

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



PURITAS

September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9 am - 8 pm

Thursday, Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:00 pm)

Saturday: 1 - 3:45 pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm

Sunday: 9 am and 11 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 11 am

Monday: See Worship Calendar for
time & location

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Any time by appointment

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 of the everyday life of their church, especially Spiritual Growth, Community Life, the Building of a Just Society, and Service to All God's People.



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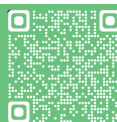


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FROM THE DESK OF FR. DOUG

We priests have a saying for when you leave a parish. "Ten percent of the people hate to see you go, ten percent of the people are glad to see you go, and eighty percent of the people want to know who the new guy is."

As I approach retirement at the end of the month, I am reminded of two things. The first is the saying above. That saying may not hold much water anymore because there may not even be a new guy. We went through the merger of parishes 16 years ago. Even in the best of situations, that was not a pleasant experience. You've probably not paid much attention to the priest shortage because it hasn't touched your life after that. Let's hope there is a priest that is available to come here. If not, you'll have to adjust.

Things will be different for sure. A new person, whether part-time or full-time, will have his own ideas, his own way of doing things and his own style. The Mass schedule may change. Some programs may be discontinued. But new ones will start up too.

I remember when I could no longer sing the water blessing at baptism. I knew that was a special ritual moment because shortly after I would start singing it, people would take out their phones and start recording.

Now Deacon Dick does the blessing of water at baptisms with an assist from his wife, Judy. It's not better or worse. It is just different. It is beautiful. That will be true of so many other changes.

The second saying I thought of is "The Messiah has come and gone and it's not me." It will not be the new guy either. Give him time, say, six months or so for him to get used to you and vice versa.

When I came to Ascension the few months before we merged, someone would always greet me with "Fr. Joe always said this" or "Fr. Joe always did this." Please do not torture the new person with what Fr. Doug used to say or do. I assure you he won't be interested.

Some have asked if I'll still be writing flock notes. The answer is "no". This is what retirement means. I will no longer be your pastor. You will not be my flock. If the new person wants to write flock notes, he will. But maybe he won't. Things will be different.

I will be living at Ascension Village. For the last 30 years of my life, I have lived in the West Park area of Cleveland. It made sense to stay close to home. All my friends are nearby, as well as my dentist, my doctor, my cardiologist, my pulmonologist, etc. And Virgil.

When I told some people that they said, "Great! You can keep saying Masses". No. I will be retired. In fact, I will be making myself scarce around here to give the new person his space.

I look forward to keeping off my feet as much as possible. Maybe that will help my legs and lungs heal a little.

I will miss our beautiful liturgies, especially the way all of you participate by your singing. There is a great family spirit here that does not depend on me. Keep up the good work.

Finally there will be no farewell party. I talked to Katie and she told me how much she enjoyed the little notes that you wrote when she retired. I'd ask the same of you. Instead of a farewell, if you want to write me a note about how I brought you closer to Jesus, touched your life, gave you hope or taught you something, those notes I would treasure deeply.

PERFECT SCORE

The health inspector came out last week and Brian showed him around the kitchen and cooler and freezer. He told Brian "This is only the fifth time in 25 years of doing inspections that someone got a perfect score!" Congratulations, Brian, and kudos to the guy who hired you.

GIVE INPUT ABOUT OUR NEXT PASTOR BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

The Diocese has provided a survey to gather what our community would like to see in our next pastor. To reach the survey, scan this code or go to the parish website: www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org and click the blue button. If you prefer a paper copy, they are on the table near the main door of the Church.



THANK YOU

for your generous support!

Sunday, September 6	\$ 6,477.46
Bountiful Basement	\$ 950.00
Help the Needy	\$ 25.00
SVDP	\$ 50.00
Cap. Improvements	\$ 10.00
Memorials/Specials	\$ 2,570.00

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, September 13th from Noon—1 pm, in Fogarty Hall. All are welcome. Come enjoy a free meal and wonderful hospitality!

