

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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

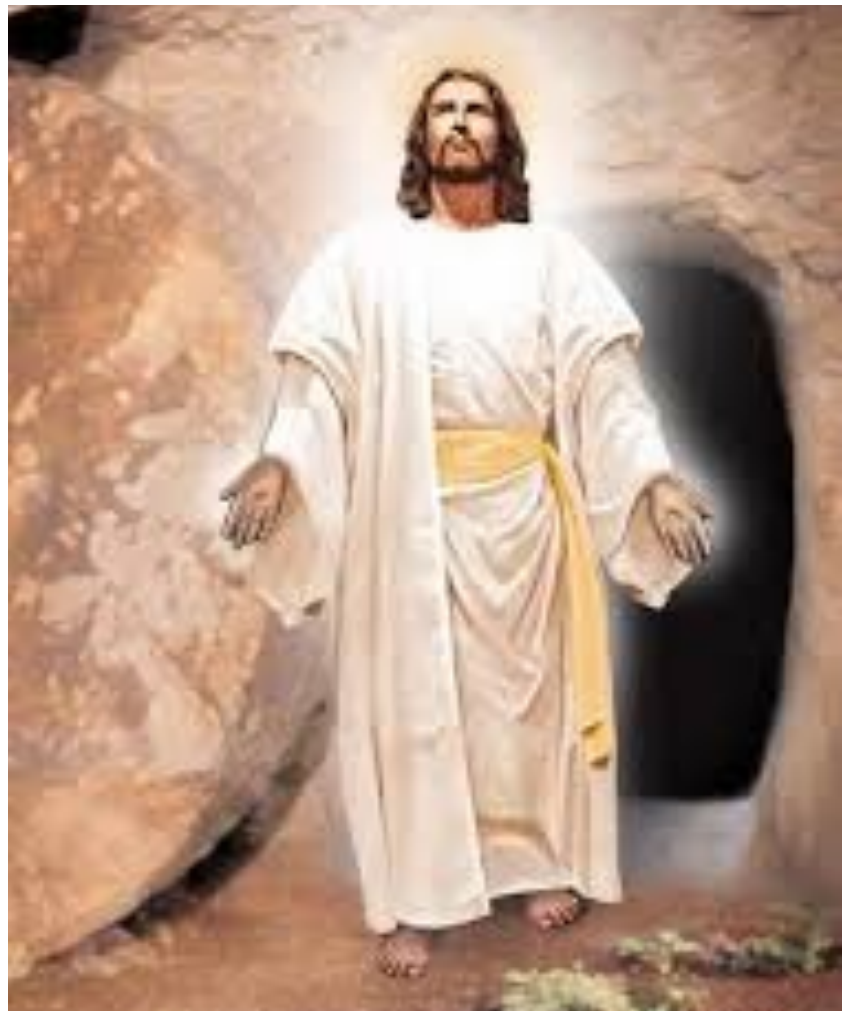
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 a.m.
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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.



Psalm 118: This Is the Day

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joyce and be glad.

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The Resurrection of Radical Forgiveness

Forgiveness is defined as a *conscious, voluntary decision to let go of resentment and vengeful thoughts toward someone who has wronged you*. Forgiveness is an act of bravery, compassion, a spiritual practice of selflessness. I had to learn that in this season of Lent. In my Lenten journey, I found that my issue with unforgiveness was a heart issue and that the Holy Spirit needed to repair my heart.

The more I allowed the Holy Spirit to guide me, the more I made the decision to forgive from my heart. I also learned that my lack of forgiveness towards others before this season of Lent fragmented my relationship with God. I could not allow that to continue. I was not showing God to others by holding a grudge. Although I have yet to arrive where I must be spiritually, I am on the path to where God is leading me.

The inspiration behind my newfound understanding of love and forgiveness came from a parable. There's a story in the gospel of Matthew about an unmerciful servant who could not pay his master back. The unmerciful servant pleaded with his lord until the lord had mercy on him and forgave his debt. That same unmerciful servant who pleaded for mercy from his lord and had his debt forgiven had the opportunity to extend that same grace, mercy, and forgiveness bestowed upon him from his lord to a fellow servant. The fellow servant owed the unmerciful servant 100 denarii which was a huge price back in 1st century Palestine. The unmerciful servant grabbed the fellow servant by the throat and instead of showing the same compassion he was shown, he did the opposite and throws the fellow servant in jail until the debt is paid.

The other fellow servants heard about this and decided to go to the lord and tell him about what was happening. The lord summoned the unmerciful servant whom he had mercy on and chastised him for the treatment of his fellow servant who owed him money. Because of the unmerciful servant's senseless and unjust behavior, he is thrown in jail and tortured until his debt is paid.

Jesus elaborates upon this parable and tells the disciples that God is the same way, meaning that if we do not forgive our siblings in Christ with our heart, God will not forgive us. Notice how the parable says not to just forgive but forgive with your heart.

From Jesus' explanation of this parable, we see that God is highly concerned with not only how we treat one another but also God is concerned with our ability to forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ—from the heart. It was unjust for this man to be forgiven and not extend that same forgiveness to his fellow man who owed him money. It made no sense to God nor to the fellow servants that this man would behave this way when he knew what it was like to owe money to someone and did not have it. In this situation, I am reminded of the beatitude: Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

In contemplating the beatitude of mercy and applying it to my life, the Holy Spirit reminded me of my uncle's words during one of his sermons: "One day, you are going to need grace, mercy, and forgiveness from God, so let's not hold those spiritual practices hostage when dealing with our brothers and sisters in Christ."

