

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

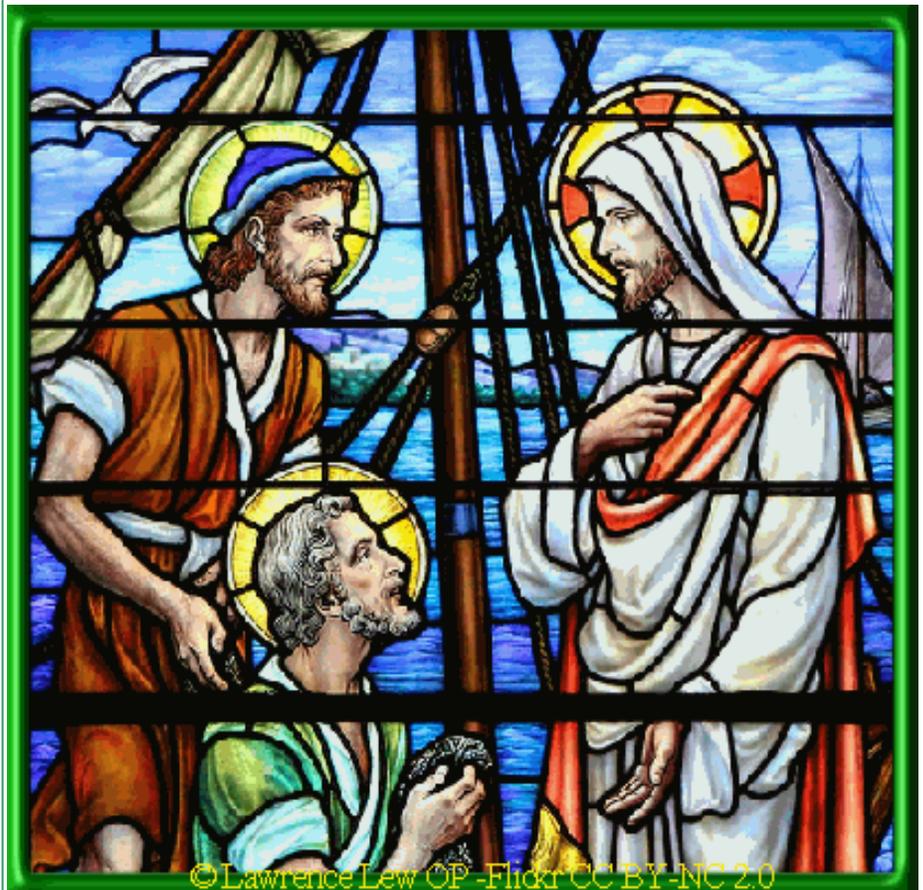
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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.



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Or: Alleluia.



The just man is a light in dark-ness to the up-right.

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Regarding Theodicy: Our Political Climate

How many times have we heard people say, “If God is in control and so powerful, why did he not intervene?” I never found that question to be dishonorable to God nor my faith. I found it to be a very interesting question worthy of an answer. Before we are to try to answer this deeply theological question, we must first define what theodicy is. Theodicy is defined as the vindication of divine goodness and providence in view of the existence of evil. In laymen’s terms, it is the struggle to understand how God, suffering, violence, and evil can coexist.

We currently live in a city, a state, a country, and a world where the question of God’s infiniteness and omnipotence comes to the surface amid political disorder, violent oppression, and social injustice. The loaded question comes to mind when we see ICE take the lives of innocent people like Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and Silverio Gonzalez. People who fought to live in a just and free society promised them exactly 250 years ago. Some of us are asking ourselves if they were advocating for the oppressed, “the least of these,” and doing the work of the Spirit of God, why did they have to meet their deaths. If you are asking that question, it is okay.

In our walk with God regarding things that we just do not understand, we wrestle with God. Amid turmoil, disaster, corruption, brutality, injustice, and other uncomfortable things, our faith may be challenged, or we sort of succumb to our emotions which tells us that it does not matter what we do—injustice, oppression, shamelessness still reign supreme. It appears we will never get rid of it no matter how much good we put into the world.

For our understanding of God in the context of theodicy, we may find our answer from biblical witnesses such as the Old Testament prophets who advocated, struggled and were even killed; the disciples as well as the people who had come to Jesus for help. We also have biblical witness for people wanting to understand what was going on in their lives and their world. Scholars of the Gospels believe that Jesus was asked a total of 183 questions by various people—including the disciples. They said that out of these questions raised by people, Jesus only answered between 3-8 of them. This tells me that some of our questions will never be answered and some of

our predicaments (socio-politically) will probably never be solved.

