

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



AUGUST 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

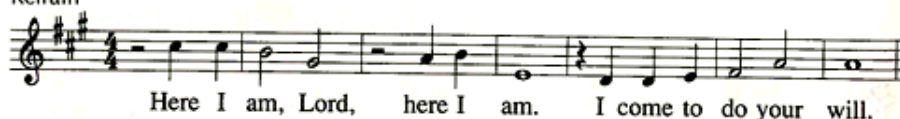
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



35 Psalm 40: Here I Am

Refrain



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What some other parishes are doing

About 20 members of St. Dominic Parish in Shaker Heights traveled to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama recently to visit Equal Justice Institute Legacy Sites. The pilgrimage provided educational opportunities that allowed the travelers to connect with Africans who were kidnapped then sold into slavery through displays, images and audio messages.

The group was part of the parish's Racial Equity Task Force, which evolved from a series of discussions about racism among a small group of parishioners in 2019. In 2020, parish-wide events were held and in order to continue the work, the task force was established formally in 2021. There are about 25 members who organize DEI activities to raise awareness and foster learning and interaction, including prayer services, education, multicultural celebrations and saint-of-the-month profiles.

Margaret Bernstein, task force communications chairperson, said its goal is "to establish a clear connection between our Catholic faith and the work of anti-racism, and to provide learning opportunities for our parishioners around issues of equity and inclusion."

The pilgrims visited the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Montgomery, where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. served as pastor 1954-1960, as well as the Dexter Parsonage, where he and his family lived. They prayed a Station of the Cross on the porch where dynamite exploded on Jan. 30, 1956, while Coretta Scott King and her infant daughter were inside.

The group then went traveled 54 miles west to Selma, traveling in the reverse direction of the historic 1965 voting rights marches. They heard from Diane Harris, who was a 15-year-old participant in the marches. She described the violence marchers faced and spoke about their courage, faith and commitment to non-violence.

The pilgrims prayed a Station of the Cross and drove to the western end of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the historic steel arch structure spanning the Alabama River, where they walked to the other side, following the path civil rights marchers took.

"As we made our way across, some of our delegation prayed, some sang songs, some walked arm-in-arm or alongside a partner and others ambled by themselves," said Meredith Manning, a co-founder

of St. Dominic's Racial Equity Task Force. She said she imagined the mix of emotions civil rights marchers might have felt.

Later, the Edmundite Missions, an organization that serves people living in poverty-stricken communities in the Deep South, hosted the group for dinner and discussed its work.

The pilgrims' final stop was the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, described as "the nation's first comprehensive memorial dedicated to the legacy of Black Americans who were enslaved, terrorized by lynching, humiliated by racial segregation and presumed guilty and dangerous." It includes more than 4,000 names engraved on more than 800 steel structures that hang from the ceiling and rise from the floor.

"As we walked underneath and among the structures, many of us were moved to quiet tears," said Father Tom Fanta, St. Dominic pastor.

"The trip was profound and I am so grateful to have experienced it in the company of fellow parishioners, with the enthusiastic support of our pastor and in the context of prayer, reflection, sharing and restorative truth-telling," Manning added.

St. Dominic hosted this year's diocesan Juneteenth celebration, presented by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries.



Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a **The Four Connections: How to Flourish by Aligning Our Beliefs, Body, Brain, and Bonds** with **Anne Kertz Kernion** from August 28 through August 30.

Anne Kertz Kernion uses current research to link spiritual practices to improved health. Through multimedia presentations based on insights from neuroscience, psychology, and ancient spiritual practices, we'll explore the physical, mental, cognitive, and spiritual dimensions of wellbeing and how they interconnect.

For more information on this program, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1077>



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Sacramental Preparation ages 7+ Do you know a youth who would like to be baptized or celebrate First Communion? Candidates must be a member of Blessed Trinity parish and attend a Catholic school or our PSR program. **Families must register for sacramental preparation sessions by Aug. 31.** Contact Katie Corbett.

kcorbett@blessedtrinitycleveland.org

Taize Prayer on August 23 at 7 pm

Join us for Taize Prayer on Sunday, August 23 at 7 pm at Centering Space in Lakewood. We will be outdoors or, if bad weather, in the Centering Space building at 14812 Lake Ave . A social follows. Bring a chair and bring a friend!

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, August 9	\$ 4,751.21
Haiti Missions	\$ 85.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 425.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 25.00
Education	\$ 10.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 3,605.00

Please pray for our sick:

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, Jenny Flynn, Joan Francis, Will Gibson, June Grace, Michael Graham, Louise J. Hall, Thomas Heim, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocesvar, Gail Iseli, Nicola Jandric, Annette Janetke, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Eileen Kelly, Helen Kollus, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Ralph & Judy Kobus, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Eileen McAndrew, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Matthew Rossman, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvatore, Betty Schmidt, Dottie Schultz, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard Stein, Sharon Tressel, Kathy Vasko, Tom Vasko, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, 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

Reminder: Weekday Masses, confessions, private prayer and Wednesday adoration have relocated from the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) to a temporary worship space across the street on the first floor of Cathedral Square Plaza, the diocesan offices, at 1404 E. Ninth St. during renovations to the cathedral. Work in the cathedral is expected to last for several months.

Times for weekday Masses remain unchanged at 7:15 a.m. and noon. The noon Mass will be livestreamed, as usual. Confessions will follow the 7:15 a.m. Mass and will continue until 8:15 a.m. Midday confessions will remain at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Only one confessor will be available midday and confessions will continue until all are heard.

Access to the temporary worship space is available beginning at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. Enter the building through the main door under the black awning.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word
10:00am-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize Music Practice (CH)

MONDAY, AUG. 17

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, AUG. 18

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)
6:00pm-7:00pm Prayer Group (R Liv Rm)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine (Outside)
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC Lg)
7:00pm-8:00pm Tai Chi (FH)

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

4:00pm Sr. Donna Wilhelm 25th Jubilee (CH)

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

10:00am-10:45pm Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, AUG. 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-1, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28 (118)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, AUG. 17

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

8:30am John Rafter (Catherine Rafter)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

8:30am Lavern Fuller (Bill & Family)

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

8:30am Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, AUG. 23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20 (121)

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Blessed Trinity

**SAVE THE DATE! BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND! New York Times Best Selling Author,
Immaculee Ilibagiza returns to Northeast Ohio on
Thursday, October 1, 2026. She will speak at St.
Francis of Assisi Church, 6850 Mayfield Rd.,
Gates Mills.**

*Immaculee will speak about Our Lady of Kibeho
in Rwanda, the only Vatican approved Marian
apparition in Africa. Come hear her share Our
Lady's messages and incredible real-life miracles.*

*For the month of August, the **Boun-
tiful Basement** could use canned,
prepared meals and plastic grocery
bags. Large shopping bags are
needed too.*



"What to do in the Moment" is a training presentation explaining what to do when a mental health emergency occurs. Participants will learn about: (1) How to respond in a crisis, (2) Crisis intervention training skills, and (3) Skills to use when making a call for help. Co-sponsored by the Diocesan Social Action Office of Lorain County and St. Julie Billiart and St. Peter Parishes, the event will be held on October 4, 2026 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Julie Billiart Parish, 5500 Lear Nagle Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039. For questions or to register, contact Terry Flanagan at tjpfan@gmail.com.

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 4th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by **Tuesday, September 1st** to make a reservation. Cost is \$15.00.

**Advertiser of the Week:
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