We must choose to saturate ourselves with new minds that bring about radical forgiveness and love. Extreme forgiveness and extreme love are the foundation to our personal relationship with God. The act of radical forgiveness from the heart is how God manifests himself in our relationships with one another. Therefore, let us be mindful of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu's words regarding forgiveness, "*There is nothing that cannot be forgiven, and there is no one undeserving of forgiveness.*"



AN ADVENTURE WITH FR. DOUG KOESEL

Join Fr. Doug Koesel, pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, for 13 glorious days in Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia, **June 8 - 20**. Cost is \$5,599 and includes airfare from anywhere in the US. To register go to or contact Fr. Doug for more information at dkoesel@blessedtrinitycleveland.org. Trip includes airport taxes, security fees, transfers, hotels, transportation with luxury bus, all breakfasts and dinners, all guided tours, and tips. Here is a link for the trip:

https://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=482



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 water department is going to begin repairs on W. 140th St. beginning Monday, March 30, (just in time for Holy Week and mobile pantry!) There may not be access to parish property from W.140 from time to time. There may be different traffic patterns from day to day. Leave some extra time to get to church.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, Mar 29	\$ 5,111.10
<i>Easter</i>	\$ 395.00
<i>Haiti Missions</i>	\$ 408.00
<i>Bountiful Basement</i>	\$ 791.00
<i>Help the Needy</i>	\$ 339.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	\$ 43.34
<i>Education</i>	\$ 43.33
<i>Pastoral Ministry</i>	\$ 73.33
<i>Memorials & Special Gifts</i>	\$ 3,965.00
<i>Operation Rice Bowl</i>	\$ 30.00
<i>Blanket Sunday</i>	\$ 25.00
<i>Catholic Relief Services</i>	\$ 10.00
<i>Holy Land (Good Friday)</i>	\$ 13.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, 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, 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, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Dottie Schultz, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard Stein, Sharon Tressel, 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

GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP – an INTER-PARISH GROUP

Enjoy fellowship and more including possibly being one of many being given a book on one or more Christian topics. If you will be joining us in Classroom 8, rsvp to Christine Deidrick at 216.337.3664 by Tuesday, April 7, and please be seated by 10:00. **When North Olmsted City Schools are closed, our gatherings are too.**



**We Welcome Into Our Blessed Trinity Family:
Greg P. Zucca & Family**



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, APR. 4	
9:30am-11:00am	Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group (R Liv Rm)
8:30pm-11:30pm	Holy Saturday (CH)
SUNDAY, APR. 5	
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)
MONDAY, APR. 6	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
5:00pm-6:30pm	OCIA (R Lib)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)
TUESDAY, APR. 7	
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, APR. 8	
9:00am-10:00am	Book Study (CH)
4:00pm-6:00pm	IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
6:00pm-8:00pm	Book Study (CH)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tai Chi (FH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Meeting (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Choir (CH)
THURSDAY, APR. 9	
11:00am-12:30pm	A.A. Meeting (RB)
5:30pm-7:30pm	Nonviolent Direct Action & Moral Formation Training Course (CH/Zoom)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study (R Liv Rm)
7:15pm-8:45pm	Stephen Ministers Peer Grp. (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
7:15pm-8:45pm	Stephen Ministers Peer Group (JC Lg)
FRIDAY, APR. 10	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Zoom)
SATURDAY, APR. 11	
SUNDAY, APR. 12	
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)

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, APR. 4	
8:30pm	Blessed Trinity
SUNDAY, APR. 5 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD	
Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 (42)
9:00am	Connie McCabe (The Vitale Family)
11:00am	Blessed Trinity
MONDAY, APR. 6	
11:00am	All Souls at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
TUESDAY, APR. 7	
8:30am	Blessed Trinity
WEDNESDAY, APR. 8	
8:30am	Blessed Trinity
THURSDAY, APR. 9	
No Mass	
FRIDAY, APR. 10	
8:30am	All Souls
SATURDAY, APR. 11	
4:00pm	Kenneth Nodge (Family)
SUNDAY, APR. 12 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Acts 2:42-47	1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31 (43)
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Blessed Trinity

The **15 Minute Prayer Solution** discussion dates and times are as follows:

Wed April 8th. 9am and 6pm
 Wed April 15th 9am and 6pm
 Wed April 22nd 9 am and 6pm
 Wed April 29th 9am and 6pm
 Wed May 6th 9am and 6 pm
 Wed May 13th 9am and 6 pm

The books have been ordered and we will advise you when they come in.

Raffle tickets for the reverse raffle on April 25 are available after Masses this weekend. They are also available in the office.

Guest Speakers Cuyahoga Councilman Dale Miller, Marty Sweeney, Brian Kazy, and Charlie Slife will be our Guest Speakers for our next Holy Name meeting on Tuesday, April 21st, at the Joseph Center. Doors open at 6:45pm. Everyone, all Women and Men, are Welcome.

Advertiser of the Week:
 Dametrius Clark, Keller Williams Realtors

For the month of April, the **Bountiful Basement** needs potatoes, cereal, jelly (*no glass please*) and plastic grocery bags. Large shopping bags are needed

