

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST 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

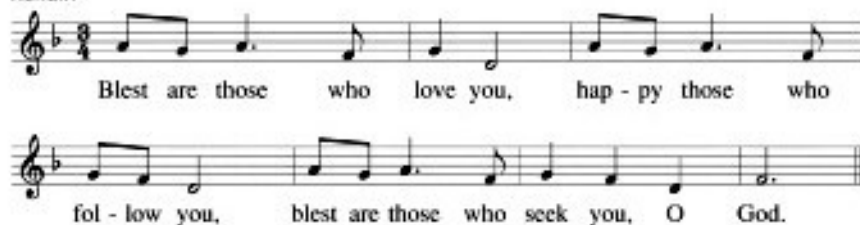
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



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What's Happening Around the Diocese

Networking is valuable. In other words, it's not what you know, it's who you know. A couple of flock notes ago, I mentioned that Andrew's house was now cleaned and sanitized and that Shawn and Vinny were getting ready to move in.

The timing has been a blessing. Vinny began clearing the porch of debris, and Shawn has spent the past three days painting. The place is starting to feel like a real, livable home. They'll work on the inside for a while before turning to the outside, which also needs a lot of cleanup.

Then there was the issue of furniture. How do I furnish this place. Mary Filipic turned me on to "I Am Ministry", an organization started by Deacon Lou Primozić that collects furniture, appliances, beds, dishes and other household items from people who are relocating and recycles them.

They have a team of volunteers who go out in big trucks and gather all these items. But that's not all. When I stopped in at the warehouse there were six or seven volunteers who were sanding and refurbishing dressers, end tables and other wooden items. They make every item look like brand new.

Shawn finished painting on Tuesday evening. The house looks beautiful inside. On Wednesday Vickie, Andrew's cousin, is having the floors covered in wood paneling on Wednesday and Thursday evening. On Thursday, Shawn and Vinny will be packing and gathering their things and on Friday morning, I will be loading up their stuff and delivering it to the house. On Friday at noon I am Ministry will be dropping off the furniture that they donated to Shawn and Vinny; a bed (mattress, box springs and frame), two dressers, two end tables, two chairs for each of their rooms, one floor lamp and two table lamps, two end tables, two night stands, a flat screen TV and a corner table.

The workers, who are definitely disciples. Could not have been nicer or more cooperative. We stopped for a moment to celebrate the birthdays of the month, to sing happy birthday and to eat cupcakes. There is a wonderful, palpable spirit of mission and community in the place.

Here is what I'm In Ministry says on its website. For more information you can google it yourself.

I'm In Ministry! makes the impossible possible by approaching every person we meet being non-judgmental, with respect, kindness, and always encouraging hope.

We serve people facing the most formidable life situations – the homeless, elderly and alone, children without basic needs to thrive, and the disabled – people in challenging circumstances outside of their control.

The Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Justin Bibb, submitted a letter to Founder and CEO of I'm In Ministry! Deacon Lou Primozić thanking him for the effort that the organization has done supporting those in need in our community. Donations placed in Cleveland neighborhoods support the city's program – A Home for Every Neighbor. This partnership with the city aims to end homelessness in our neighborhoods.



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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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 Janetzke, 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

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.

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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.

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday, August 16	\$ 10,230.72
Assumption of Mary	\$ 100.00
Haiti Missions	\$ 215.00
Bountiful Basement	\$ 635.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 50.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Memorials & Special Gifts	\$ 4,710.00
Help the Needy	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Faith & Values	\$ 5.00



This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, AUG. 22	
4:00pm	Sr. Donna Wilhelm 25th Jubilee (CH)
SUNDAY, AUG. 23	
10:00am-10:45am	Breaking Open the Word
MONDAY, AUG. 24	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary (CH)
TUESDAY, AUG. 25	
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	Centering Prayer Group (JC Lg)
6:30pm-8:00pm	Parish Council (R Liv Rm)
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26	
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)
7:00pm-8:30pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Mtg. (R Liv Rm)
THURSDAY, AUG. 27	
11:00am-12:30pm	A.A. Meeting (RB)
FRIDAY, AUG. 28	
SATURDAY, AUG. 29	
SUNDAY, AUG. 30	
10:00am-10:45pm	Breaking Open the Word (R Lib)

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 **Bountiful Basement** could use canned, prepared meals and plastic grocery bags. Large shopping bags are needed too.



WORSHIP

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	Trudie Gall & Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)
MONDAY, AUG. 24	
11:00am	All Souls at West Park Health Center 4401 West 150th, Cleveland, Ohio
TUESDAY, AUG. 25	
8:30am	Blessed Trinity
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26	
8:30am	Trudie Gall & Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)
THURSDAY, AUG. 27	
	No Mass
FRIDAY, AUG. 28	
8:30am	Trudie Gall & Henry Reitingger, Jr. (Family)
SATURDAY, AUG. 29	
4:00pm	Bernie Sprenger (Family)
SUNDAY, AUG. 30 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Jer 20:7-9	Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27(124)
9:00am	Ernesto & Luisa Cacho (The Samonte Family)
11:00am	Loretta Rafter (Catherine Rafter)

“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 tjpflan@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.

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