

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



MAY 31, 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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 25: To You, O Lord

Antiphon



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

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Reflections on 40 Years of Ministry

This Sunday, May 31, marks my 40th year Jubilee of Ordination to the Diaconate. It seems appropriate to reflect on what I've learned in that time. But first, I have to acknowledge and thank my soulmate Judy for standing by my side for 57 years and loving me unconditionally.

My first lesson came during Lent in 1980. I attended a talk by Deacon Dave Kinzel about this new office in the church called the Permanent Diaconate. As the weeks passed, I kept returning to what Dave said and the idea kept percolating in my head that perhaps I was called to this ministry. Add to this that my friends kept coming to me saying, "You should apply for the diaconate. You would make a good deacon."

The lesson from this experience is that God speaks to us in many different ways and through many different people. If you're waiting for a whisper in your ear telling you what your calling is, maybe you should listen to the people who know you best. God could be, and probably is, speaking through them.

The second experience happened about a year later. I was at the cathedral for an interview as part of the application process. Afterward, I was waiting at the corner for my wife to pick me up when I was approached by a homeless man asking for a handout. I ignored him.

About five minutes later, it struck me. Here I was wanting to be a minister in the church and I just told Jesus to take a hike. The lesson is that we have to be ready to recognize and welcome Jesus in whatever form he comes to us. This is a lesson I have never forgotten and that guides a large part of my ministry.

Third, during my studies and ever after, my wife and I have been part of a small group that gets together regularly to pray and reflect on how God is directing our lives. This group supported and guided us through the journey and continues to do so to this day. They celebrated our accomplishments and lifted us up in the difficult times.

Add to this the wonderful couples in our diaconate class. We also get together regularly to support one another in the hard times and celebrate the good times.

Community is critical to our well being and ability to serve. And that includes the fantastic community here at Blessed Trinity that never fails to support

and lift us up.

Fourth, our diaconate retreats were once held at hotels across the diocese. Someone once mentioned that it seemed odd to hold a retreat in such secular surroundings. That Sunday, the reading was from 2Kings, Chapter 5, the story of Naaman the leper. It concludes with Naaman taking sacks of dirt back to Syria so that he could worship Israel's god in his home country.

In discussing this reading with Deacon Jack Koch, we concluded that all ground is holy ground. The whole earth is holy ground and must be protected and managed with good stewardship. We can worship God just as well in a hotel as in a secluded retreat center. Besides, think of the witness we were giving the other guests in the hotel. That was the basis of my homily at the closing Mass.

In recent years, the challenge has been how to be hopeful in a dysfunctional world. A world where the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and there is little concern for those on the margins of society. In 2025, Pope Francis called for a year of hope, stating that "Hope does not disappoint."

Melanie Svoboda defines hope as taking a chance on God and the future. We hope because the alternatives are not very attractive -- despair, fear, anxiety, cynicism, pessimism, depression are losing propositions. We believe in the good news, not the bad news or the so-so news. God loves us, suffering has meaning, love is stronger than death. So, always have hope.

Finally, I've learned not to take myself too seriously. I'm not perfect. I'm not better than anyone else just because I'm ordained. I am able to laugh at myself. Just like all of you, I am trying to live a good life and bear witness to the Gospel. I'm still working on that goal.

God bless you all and thank you for your love and support.



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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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.

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!

Sunday, May 24	\$ 9,459.92
Haiti Missions	\$ 120.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 275.00
Help the Needy	\$ 15.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 5.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 10.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 1,655.00
Newman Campus Ministry	\$ 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 7th Clothing Giveaway and place in the UNUSABLE CLOTHING area.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, MAY 30

SUNDAY, MAY 31

10:00am-10:45am

11:00am-11:15am

12:15pm-2:00pm

MONDAY, JUN. 1

9:00am-10:30am

7:00pm-8:30pm

TUESDAY, JUN. 2

8:00am-8:30am

9:00am-11:00am

9:30am-12:00pm

10:30am-12:00pm

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 3

3:00pm-3:45pm

4:00pm-6:00pm

5:00pm-6:45pm

5:30pm-6:30pm

7:00pm-8:00pm

7:00pm-8:30pm

THURSDAY, JUN. 4

11:00am-12:30pm

7:15pm-8:45pm

FRIDAY, JUN. 5

SATURDAY, JUN. 6

SUNDAY, JUN. 7

10:00am-10:45am

12:30pm-2:00pm

Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

CLW (CH)

Taize Prayer Practice (CH)

Legion of Mary (CH)

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Novena (CH)

IDCC (JC Lg)

Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)

A.A. Meeting (RB)

Witness for Ukraine (Outdoors)

IDCC (JC Lg)

Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)

Mobile Pantry (Back Lot)

Tai Chi (FH)

NAMI (JC Lg)

A.A. Meeting (RB)

Stephen Ministers Peer Group (JC Lg)

Breaking Open The Word (R Lib)

Spring Clothing Giveaway (Back Lot)

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over. **Join us Monday, June 8, 7-8:30pm Westside Irish American Club.** 8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

Mindfulness, Faith & Mental Health: Attention, Compassion & the Presence of God

Join Deacon Andy Davis, PhD, LPCC-S for an engaging presentation exploring the relationship between mindfulness, Catholic Faith & mental health. Explore how mindfulness relates to anxiety, stress, recovery prayer & emotional well-being through the lens of both psychology and Catholic spirituality.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:00pm All Souls

SUNDAY, MAY 31 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

MONDAY, JUN. 1

11:00am All Souls at West Park Health Center

4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio

TUESDAY, JUN. 2

8:30am Blessed Trinity

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 3

8:30am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, JUN. 4

No Mass

FRIDAY, JUN. 5

8:30am All Souls

SATURDAY, JUN. 6

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, JUN. 7 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58 (167)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

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

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. The Mental Health Ministry at St. Ladislav (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) is teaming up with NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illnesses) to host a MHFA training on Tuesday, June 9, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Cost is \$40. Light lunch will be provided. This is not just for professionals; it's for caring individuals wanting to help those in crisis. Visit stladislav.org to register by June 2. Call Deacon John at 440-835-2300 with any questions.

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