The biblical witness of Job who was an up-standing and righteous man gives foundation for the study of theodicy. Job, a servant of God, suffered greatly. While Job endured, he was still faithful to God. Job even questioned his Creator out of frustration. I wonder if Job pondered to himself, *I’m doing the right thing...but I am still suffering.*

In my very limited and finite and opinion, I believe that God refuses to go back on his word and snatch away the free will that he has bestowed upon his most prized possessions. Additionally, the sin and the evil that we work so hard to fight against is the product of the fall of man. No matter how much good we do, the face and agents of evil are still present. Understanding this should not detour us from doing the will of God, but it should motivate us to persist. I believe that in the end, the righteous and just will prevail, Jesus will come back, and order will be restored to its rightful place. In the meantime, the more evil the world does, the more goodness and righteousness we should put into it.

In the words of the great rabbi Maimonides, *“Every man should view himself as equally balanced: half good and half evil. Likewise, he should see the entire world as half good and half evil. With a single good deed, he will tip the scales for himself and the entire world, to the side of good.”*

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2025

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER IS

February 18 at 6:00—7:30 pm in Fogarty Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a **crook pot of meatless soup** and a ladle marked with your name. The crook pot will keep the hot soups warm during dinner time (crook pots will not be plugged in). Sign up at the back table or call the rectory to let us know what soup you will be bringing to share. Disciples are also needed at 5 pm to organize and set up. Please contact Tina Raiff for more information (tmraiff61@gmail.com).



January CPO Raffle Winners

Jane Soposky ... Joan Francis ... Elizabeth Salem
Kathy Vasko ... Margie Pavone

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Feb 1/Jan 25	\$ 11,464.36
Haiti Missions	\$ 70.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 433.00
Help The Needy	\$ 50.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 183.34
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 2,325.00
Latin America	\$ 147.00
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 300.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Kathy Betz, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, 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, Jeanne Jarus, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Annette Janetzke, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Ralph & Judy Kobus, 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, Kathy Vasko, 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



Fish Fry Disciples Needed – If you were unable to attend the Fish Fry Volunteer meeting there are sign-up sheets on the back table in the Church for both volunteers and bakers. 70+ disciples are needed each week to make this event successful, fun and delicious. Please join us!

THE BOUNTIFUL BASEMENT is looking for volunteers who can drive a 26 ft U-Haul truck to the Cleveland Food Bank and back to Blessed Trinity with a Bountiful Basement representative. Commitment would generally be Mondays from 8:30am to 1pm. Just sign up for weeks you are available. For questions, please contact Anna Marie Parker at 440-734-3704 or parkeram56@gmail.com.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY FEB. 7

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

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

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, FEB. 9

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)
 5:00pm-6:30pm OCIA (R Lib)

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

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, FEB. 11

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)
 7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing Meeting (R Liv Rm)

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

11:00am-12:30pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 7:00pm-8:30pm Bible Study (R Liv Rm)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

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)

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

4:00pm Blessed Trinity
 Phoebe Raiff-Lyons Baptism

SUNDAY, FEB. 8 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16 (73)
 9:00am Blessed Trinity
 11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, FEB. 9

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

8:30am Ron Mickler, Sr. (Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

8:30am Tim & Catherine Daly (Kathy Mickler)

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

8:30am George & Julia Barnett (Kathy Mickler)

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, FEB. 15 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76)
 9:00am Blessed Trinity
 11:00am Women of Blessed Trinity (Women of BT)

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be Sunday February 15th. 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 Location:

- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brookpark Road

Food for the Spirit and the Body

Joining us for Lenten Fish Fry? How about coming a half hour early or staying a half hour later? We are offering a short prayer service at 5 pm and 7:30 pm in the Church where we can pray for the issues of our time, our personal needs and one another's intentions. Hope to see you there!

May the Peace of Our Lord be with Barbara Van Niel, wife of the late Richard. May God grant comfort to their family and friends.



Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats.

February Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day. Monday, February 9, 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You are welcome to pray in our chapels, sit in quiet reading in the library, and walk and meditate on the beautiful grounds. Cost: \$50

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