

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**MAY 24, 2026**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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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 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Refrain



Lord, send out your Spir-it, and re - new the face of the earth!

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## It's Pentecost

A little noticed detail in the Pentecost accounts is that the Spirit descends on community groups, not individuals. Even in Paul's road-to-Damascus experience, it wasn't until he met with Ananias that the scales fell from his eyes and he was baptized. When Luke tells the story of Pentecost, he starts with the detail that everybody had come together. When John depicts Jesus bequeathing his Spirit to the disciples it is again in a communal setting. Mary was not given the Spirit during her morning encounter with the risen Christ in the garden, and even when the beloved disciple "believed" at the empty tomb, John does not say that the Spirit came to him. Jesus conferred his Spirit on the community, in fact, on the community who were gathered in fear, trying to protect themselves from the rest of the world.

Luke and John offer two very different renditions of the gift of the Spirit to the community of faith. In Luke, it happens after fifty days: a final forty-day tutorial during which the risen Lord appeared to disciples until the day of his ascension. After a ten-day period of retreat, the Spirit dramatically invades the gathered community with the result that they cannot help but share their Gospel.

John paints quite a different picture. In his depiction, on the very day of the resurrection the risen Jesus breaks into the midst of the closed-off and fearful disciples to offer them peace. Before all else, this gift of peace comes in the form of forgiveness. This is the first encounter of the risen Lord with the disciples who had abandoned and betrayed him. Their locked doors are one more sign of their lack of faith. Yet, Christ breaks through it all with the offer of peace. This is a profoundly humbling moment, a replay of sorts of Jesus washing their feet. As he greets them with peace they know all too well that they don't deserve his acceptance. They have proven themselves cowards and traitors, and he's proclaiming his love for them just as they are. The risen Lord appears in their midst in the most unexpected way. He shows them his hands and his side, signs of an irrevocable past. Nothing can change what happened. But just as truly as he is free from death, he offers them freedom from being determined by their past.

In *Breathing Under Water* Richard Rohr says that forgiveness implies letting go "of our hope for a better or different past." Both the forgiver and the

forgiven acknowledge the reality of what has happened between them, but they will not let themselves be bound by it. They know the hurt, but they refuse to replay it again and again, pressing the bruise so it will never fade away. Forgiveness is not a judicial process or a market exchange through which there can be a correctly calculated payback that evens the score. Forgiveness is an encounter of love. Forgiveness springs from the belief the past can be redeemed, and its effects can be redirected from a passive acceptance of injustice or the vengeful arithmetic of "an eye for an eye."

This is the Gospel the Spirit impels the disciples to preach. They can preach forgiveness only because they have experienced it. If it was humbling to be forgiven by the risen Christ, it was also empowering. Pope Francis explains this in *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of The Gospel") by saying "No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by [Christ's] boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew" (EG #3).

The community born out of Pentecost is a community of the forgiven who are commissioned to forgive. These are people who must never forget either their origin or their destiny: they are a gathering of the frail and failing called to strengthen one another. The community born out of Pentecost must cultivate what Pope Francis calls "the arduous art of reconciliation," an art which requires grace and the support of a community (*Amoris Laetitia*, "The Joy of Love").

When we greet each other with peace today, we are challenged to remember the meaning Jesus gave that word. The peace of Christ be with you" is the greeting of sinner to sinner, Christian to Christian as forgiven forgivers. It is a blessing that calls us to humility and generosity in equal measure. It is a blessing that we can make real only in communities enlivened by the breath of the Spirit.



### Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center

Wisdom of the Circle in Art and Prayer  
with Paulette Kirschensteiner, HM,  
CZT from Sunday, July 5 to Thursday,  
July 9, 2026.

# 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 continues repairs on W. 140<sup>th</sup> 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.

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will host **Drawn to Follow the Road of Fire: Teilhard and Struggle with Kathleen Duffy, SSJ** from **Sunday, June 28 to Friday, July 3, 2026.**

## Thank you for your generous support!

<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	\$ 3,494.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 68.33
Bountiful Basement	\$ 690.34
Help the Needy	\$ 43.33
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Education	\$ 10.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 10.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 1,240.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> Clothing Giveaway and place in the UNUSABLE CLOTHING area.



## This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>SATURDAY, MAY 23</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 24</b>	
10:00am-10:45am	Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)
<b>MONDAY, MAY 25</b>	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 26</b>	
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	Parish Council (R Liv Rm)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Bell Choir Practice (CH)
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 27</b>	
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	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg (R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:30pm	NAMI (JC Lg)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Choir (CH)
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 28</b>	
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)
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 29</b>	
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 30</b>	
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31</b>	
10:00am-10:45am	Breaking Open The Word (R Lib)
11:00am-11:15am	CLW (CH)
12:15pm-2:00pm	Taize Prayer Practice (CH)

### Tai Chi Outdoors and New Summer Time

Beginning Wednesday, June 3 and continuing till the end of August, Tai Chi class will be held outdoors in the field. There will also be a new time: 7-8 pm. Bring a chair ... Excessive heat or storms means we will be in the parish basement on Wednesdays. Tai Chi Easy is good for the body and the mind! Join us and bring a friend! Contact Mike Reiling for more information at [mreilingllc@gmail.com](mailto:mreilingllc@gmail.com)

**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.}



## WORSHIP

<b>SATURDAY, MAY 23</b>	
4:00pm	John & Ethel Mickler (Kathy Mickler) Olivia Mae Cooper, First Communion
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
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)
<b>MONDAY, MAY 25</b>	
11:00am	All Souls at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 26</b>	
8:30am	Trudie Gall (Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 27</b>	
8:30am	Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 28</b>	
No Mass	
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 29</b>	
8:30am	Kathy Betz (The O'Neill Family)
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 30</b>	
4:00pm	All Souls
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9	2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18 (164)	
9:00am	Blessed Trinity
11:00am	Deacon Dick 40th Anniversary of Ordination

### WALK FOR HUNGER:

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Hunger will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> 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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**Eagle Scout Project.** Thank you to Puritas Nursery, Cleveland Lumber, and the Home Depot in Rocky River. These businesses supported my Eagle Scout Project for the community garden, and I want to show them the gratitude that they showed to me. Please shop at these stores for your future projects. Their support helped make 2 brand new garden beds and rebuild 2 others. Thank you to my volunteers and parish support. Owen Konjura, Troop 228.

*Advertiser of the Week:*  
**Nature's Way Day Care Center**