

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD 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.



## 81 Isaiah 12: With Joy You Shall Draw Water

Refrain II

Cry out with joy and glad-ness, for the Lord is in your  
midst, the ho - ly one of Is-ra-el, cry out, cry out with joy.

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*Lost Coin, Lost World*

When I was a kid, I lost a coin that I loved very much. I cherished that coin and thought it was the most precious thing because my grandmother gave it to me. It was only a quarter, but I kept it shiny and clean. I placed it right above my bed post at night. One day, I lost it. I searched all over for it. I even went outside in the snow to see if I may have dropped it somewhere—no luck. I looked for that coin every single day and although my grandmother said she would give me a new coin, I wanted the coin she gave to me. A couple of weeks later, I found the coin! I was so excited and told everyone I found my coin. I never let it out of my sight again...until my cousin told me about penny candy and I got 25 pieces of candy for that quarter.

I have been reading the parables in my spare time and asking the Holy Spirit for new revelation. A week ago, I was reading the parable of the woman searching for her lost coin. I had read this parable a few times before but after reading it and pulling the true meaning of the parable from scripture, I immediately thought about the coin I had lost and found. This parable had granted me new insight on the work of God, Jesus, and the Spirit of God in the salvation of mankind.

In Luke 15:8-10, Jesus tells the story of a woman who lost her coin. Scripture tells us that this woman had ten coins but lost one. In search of her lost coin, she lights a lamp, she sweeps the house and searches carefully until she discovers the coin she lost. After all that searching and careful looking, she finally finds the coin, and she rejoices as though the coin was more than the combined worth of the other nine coins. She says to her neighbors, "Rejoice with me for I have found my lost coin." Jesus goes further and gives us a powerful revelation and glimpse into what this parable is all about. He says, "In the same way I tell you there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over sinners who repent." In these words, Jesus is telling the audience and the readers of the Word of God that the parable about the lost coin is about salvation.

In this parable, we learn that not only is salvation powerful, but it is also intentional. In the parable, the woman reflects God's nature and character—God searches with the same dedication and intensity. The sinners, the world, and the members of the Body of Christ when we stray are the coins. The parable of the lost coin coincides with the work of The Good Shepherd. God does whatever God can do to bring us back into the fold or bring a sinner to the saving work of Jesus, the Christ.

Not only does the parable of the lost coin tell us that salvation is purposeful and intentional, but it gives us great insight into the active work of God. The first thing God does in the act of bringing someone to salvation or bringing a strayed sheep back into the fold is turning on the light. This means that God brings illumination to the person by using various means to seek us. God brings light to the dark places of our lives. The second thing God does to find us and bring us back into the fold or to bring someone to salvation is persistence. God chases after the coin. God is not lazy in God's attempt to find the lost coin. Could God give up? Yes, but God chooses not to. God gives this coin special attention as though the coin is the only one in God's possession. *God wants the coin more than anything else.*

We learn that God's love for us is not only personal, but it takes initiative. We learn that people *matter to God—even the lost*. And we also learn that in the kingdom of heaven, there is celebration for the coin brought back into the fold and brought back into salvation.

But how does God actively look for the coin in our context? Remember that the woman gives illumination to look for the coin. That means that God's way of giving us light comes through us feeling conviction about sin, feeling a pull towards God or church, feeling restless with life, sudden clarity or revelation about spiritual truth. By sweeping the house, sometimes God disrupts our lives to become a part of it or to bring us back to Godself. This can come through hardship, transition, loss, hitting dead ends or encountering blessings we did not expect. God also searches for lost coins by way of other people. A friend inviting us to church or participate in a certain ministry, the kindness of a stranger, the words of a pastor, or friend, or mentor can also be signs of God actively searching for you.

Whether God is drawing you in inwardly by the Holy Spirit or reaching you through the life-saving work of Jesus, or speaking through people and your village, or formatting circumstances to turn your heart, or refusing to give up on you when you resist the Holy Spirit, or offering the grace and peace that surpasses all understanding, God is actively and lovingly searching for you. God is calling out for you.



# 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 Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on December 21. In-person is at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. **In person location:** Holy Cross, Brook Park, 14609 Brook Park Road.

## CALENDAR RAFFLE FOR JANUARY 2026 IS HERE!

This gives you 31 chances to win! If your name is drawn for one day it is put back in for a chance to win again. These make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Calendar raffle tickets are on sale after all weekend masses through December and are available in the rectory office during the week for just \$10. Good Luck Everyone!

## Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, December 7	\$ 5,227.08
Christmas	\$ 190.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 45.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 80.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 445.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$ 50.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 3,098.00
Zelie's Home	\$ 1,489.00
The Haven	\$ 963.00
Human Development	\$ 40.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 130.00

## 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, Fedak, Audrey, Jenny Flynn, Will Gibson, June Grace, 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 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

Honey is available after Masses this weekend. An 8 oz. Jar is \$9 and a 16oz. jar is \$18. Mulberry jam (\$7) and applesauce (\$5) are also available for purchase after Masses.



Welcome

We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:  
Eric & Briana Ishida



## This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 13</b>	
9:00am-5:00pm	Adopt-A-Family Distribution (R Lib)
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 14</b>	
9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 (A)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 1-3 (A)
10:00am-10:45am	PSR 4-8 (RB)
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Community Meal (FH)
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Music Practice (CH)
<b>MONDAY, DEC. 15</b>	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)
<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 16</b>	
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)
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17</b>	
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)
<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 18</b>	
11:00am-12:30pm	A.A. Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
8:30am-5:00pm	SVDP Christmas (R Lib)
<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 19</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 20</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 21</b>	
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-1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts (FH)
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Music Practice (CH)

Please join us for an informational meeting, Thursday, **January 7, 2026 at 6:30 pm** in the Joseph Center if you have interest in learning more about the pilgrimage to Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia that Fr. Doug is taking June 8-20. This is a 13 day trip costing \$5599. A representative from Proximo Travel will be available to answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

### *November CPO Raffle Winners*

*Richard Salem ... Terry Gorges ... Al Jakubowski  
.....Laura Kuhn..... Maria Klemmens*

## WORSHIP

<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 13</b>	
4:00pm	Rochelle Samonte (Ferdie Samonte)
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
Is 35: 1-6a, 10	Jas 5: 7-10
Mt 11:2-11(7)	
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Ron Mickler Sr. (Kathy Mickler)
<b>MONDAY, DEC. 15</b>	
11:00am	at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 16</b>	
8:30am	George & Julia Barnett (Kathy Mickler)
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17</b>	
8:30am	Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)
<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 18</b>	
	No Mass
<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 19</b>	
8:30am	John & Ethel Mickler (Kathy Mickler)
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 20</b>	
4:00pm	Sr. Marie Veres HM (Joan Francis)
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
Is 7:10-14	Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24(10)	
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Blessed Trinity

Breaking Open the Word will not meet today, Sunday Dec 14. **Church decorating** will be on Dec. 21 after the 11:00am Mass

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.

There is a collection this week for **Retirement for Religious**. Please place donations in a separate envelope.

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
Michael J. Flanagan, husband of  
Debra. May God grant comfort to their  
family and friends*



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