

Blessed Trinity

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Refrain



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The Meaning Behind the Meaning

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

When Paul was addressing the Galatians, he was defending himself. This was part of the famed apostle’s trial period where he met with the leaders of the church. Paul is telling these leaders that he is not like the false brethren and that his conversion as well as his relationship with Jesus is authentic. He even name-dropped and testified to how he was under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit post-Damascus Road. Paul was not looking for approval simply because God already approved of him, but he wanted to prove that he had a sincere relationship with the Risen Christ.

What Paul is saying is that his flesh (I) had been killed and no longer lives. His old nature, the human nature, by way of the cross, no longer lived and was no longer in control. All his sins and his times of missing the mark had been crucified on the cross. They no longer had any power. Paul’s statement of no longer living is powerful! He realizes and testifies to the fact that because his sins and old human nature have passed away, he has a new life. This new life and birth is a spiritual one and separates itself from the flesh; this is a life of the Spirit, the mind of Christ, and the transformation that comes through authentic discipleship.

Paul was born again into his true purpose and identity. Paul recognized that by no longer living for himself, he lived for Christ. He adopted the mindset of Jesus and willingly lost his life to gain a life of self-emptying, a life of service, a life of active spiritual practice, a life of kenosis. Paul is not describing moral improvement but an exchange of lives—his surrendered self for Christ’s indwelling presence. In this, the apostle receives a new life and a clean slate. This clean slate enabled the native of Tarsus to fill himself with Christ and center him on the path to faith. His new identity is found in Christ now—not in himself anymore. Paul prides himself on this because he is now fulfilling, through Christ, the requirement to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, being born again.

Because of this ignited rebirth through Christ, the Spirit of God enables Paul to live his faith out loud. Paul is empowered to carry out the will of God and empty himself to a life of servitude. We see throughout Paul’s life how he constantly and willingly gives himself away and empties himself for the sake of others. While doing so, Paul is still in his earthly body, and the human nature of his flesh. His human nature/flesh

while in the process of kenosis is battling his new nature—every single day. Take note of Romans 7:15-20 and 1 Timothy 1:15. The new life wishes to rule just as the old life wishes to rule. Paul struggled just as every other believer has struggled in emptying and actively immersing themselves into the spiritual and required rebirth. However, Paul had to learn that he was only victorious because Jesus was victorious. He had to hold on to his personal relationship with Jesus, which he took so personally, if he were to make it daily.

Kenosis is not the destruction of the self, but the re-centering of self in Christ.

The word of God that comes to us from Galatians 2:20 is one of the most quoted and the most ignored passages regarding our new life in Christ. When you hear this scripture today, you often hear about being crucified with Jesus more and more and less and less about what this exchange of life requires from you. Not at all minimizing the saving work of the cross which is foundational for everything we believe, but we must bear witness to the profound and powerful understanding that it takes more than knowing *Jesus Saves*. We must be knowledgeable of what taking on a new nature, a new life, a spiritual rebirth means to us. What does it mean in your personal life to be crucified with Christ? What must you die to? What does The Lord require you to do? Where in your daily life does your old self or your old human nature insist on having control—your schedule, your money, your reactions? If you do not know the answers at this moment, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you for however long it takes. The answers are very important and essential to our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Serve someone today out of the kindness of your heart, expecting nothing in return.



to **Riley Marie Curtin** on her Baptism on April 26, 2026.

Correction

The farewell for Bryant Hines is now on Sunday, May 17 after the 11:00 mass.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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The water department continues repairs on W. 140th Street. 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.

The members of Legion of Mary, which meets here, invite you to join us in crowning our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 9th, immediately following 4 p.m. Mass. We will honor Mother Mary with prayers, songs and intercessory prayer. Please join us and bring your children.



Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, April 26	\$ 4,774.71
Haiti Missions	\$ 40.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 545.00
Help the Needy	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 2,000.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 68.33
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 7,310.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20.00

Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Diane Dorenkott, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Scott Eidam, Erna 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, 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, MAY 2	
9:30am-11:00am	Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Group (R Liv Rm)
SUNDAY, MAY 3	
10:00am-10:45am	Breaking Open The Word (R Lib)
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)
MONDAY, MAY 4	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society (R Lib)
TUESDAY, MAY 5	
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)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	
9:00am-10:00am	Book Study (CH)
3:00pm-3:45pm	Witness for Ukraine (Outdoors)
5:00pm-6:45pm	Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Mobile Pantry (Back Lot)
6:00pm-8:00pm	Book Study (CH)
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tai Chi (FH)
7:00pm-8:30pm	NAMI (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Choir (CH)
THURSDAY, MAY 7	
11:00am-12:30pm	A.A. Meeting (RB)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
7:15pm-8:45pm	Stephen Ministers Peer Grp (JC Lg)
FRIDAY, MAY 8	
1:00pm-3:00pm	Stephen Leaders (Zoom)
SATURDAY, MAY 9	
After 4pm Mass (30 mins)	Legion of Mary May Crowning (CH)
SUNDAY, MAY 10	
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)

Please keep these young disciples in your prayers this month as they prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23rd. Aviana Delgado, Nathaniel DuBois, and Claudia Zucca.

Sunday Grief Support – Sunday, May 17, 2026. You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. We offer free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting will be:

- 3:00 pm In-person at 5 locations throughout the Diocese
- 5:00 pm Virtual meeting – register at the webpage listed below:

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MAY 2	
4:00pm	Blessed Trinity Katie Cleves, First Communion
SUNDAY, MAY 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Acts 6:1-7	1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-2(52)
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Blessed Trinity
MONDAY, MAY 4	
11:00am	All Souls at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
TUESDAY, MAY 5	
8:30am	Blessed Trinity
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	
8:30am	All Souls
THURSDAY, MAY 7	
	No Mass
FRIDAY, MAY 8	
8:30am	Laverne Fuller (Bill & Family)
SATURDAY, MAY 9	
4:00pm	Blessed Trinity Kambreigh Johnson, First Communion
5:00pm	May Crowning
SUNDAY, MAY 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 (55)
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Ron Ruble (Blessed Trinity Holy Name Society)

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

Wed May 6th 9am and 6 pm
Wed May 13th 9am and 6 pm

WALK FOR HUNGER:

The 38th Annual Walk for Hunger will take place on May 30th at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo at 8am. The Bountiful Basement Buddies team will meet at the Registration area. If you are part of the Bountiful Basement Buddies, you will have FREE admission to the zoo all day. There will also be a signup sheet for carpooling that will be available on May 3rd. Please contact me for more information:

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