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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 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.



The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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The Year of Immanuel

I will admit that I can be very superstitious, especially around the new year. I still obey certain traditions that my grandparents and great grandparents taught me such as never entering your house in the new year without cash in your pocket because it set the tone for the year or having the traditional meal of black-eyed peas, greens, cornbread, and chicken the first day of the year for good luck. Not doing either or was daunting to me and I tried my best not to steer away from tradition because it was what would keep me safe and prosperous in the new year. Although I kept to these traditions, I was reminded this year that the only thing that was guaranteed was God's presence with me throughout the year in the spirit of Immanuel.

Immanuel appeared as a sign and safeguard in the Old Testament scripture of Isaiah 7:14. It was a sign of not only salvation, but a sign of hope. The name, presence, and promise of Immanuel was fulfilled in the Gospel of Matthew in the birth narrative of Jesus, the Christ.

The spirit of Immanuel, *God with us*, was not a superstition, but a gift. It was and still is a promise to all that believe. Matthew 28:20 solidifies this powerful presence of Immanuel in our lives when it says, "...and lo, I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world." Jesus promises to be with us through it all—the good, the bad, the ugly. Immanuel meant that we would not have to walk the road alone and that God would always be our constant companion throughout the year.

Going into the new year, we face a lot of uncertainty, anxiety, and may have more questions than answers. The truth is that we do not know what this new year brings, but we know who will be present with us throughout it. In the new year of 2026, the *Year of Immanuel*, we must hold on to the fact that the presence of God will carry us through the most triumphant times, the most tumultuous times, and the times in between.

God's presence with us does not assure that we will not go through anything. It does not promise that we will not lose anyone. It does not promise that we will not suffer. However, it guarantees that we will not be left alone without a comforter, without a formidable presence covering us.

The Spirit of Immanuel reminds me of Mary Stevens' poem, *Footprints in the Sand*:

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

*The Lord replied,
"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."*

May the Spirit of Immanuel carry you and walk with you throughout this new year.



The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be Sunday January 18th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: www.clecem.org/Events

In-Person Locations:

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brookpark Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Virtual – Please register at <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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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, Diane Dorenkott, 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 Hocevar, Gail Iseli, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Annette Janetzke, 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, Ronald Petkosh, 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

Thank you for your generous support!

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Christmas	\$ 10,587.30
New Years Day/Sol of Mary	\$ 65.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 35.00
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Bountiful Basement	\$ 866.34
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Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 5,610.00
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Zelie's Home	\$ 25.00
The Haven Home	\$ 25.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 145.00

Sunday, January 4	\$ 3,377.80
Christmas	\$ 420.00
New Years Day/Sol of Mary	\$ 927.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 2,765.00
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December CPO Raffle Winners

Rosemary Moore ... Lisa McAvinue ...
Steve Flynn..... Toni House ...
Margaret Barr

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Linda Kreon, wife of Joseph Kreon and
Catherine Waters, mother of Mary Vickerman.
May God grant comfort to their
family and friends.*



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, JAN. 10	
SUNDAY, JAN. 11	
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)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Community Meal (FH)
MONDAY, JAN. 12	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
TUESDAY, JAN. 13	
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)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14	
4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tai Chi (FH)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Fish Fry Organizational Mtg. (FH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg. (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Choir (CH)
THURSDAY, JAN. 15	
11:00am-12:30pm	A.A. Meeting (RB)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
FRIDAY, JAN. 16	
SATURDAY, JAN. 17	
SUNDAY, JAN. 18	
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)

REMINDER: If you are a recipient of the gift card or calendar raffles, please pick up your prize as soon as possible or let the office know if want to donate it back. Also, when purchasing either please do not bring large bills as we may not be able to make change.



Please be sure to fill out the Blessed Trinity Family Ministries survey at the back table. Also, if you are interested in joining the BT Family Ministry Council, please contact Briyant for more information.

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, JAN. 10	4:00pm Christine Galayda (Marian Warmuth)
SUNDAY, JAN. 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17(21)
	9:00am Blessed Trinity
	11:00am Blessed Trinity
MONDAY, JAN. 12	11:00am at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
TUESDAY, JAN. 13	8:30am No Mass
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14	8:30am No Mass
THURSDAY, JAN. 15	No Mass
FRIDAY, JAN. 16	8:30am No Mass
SATURDAY, JAN. 17	4:00pm Blessed Trinity
SUNDAY, JAN. 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 49:3 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34 (64)
	9:00am Blessed Trinity
	11:00am Blessed Trinity

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over

Join us Monday, Jan. 12

7 – 8:30pm

Westside Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.



Who is C.S. Lewis? Why, as Catholics do we care? Dr. Matt Carey Jordan, VP of Academic Affairs at Borromeo & St. Mary Seminary, has led several Lewis-themed pilgrimages to England and taken people behind the scenes to walk in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis. Join us for an enlightening discussion of the man behind *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Screwtape Letters*.

Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

The Fish Fry Volunteer Meeting is set for January 20th from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Fogarty Hall. Please contact Briyant for more information.

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