

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



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THE ASCENSION 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 47: God Mounts His Throne

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O
sing your prais-es to the Lord!

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Briyant, Where Are You Going?

Over the past few months, everyone has asked me where I am going and what I am going to do. Early on, I did not have an answer for either of those questions; I just knew that God was pulling me in a different direction and that it was time for a change. I prayed about it—a lot. I talked to God, changed my mind multiple times, and even asked God to come down off the throne and tell me what to do.

I'd love to tell you that this discernment process was full of sunshine, rainbows, and cherubim followed by the voice of God granting me clear direction, but it was not. The discernment process is a test and trial period. It can serve as a period of struggle--knowing what God has said and then seeing reality before you. It can be disheartening at times, but my trust in God had kept me inspired.

I knew that no matter what, ordination had to serve as the next step. I could not be ordained in a Catholic church because, as I am sure all of you know by now, I am not Catholic. Now that I knew ordination was a step in the right direction, I had to find somewhere to exercise my call and cultivate my discipleship.

I kept searching until one day, I began to think about my background in chaplaincy. Thinking of this, I remembered that there was a path to ordination there as well as an opportunity for me to become board-certified. And so, I applied to a fellowship in Seattle, Washington at the Puget Sound VA Hospital where there were several applicants and only one spot open for the fellowship. I interviewed with the group of chaplains there and was granted the Clinical Pastoral Education Palliative Care Fellowship.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with palliative care, it is where patients who are terminally ill, in hospice, or facing major medical decisions receive care. The care comes through prayer, presence, meaningful conversations, support during crisis, and companionship. Palliative care also includes working with grieving families, mediating, supporting families while their loved one is actively dying. Fellows work with interdisciplinary hospital teams (doctors, nurses, social workers). I will also work with patients who suffer from mental health illnesses ranging from suicidal ideation to acute depression.

By my fellowship beginning in late August, I plan to move to the Seattle area by the beginning of August or late July. During the summer, my plans are to catch up on a lot of reading, finish my writing projects, re-watch the Twilight movie series, rewatch the Lord of the

Rings trilogy, and to go to as many ball games as I can. I'll also spend some time in Atlanta to visit family and friends. I plan to do all the things that I enjoy doing, deepen my relationship with God, and rest.

While having fun this summer, I still plan to serve the people of God. A group of seminarian friends in Atlanta and I are in the process of creating a mental health wellness program for pastors, church staff, and church members called *The Shiloh Collective*. Our launch date is at the end of my fellowship (September 2027). We are excited to help change church culture and systems in the context of mental health combined with spiritual health.

I am not sure what lies ahead of me after that. We always have our plans, and God proves that he is God by changing them. My grandmother always told me to say whenever I have plans, "If it be God's will." I still hold on to that piece of advice.

I take pride in the fact that you all took me under your wing, loved me, and taught me what true discipleship looks like.

I hope to see you all at the farewell reception. If you cannot attend, that is okay, too, but please feel free to reach out to me via email: briyanthines@gmail.com or text 216-577-9922. Our relationship with each other does not have to end here.

Much love and many, many, blessings to this parish of polished arrows (Isaiah 49:2). Keep praying with your feet!

Love,
Briyant



Our Guest speaker for our next **Holy Name** meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, is Kathy Michaels with the Christ Child Society, a national Catholic non-profit organization of volunteers serving at-risk- children and families in need. The get together takes place at the Joseph Center, doors open at 7pm. All Women and Men are Welcome.

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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.

Next Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. The liturgical color for that day is red. Please help decorate our church by wearing something **red** to Mass.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, May 10	\$ 5,783.87
Easter	\$ 20.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 355.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 1,755.00
Help the Needy	\$ 300.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 50.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 3,635.00
Newman Campus Ministry	\$ 12.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 5.00
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Please pray for our sick:

Jim Beesley, DeAnna Behring, 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, Erma Eifel, 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, Kathy Vasko, Tom Vasko, Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Jesse Mary Pat Wynne, Jacqueline Zambarano.

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 16

SUNDAY, MAY 17

10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
 10:00am-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)
 12:00pm Briyant Hines farewell

MONDAY, MAY 18

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, MAY 19

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, MAY 20

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (Outdoors)
 4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
 5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
 6:30pm-7:30pm Tai Chi (FH)
 7:00pm-8:30pm NAMI (JC Lg)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Choir (CH)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

11:00am-12:30pm A.A. Meeting (RB)
 7:00pm-8:30pm Women's Faith Sharing (JC Lg)
 7:00pm-9:00pm Bell Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

SATURDAY, MAY 23

SUNDAY, MAY 24

10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open The Word (R Lib)
 11:00am-11:15am CLW (CH)

Kayaking anyone? BT Adventurers are anxious to get back on the river. Looking forward to kayaking with you this season. Experienced or not. Own your own, or rent. If you want to share a kayak; we can arrange that. All are welcome. Signup sheets to gather info for trip planning are on the back table in church. {Last year, 6/12 was our first outing.}

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 <https://www.clecem.org/InformationBereavement.aspx>

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MAY 16

4:00pm Women of Blessed Trinity (Women's Ministry)
 Kateri Traud, First Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 17 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20(58)
 9:00am Brian McGraw (Mary McGraw)
 11:00am Blessed Trinity
 London Leisinger, First Communion

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:30am John & Ann Roddy (Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:30am Jerry, Mary & Larry McCarthy (Kathy Mickler)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:30am All Souls

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:00pm John & Ethel Mickler (Kathy Mickler)
 Olivia Cooper, First Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23 (63)
 9:00am Blessed Trinity
 11:00am Theresa Webber (Kathy Mickler)

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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May the Peace of Our Lord be with Terry Evans & Robert Friel, father of Bobby Friel. May God grant comfort to their family and friends.



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