

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Blessed Trinity

## All Are Welcome



**AUGUST 9, 2026**

**NINETEENTH 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 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us 32



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It's August!

A while back someone described the four seasons in Cleveland as before winter, the winter season, after winter and orange barrel season. Right now, we are in the midst of orange barrel season and it is affecting us and all the schools along W. 140 St. of which there are four, five if you count Bard Early College on Terminal Ave.

I have no idea when construction will be completed but it appears it will not be any time soon. In addition, traffic patterns may change along the way. When they do, the police are out in full force ticketing drivers. Certainly, on Wednesdays when the Bountiful Basement is open and when mobile pantry is in progress, traffic will be an issue. Be sure to drive cautiously and be patient. Expect delays.

I was talking to David Wilson after Mass last week, maybe it was before Mass. Anyway, he told me his son James is going to be a freshman this year at Rocky River High School. Where did the time go? Didn't we just celebrate his first communion last year? Anyway, school starts in late August but football practice and marching band practice have already begun. When I was growing up, school started after Labor Day. It also went until mid-June. Times have changed.

This reminds me of our "church calendar". The summer months are quieter times, although many prayer groups continued to meet, the Bountiful Basement did a brisk business, mobile pantry was open and of course, we had Masses as usual. August is the time when planning is done for the fall. Make out church calendar part of your planning ahead, too.

Bible study will resume in the fall.

Is anyone interested in becoming Catholic? OCIA Classes will resume in October.

Sacramental preparation will begin for Confirmation and PSR classes soon. Be sure to register for these programs online or pick up a registration form on the back table in church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00am Mass will resume in September as well.

On August 22, we help Sr. Donna Wilhelm celebrate her silver jubilee beginning with Mass at 4:00pm followed by a potluck.

August means peaches will be ripe. September means lots of apples, persimmons and pears will be ripe on the trees, ready to be picked. Paw paws will be ready in October as well as the loofahs. Disciples are needed to pick fruit any time from Sunday through Wednesday. Brian or I can show you how to determine if the fruit is ripe for picking or not. This could be a fun family activity or just a quiet time for meditation on God's creation and the fruits of the earth and the preservation of our planet.

We may have another book study this fall. So far we have had three and they have been well received. I'm looking for a good book for that and I'll consult Laura Fibbi about it as well.

Wilhelmy Florist has closed. That means we'll have to get an Advent candle stand since we can no longer get our old wreath decorated. The cheapest new one I found was \$1,200. I stopped at Heninger's Religious Goods to see what they had. They had two of them. Both were only \$250. I'll pick it up next week.

Birchwood School begins Aug 18. That means access to the back parking lot where the recycle bins, the community garden and edible forests will be closed until 4:00pm on weekdays. Also, those participating in the Bountiful Basement or mobile pantry will have limited parking, especially on Tuesday when we have AA meetings in the rectory.



### The Wait is Over — FEST 2026 is Almost Here!

Next Saturday, August 15, thousands of people from across our Diocese (and beyond!) will gather for one incredible day of faith, family and fun – The FEST. It's a day to celebrate and reflect on all the Blessings of God in our lives, homes and community. Join us at ForeFront Field in Avon, Ohio.

Enjoy spectacular performances by award-winning Christian artists CAIN, Matt Maher, and Riley Clemmons. In addition, you will find opportunities for prayer throughout the day, family activities, great food, and our beautiful outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 8pm. The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks display that is sure to leave you filled with a spirit of joy and hope!!! National Catholic composer and song leader, Steve Angrisano, will lead the music for the Mass. National Catholic presenter, Joe Melendrez, will help open and MC this year's FEST. It's going to be an incredible day of faith and inspiration for all ages.

Bring your family. Invite your friends. Come celebrate your faith with thousands of others from across our region. It's the highlight of the summer – it's a perfect family day – it's The FEST. ForeFront Field is easy, convenient, safe and designed for events like The FEST. Tickets are \$10 per person (scholarships are available). For tickets, and all the details to help you plan your day at The FEST, go to: visit [www.TheFEST.us](http://www.TheFEST.us).



## 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.



Jesuit Retreat  
Center

Spend a prayerful weekend (October 2nd to 4th) reflecting on the life and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi and his profound conversion to Jesus Christ on the 800th Anniversary of his death.

Themes to be addressed: his growing reverence for all creation and rapid growth of followers in the Lord, his commitment to dialogue, non-violence, and peace-making, and the Franciscan Way. The weekend will be conducted in prayerful silence after each talk. Weekend includes topical talks, liturgy, adoration, meals, and optional group sharing session. Learn more and register at:

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>

### Thank you for your generous support!

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| <b>Sunday, August 2</b>     | \$ 5,266.00 |
| Assumption of Mary          | \$ 85.00    |
| Haiti Missions              | \$ 470.00   |
| Bountiful Basement          | \$ 784.00   |
| Help the Needy              | \$ 200.00   |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | \$ 50.00    |
| Capital Improvements        | \$ 115.00   |
| Education                   | \$ 10.00    |
| Pastoral Ministry           | \$ 100.00   |
| Memorials & Special Gifts   | \$ 915.00   |

### 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 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, Liz Rosa, Mary Salmon, 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. 8**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 9**

10:00am-10:45am Breaking Open the Word  
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH)

**MONDAY, AUG. 10**

9:00am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)

**TUESDAY, AUG. 11**

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)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12**

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. 13**

11:00am-12:30pm A.A. Meeting (RB)

**FRIDAY, AUG. 14**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 15**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 16**

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

### **THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST** **For Adults 40 & Over**

**Join us Monday, Aug. 10, 7 – 8:30pm**

#### **Westside Irish American Club**

8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.

#### *An Evening of Reflection:*

In March, we briefly introduced the Ignatian prayer known as *The Examen*. This evening, we'll take a deeper look at this meaningful prayer and experience it firsthand through guided practice with Mary Pat Frey, Pastoral Associate at Divine Word Catholic Church.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:**

[www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com).

Doors open at 6:30pm.

*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. 8**

4:00pm Blessed Trinity

**SUNDAY, AUG. 9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33 (115)  
9:00am Ron Mickler, Sr. (Kathy Mickler)  
11:00am Bill & Vernie Gales (Kathy Mickler)

**MONDAY, AUG. 10**

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

**TUESDAY, AUG. 11**

8:30am Carl & Lillian Meenan (Kathy Mickler)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**THURSDAY, AUG. 13**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, AUG. 14**

8:30am Blessed Trinity

**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

**The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on Sunday, August 16th. In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm.** In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday this month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Suzi at 216-930-4866 or visit <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>.

Topics for the August 2026 meeting are Seasons and Types of Grief, and Returning to Work.

**In-Person Locations (Main Office Buildings):**

• Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road

**Virtual – Please register at** <https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. Handouts for the meeting will be available when you register online.

#### **July CPO Raffle Winners**

Laura McCarthy ... Anna Marie Parker .....  
Jean Plato ... Pat Thacker... Maria Klemens

**Advertiser of the Week:**  
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