of recollection in preparation for the Advent season. Our own Mike Reiling will present a program titled "A Bigger, Closer, and Inner God." All (men and women) are welcome to attend. Sign in begins at 8:30 am in Fogarty Hall with coffee, donuts and bagels. The program will begin at 9:00. No cost, but a free will offering will be appreciated. So that we may plan properly, please email me at:



dbeercheck@blessedtrinitycleveland.org

to let me know you plan to attend. And invite your friends.

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, June Grace, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocesvar, 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 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

Our guest speaker for our Holy Name meeting will be the Haiti Committee and sharing with us all that they do. The date will be Tuesday Nov. 18th with doors opening at 7pm at the Joseph center. All People are Welcome, Women and Men.

Thank you for your generous support!

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Friday, December 5th	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 6th	10:30 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 7th	Noon to 3:00 pm

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

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)
 10:00am-10:45am Coffee & Donuts (FH)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)
 12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

MONDAY, NOV. 17

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

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-9:30pm Holy Name Society (JC Lg)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

4:00pm-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, NOV. 20

11:00am-12:30pm AA Meeting (R B)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)
 7:00pm-8:30pm Women's Faith Sharing (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

8:30am-11:30am Men's Ministry Reflection (FH)

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

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)

Christmas Adopt-a-Family Outreach Blessed Trinity Parish is partnering with St. Bernadette Parish as we have done in the past and are asking for your help to connect with Blessed Trinity families with children or senior citizens who could use some holiday cheer this Christmas. If it's your household or another household in our parish that you are aware of or if you would like to adopt a family, please talk to Briyant in-person, via email (bhines@blessedtrinitycleveland.org), OR phone at 216-671-5890 ext. 19.

*For the month of November, the **Bountiful Basement** needs canned, prepared meals and **plastic grocery bags**). Large shopping bags are needed too.*

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

4:00pm John & Theresa Veres (Joan Francis)

SUNDAY, NOV. 16 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21: 5-19 (159)
 9:00am Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)
 11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, NOV. 17

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

Edward & Annette Kalister (Family)

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

4:00pm Martin Dugan (Kathy Dugan)

SUNDAY, NOV. 23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sm 5: 1-3 Col 1: 12-20 Lk 23:35-43 (162)
 9:00am Blessed Trinity
 11:00am Blessed Trinity

Sacrament Registration

Parents interested in registering their child(ren) for First Reconciliation and First Communion or Confirmation preparation are asked to complete the sacrament registration form that is on the back table in Church. Please return the completed form to Terri Pastura in the parish office by December 1. Electronic copies can be sent to:

tpastura@blessedtrinitycleveland.org

Thanksgiving Taize

Join us for a Thanksgiving Taize of gratitude on Sunday, November 23 at Centering Space at 7 pm. We will be using the attractive and acoustically pleasing chapel in Lakewood Catholic Academy, next door. Stay around for a social afterwards in the Centering Space building itself. Be grateful for life and join us in prayer! Centering Space is located at 14812 Lake Road.

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