

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.



All the Ends of the Earth 526

Refrain

All the ends of the earth, all you crea - tures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the won - ders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the Mas - ter of the sea,
has come with jus - tice for the world. *Last time*

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One Liturgical Year Ends. Another Begins

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Creating this Solemnity was as much a political decision as it was a religious celebration. It was the first “No Kings” rally sponsored by the church. This feast emphasizes the true kingship of Christ after the upheavals resulting from the First World War and the end of all four major monarchies in Europe. It was meant to respond to the rise of atheism and secularization. For the Roman Rite, it was instituted by Pope Pius XI. In 1970, its observance was moved from end of October to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and thus to the end of the liturgical year. The Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches often observe this as part of the liturgical season of Kingdome, which runs between the Fourth Sunday before Advent and the Feast of Christ the King.

No matter what faith you profess, this feast tells us that there is only one king in the world, Jesus Christ. Not “king of the world” Leonardo DiCaprio either.

As we begin the season of Advent, we start reading the readings from Cycle A. Cycle A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

Here at Blessed Trinity, there will be several Advent opportunities. Once again we will have the reverse Advent calendar. Today’s bulletin has the calendar insert suggestions. Get a box or a strong fabric bag and each day, fill it with the item on the calendar. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, bring your box of donations to church where we will decorate our church with our gifts for the needy who live among us. The boxes and bags will remain in church until the end of the Christmas season. Then they will be taken over to the bountiful basement time in January.

We will also have our four Advent collections. This year those weekly collections will include the retirement fund for religious, Zelig’s Home, The Haven and Haiti.

Finally, I’ve thought about how busy, hectic and stressful this time of year is for so many people. How can we, as a community of faith, address this? How can we as a community help keep our focus on what Advent and Christmas are all about? I’ve decided that we will begin each liturgy with a guided meditation to help us slow down, relax and regroup.

As your guide, I will direct your focus to specific things to help calm your mind, such as a body scan (focusing on sensations from head to toe), breathing exercises, or repeating a mantra.

Some guided meditations involve visualizing specific places, images, or scenarios to promote relaxation and peace.

The session will conclude moments of silence to allow you to practice independently before the guide provides the next instruction.

The guide will provide cues to gently bring your awareness back to the present moment and conclude the practice.

I hope these few minutes of peace and quiet will bring calm to our lives. After Bryant or I do the announcements, I will lead us in a meditation to calm us down, to bring us stillness, to make us more aware of the presence of God in our midst. After some moments of quiet meditation, we will begin our opening Advent hymn, Love’s Pure Light.



FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES 8:30 Attend Holy Mass in the Chapel About 9:00 Pray the Holy Rosary During Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel About 9:30 Gather for a Snack and Coffee Followed by a Talk at 10:00 in Classroom 8 in the Hall Across from the Office.

John Scharf, our speaker, is on fire with the Holy Spirit and will talk with us about our homeless, sick, and suffering brothers and sisters! Every Wednesday working with St. Mary of the Falls Street Ministry for over three years, he has gone out on the streets serving these precious people. Be sure to join him and us for a conversation to look into the eyes of Christ through the sick and suffering. John was born in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1972. In 1978, he married and was blessed with five children and eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Although John is retired after four demanding jobs, this very inspirational St. Mary of the Falls member is a Third Order Secular Franciscan, has worked with alcoholics and drug users for over fifty years and continues working with the Church’s Homeless Street Ministry.

R.S.V.P. to Christine Deitrick at 216-337-3664 if you will be attending the gathering in classroom 8. If North Olmsted City Schools are closed our gatherings are canceled. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME! 50/50 & OTHER RAFFLES COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST. For Adults 40 & Over — Join us Monday, Dec. 8, 7-8:30pm, Westside Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Your Brain on ~~Drugs~~ Prayer. Dr. Jacqueline Philips-Sabol, Ph.D.; Neuropsychologist & Faith Leader, Director of The Center for Spiritual Healing (Diocese of Erie) will present scientific data, videos & examples that will explain the effects of prayer & faith on our health, brain function and our lives.

Join us for a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm

From parish visitors: “Fr. Doug: My husband & I came to the 4pm mass on October 18. We were visiting family in Cleveland & Westlake. We loved the lively mass & friendly people! Thanks, Rich & Donna Coughlai.”

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, November 16	\$ 3,909.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 15.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 2,112.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 20.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 3,030.00
Human Development	\$ 169.00

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, 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

HELP NEEDED

West Park Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of Volunteers to drive and/or deliver meals to the homebound On any day you are available, Monday through Friday (and NO Holidays) It requires only about 1 hour of your entire day on any weekday you are available. It is truly a rewarding effort for yourself and for the people that you serve, who are humbly grateful. Please help by calling Georgann at 216-251-6255 and leave a message; your call will be happily returned.

Welcome

**We Welcome Into Our
Blessed Trinity Family:
Mariann Baumeister**



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

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)

MONDAY, NOV. 24

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
 7:00pm-8:00pm Finance Meeting (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

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, NOV. 26

4:00pm-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 Mtg (R Liv Rm)

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

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)

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.

*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. 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

MONDAY, NOV. 24

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 Thanksgiving

9:30am Blessed Trinity

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

Laverne Fuller (Bill Fuller & Family)

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, NOV. 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 (1)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Kevin Boyer (Family)

Christmas Tree Sale

FRESHLY CUT CHRISTMAS FRASIER-FIR TREE



Sales benefit the Boy Scouts of America
 Troop 293

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

Cash or check accepted
St. Mark's Church

15800 Montrose Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

Cinema & Conversation: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Monday, November 24, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. After each movie, there will be time for conversation and questions. We continue in November with the 2024 Christmas comedy-drama film, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Free will offering (registration not required).

The Manresa Group: Ignatian Spirituality & Life's Journey. Monday, December 1, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Presented by Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ and other Presenters. The Manresa Group seeks to gather people into a community, to form people in Ignatian Spirituality, and to journey through life's transitions. Learn more and register at jesuitretreatcenter.org. Cost per session: \$20, next 6 sessions Dec-May: \$90

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