

Blessed Trinity

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NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 25: To You, O Lord



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

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Evangelization: A Journey of Love

I feel as though the church has lost its way when it comes to evangelism. I was at a meeting last week and we were talking about evangelization efforts in attempting to win back the trust of the youth as well as the trust of those who have decided to leave the church. One of the moderators said that we must help them (the youth and those who have left the church) *realize what is here*. What is here? What is in the church or denomination that we are in that people are missing out on by not attending church? Is it Jesus? Is it love? Is it community? Is it a village? *What are people missing?*

I asked the moderator a question, “How do we draw people in such as LGBTQ youth and adults when the language that we use against them is harmful and devaluing?” He then replied, “Well, sin is sin.” One lady in the group was timid to say something because of what others in the group may think. Somehow, she mustered up the courage to speak up, “I refuse to call them (people in the LGBTQ community) sinners.” She then explained that she had children who had friends that were LGBTQ, saying that they were of sacred worth. The moderator then said that the goal was to get the people into the church where they are welcomed but expected to change. They were spiritually transformed to the point where they were no longer part of said community. Me, personally, I do not think that is what evangelism is or even looks like.

Here is what I think evangelism is when it comes to people from marginalized communities and those coming back to church. Understand that my version of evangelism is not a one size fits all kind of thing; it is just what I believe.

Evangelism is walking side by side with someone, sharing in their struggles, their pain, co-laboring in the faith, figuring things out, with love being its foundation. Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” The goal of evangelism is not conversion but discipleship. We offer people discipleship, to be a part of a village that carries out the commands of Jesus. In this understanding, we must focus on a spiritual balance. This spiritual balance is teaching the scriptures and living out those scriptures.

Jesus says that evangelism is teaching. We must teach them and show them *why* following Jesus, not the church, in their context, as well as identifying their spiritual and social compass, which is essential. We must learn to meet them where they are by showing and teaching them with love about how the Word of God impacts their life. Jesus does not want a bunch of robots to just do what he says, Jesus wants us as disciples to choose to follow all that he has said.

Evangelism is walking in a journey of love. It reminds me of a quote by Southern California poet A. Helwa. She says, “Awakening to faith is not a one-time event, but a continuous unfolding reality. The journey of faith is not a race, but a *marathon of love* that each person walks at a different pace.” As disciples and leaders, we must be willing to commit ourselves to a journey of love for all who come to the church—whether they be a part of the LGBTQ community, homeless community, prodigal sons and daughters, et cetera. Our love must be continuous in the practice of active evangelization. Our goal is not to transform them because that is a job for the Holy Spirit, but our goal is to be loving, patient and committed to others. We lead them to Christ by being extensions of Christ. In our journey of love, we must be authentic disciples. If we are authentic disciples, people have no choice but to see the Christ in us. Our biggest testimony to our faith is how we treat others and how we live our lives. Providing needs for our community and the people in it has been a staple for our parish. We must continue to further our active evangelism.

Evangelism takes time, effort, patience, love, and work. I fear that in the context of today’s church, we are losing disciples because tradition takes precedence over love, patience, kindness, cultural, and spiritual intelligence. We help others realize not what is here in the church but who is here in the church. Therefore, our lights must shine, we must be the city on the hill, we must stand out, we must have Christ within us, and we must dare to be different. We must do this not to convert others but to offer them the gift of true discipleship in an authentic spiritual community centered on Christ.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org or deliver them to the rectory office. Notices MUST be in by **Monday** of the week before the bulletin is distributed.

The Peace and Justice Committee will be collecting winter apparel items for the clothesline on West 140th by the bus stop. Hats, gloves, scarves and socks may be placed in the baskets by the Church entrances or dropped off at the rectory during office hours.

The Christ Child Society will be here the weekend of Dec 7 to distribute children's religious books. There are books for kids of all ages, from pre-school to junior high. The books are free.

Welcome

We Welcome Into Our
Blessed Trinity Family:
JoanEllen Hurley

Collections for November 23 will be reported next week

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

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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. 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)

MONDAY, DEC. 1

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
 7:00pm-8:30pm St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

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)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 5:30pm-6:30pm Mobile Pantry (Back Lot)
 6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

11:00am-12:30pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 7:15pm-8:45pm Stephen Ministers Peer Group (JC Lg)

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

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.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 29

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, NOV. 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Kevin Boyer (Family)

MONDAY, DEC. 1

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

No Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

Joseph & Patricia Flynn (Eileen Kilbane)

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, DEC. 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12(4)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Nicola & Alberto Pirozzoli (Rosa & Family)

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 of 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!**

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