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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 16: Keep Me Safe, O God

Refrain

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope;
you are my hope, O God.

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Sinking Like Peter

Let's just get straight to the point: ministry isn't for the faint of heart! It can be challenging, and frustrating. Sometimes, it can also be emotionally exhausting. And in some aspects, you may feel as though you've been given too much responsibility and not enough time. Everyone expects you to make it happen. They expect you to make the right decisions all the time and sometimes, there may not be enough room for error. Ministry can make you feel as though you are drowning.

I remember being in ministry in the capacity of a Spiritual Health Clinician, a fancy way of saying Chaplain, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta a while back. I was on-call one night when I got a call from one of the nurses in the Intensive Care Unit. A patient was in distress and needed my presence. Although I was feeling overwhelmed at the time, I had to go. I couldn't say no to someone experiencing spiritual distress; it was my purpose and in my job description to take care of patients and staff at the hospital who felt this way. I remember at the end of the call closing my eyes and letting out a sigh of exhaustion. Then I mumbled to myself, "I'm in distress." I told a friend of mine that after that phone call, I felt like I was sinking just like Peter. It wasn't an exaggeration because I genuinely felt like that's what I was doing and that there was no one there to help me.

One day, I randomly came across the story of Jesus walking on water. I had read this story many times, but this time I attempted to read it thoroughly through the lens of my spirit. There was something there that I needed to get. It was something in that passage and in that miracle that God had for me. I didn't force it—I simply opened my heart.

This time, I experienced true revelation from the perspective of Peter. Peter is by far one of the most inspiring, influential, and relatable of the disciples. I love how throughout the gospels, you see Peter trying to figure out his faith, making sense of his call, and his relationship with a Jewish peasant and carpenter whom he claimed to be the Messiah. Peter doesn't "get it" all the time, but his passion and dedication to the gospel is what truly counts. In this miraculous passage, I saw not only the dichotomy of Peter's humanity and spirituality on full display, but I saw someone in the Bible whom I clearly related to in more ways than one.

As the Bible tells us, Jesus sent the disciples away to go before Him while He went to spend time alone with God and to pray. When the storm began in the Sea of Galilee, which was known for its sudden and tumultuous storms, it was in the fourth watch of the night. The fourth watch of the night was between 3AM-6AM. The conditions of the storm were scary and appeared to be life-threatening. The disciples were battling the storm and trying to desperately row through it. They were in the middle of the sea and scared for their lives. Then, Jesus appeared, walking on water. The disciples had never seen anything like it as they gripped themselves in fear until Jesus identified himself.

It was then that Peter decided to issue a challenge to Jesus. "If it's you, command me to come to you on the water!" Jesus obliged. Peter's faith allowed him to come out of the boat and walk on water, but then...something happens to disrupt Peter's faith and miraculous act of walking on water. Peter is distracted by what's happening around him...and because of this, he begins to sink. As Peter began to sink, he cried out for Jesus to save him. Immediately, Jesus saves him and questions his faith. "Why did you doubt," he asks Peter.

First and foremost, we must understand that Peter's revelation came when he learned that Jesus is where the impossible becomes possible. He knew with Jesus, he could walk on water. As Peter began walking in the authority Jesus invited him into, he started to sink because of the conditions of the storm. See, Peter's issue wasn't the wind or the storm, it was his faith. The conditions of the storm shook his faith, and he began to sink.

Distress and uncertainty can shake our faith until we take our eyes off Jesus and begin to sink.

The Good News is that we, like Peter, will never drown. We may begin to sink due to the distresses of life and ministry—but we will never be abandoned. Jesus always has His hand within reach. No matter the situation or how challenging it is, we are never beyond the reach of Christ.





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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.

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.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, April 12	\$ 5,502.05
<i>Easter</i>	\$ 1,667.00
<i>Haiti Missions</i>	\$ 123.33
<i>Bountiful Basement</i>	\$ 908.34
<i>Help the Needy</i>	\$ 28.33
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Capital Improvements</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>Memorials & Special Gifts</i>	\$ 2,755.00
<i>Holy Land (Good Friday)</i>	\$ 90.00

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 Rossmann, 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, 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

Outdoor Clothing Giveaway: June 7th, 12:30pm. Rain date is June 14. Save the date and plan ahead. Donations can be brought at 12:00pm on Sunday, June 7th. YOU will lay your donations out at the designated sidewalk areas by gender and size. (Limited volunteer help may be available to assist those physically unable to do this.) Those attending the 11am Mass can lay your donations out after Mass. ONLY donations of clothing, toys, bedding, baby items. If you would be able to help during this event or help to clean up, contact Katie Corbett.

UNUSABLE Clothing Drive: We are collecting your torn and stained clothing that is well-worn beyond use and headed for the landfill.

These clothes are good only for rags. The only requirement is that the clothing items are clean. Bag them. Mark them "UNUSABLE." Bring to the June 7th Clothing Giveaway and place in the UNUSABLE CLOTHING area.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, APR. 18

SUNDAY, APR. 19

9:00am-10:45am

CGS Level 1 (A)

9:00am-10:45am

PSR 1-3 (A)

9:00am-3:00pm

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Class (JC Lg)

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)

MONDAY, APR. 20

9:00am-10:30am

Legion of Mary (CH)

7:00pm-8:30pm

St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Peace & Justice Commission (JC Lg)

TUESDAY, APR. 21

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)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22

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 Mtg (R Liv Rm)

7:00pm-9:00pm

Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, APR. 23

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, APR. 24

SATURDAY, APR. 25

5:00pm-10:00pm

Reverse Raffle (FH)

SUNDAY, APR. 26

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)

Please keep these young disciples in your prayers this month as they prepare for and receive the Eucharist for the first time during this Easter Season: Kate Cleves, Olivia Cooper, Kambreigh E. Johnson, London Leisinger, Eleanor Range, Kateri Traud.

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



WORSHIP

SATURDAY, APR. 18

4:00pm Lillian Twigger (Kathy Mickler)

Eleanor Range First Communion

SUNDAY, APR. 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35(46)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)

MONDAY, APR. 20

11:00am All Souls at West Park Health Center

4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, APR. 21

8:30am David Norris (Hannah McMonagle)

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, APR. 23

No Mass

FRIDAY, APR. 24

8:30am All Souls

SATURDAY, APR. 25

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, APR. 26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2-20b-25 Jn 10:1-10 (49)

9:00am John Frederick

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

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

April Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, April 20, 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C. Free will offering (registration not required) at Jesuit Retreat Center.

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

Letter-Writing To Promote Renewable Energy

After all the masses the weekend of April 18 and 19, please take 5 minutes to write a letter to one of our senators about legislation to get more energy— most of it renewables - onto our electric grid . We need more affordable energy for our future through a revamped permitting process! Congress is interested and they need to hear from us.

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