BOUNTIFUL BASEMENT

Please help with canned vegetables (mainly green beans and corn), canned fruit (except applesauce), and spaghetti noodles. Large shopping bags are ALWAYS needed. You can bring them up as part of the Offertory at Mass or leave them at the back doors of the Church if carrying them forward is too difficult.

AUGUST GIFT CARD WINNERS

Nancy Butler
Mary K. Pescho
Jeannette Reiman
Don Thomas
Diane Vertal

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
Nature's Way Day Care Center



STEPHEN MINISTRY GROWS

Cassandra Robertson joins the Stephen Ministry Leaders this weekend as she is commissioned at the 9 am liturgy. Thank you in advance for your service and to all the ministers who assist our people in their times of need.

TAIZE PRAYER FOR PEACE

Our annual Taize Prayer for Peace will be Sunday, September 20 at 6:30 pm (new time) in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph Center at 3430 Rocky River Drive. Join our meditation prayer gathering as we pray for peace in the hearts and minds of all people!

VOTER REGISTRATION

Following September Masses, we will have voter registration forms at the main entrance of the church not only to provide the opportunity to register, but also update name and address changes. Peace and Justice members will be there to assist.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our guest speaker for the Holy Name meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm at the Joseph Center, will be Sister Jeanne Thurin. She is doing a MIME to scripture, using body movements and facial expressions instead of speech. All of us, women and men, are welcome.

WHY IS THE BULLETIN DIFFERENT?

What do all those letters mean on the calendar and in the What's Happening This Week section of the bulletin? Now you know!

Ch: Church JC1: Joseph Center 1st Floor
EF: Edible Forest RB: Rectory Basement
FH: Fogarty Hall RLb: Rectory Library
JCB: Joseph Center RLv: Rectory Living Room
Basement

WE REMEMBER

On Friday, we marked the 25th anniversary of the devastation of 9/11/01. Please take some time to stop at our 9/11 memorial to pray for all who were impacted by this terrible tragedy.



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.



PRAY FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

- 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 & Kathy Grega



WORSHIP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4 pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 24th Sun. in Ord. Time

Sir 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

9 am Marilyn & Paul Jindra (Raffay & Jindra Fam.)

11 am John & Ann Rafter (Catherine Rafter)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

11 am All Souls at West Park Health Center
4401 West 150th Street, Cleveland

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 am Joanne Carlson & Family (Kathy Mickler)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 am Blessed Trinity

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 am All Souls

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4 pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 25th Sun. in Ord. Time

Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

9 am Blessed Trinity

11 am Blessed Trinity



THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30-11 am

Ragamuffin Faith Sh (RLv)

5-8 pm

Music Min. Potluck (JC1)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10-10:45 am

Breaking Open the Word (RLb)

11-11:15 am

Children's Lit. of Word (Ch)

Noon-1 pm

Community Meal (FH)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9-10:30 am

Legion of Mary (Ch)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8-8:30 am

Novena (Ch)

9-11 am

IDCC (JC1)

9:30 am-Noon

Bountiful Basement (JCB)

10:30 am-Noon

A.A. Meeting (RB)

6-7 pm

Prayer Group (RLv)

6-8 pm

Bell Choir Practice (Ch)

6:30-9:30 pm

Holy Name Society (JC1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

3-3:45 pm

Witness for Ukraine (Outside)

4-6 pm

IDCC (JC1)

5-6:45 pm

Bountiful Basement (JCB)

7-9 pm

Choir Practice (Ch)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11-12:30 pm

A.A. Meeting (RB)

6-8 pm

Bell Choir Practice (Ch)

7-8:30 pm

Women's Faith Sharing (JC1)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10-10:45 am

Breaking Open the Word (RLb)

10 am-1 pm

Coffee & Donuts (FH)

11-11:15 am

Children's Lit. of the Word (Ch)



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