

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome



PURITAS

October 11, 2026

28<sup>th</sup> 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.

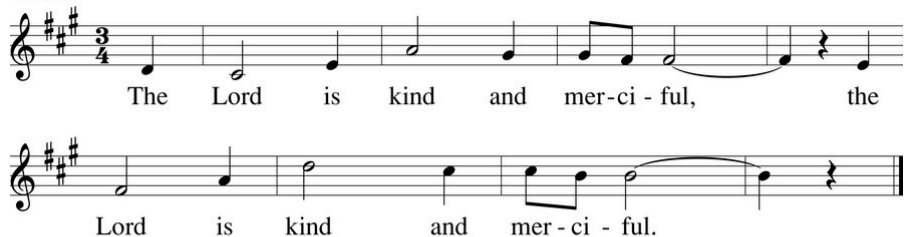


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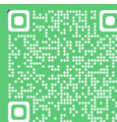
## Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain



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## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DOUG

"Hey, aren't your feet cold?"

If I had a dollar for every time someone asked me that, I could have retired long ago. As most of you know, I wear sandals to remind me of the homeless, the hungry and the poor. Yes, my feet get cold. That's the point. It reminds me to be mindful of them, to pray for them and to do something about it. Some people wear crosses. Some carry rosaries in their pocket. I wear sandals.

When the parish council suggested that I write a reflection about my time here, I thought of the many ways you took to heart Jesus' message to care for the poor and marginalized in our society. These were ministries that I would never have even thought of on my own.

Shortly after our parish opened, Ed and Cas Robertson approached me about having a monthly community meal. We talked about what we needed, how many disciples, how to fund it, when to have it and so on. Within a few weeks, we were serving a monthly hot meal because someone wanted to live out their baptismal call of service.

After being open a few years, Margie Pavone and others approached me about Stephen Ministry. Again, we discussed how to begin, how to fund it and where to go for training. Before long, four people went to Pennsylvania for training. From there, disciples were invited to come forward and minister as caregivers. This program is now in its eighth year.

Three years ago, Mark Constantine asked if we could have a classic car show. I sat down with Mark and another gentleman and we talked about what we had to do. Basically, all we had to do was find a date and get some trophies. Meanwhile I approached the Men's Ministry and the Community meal people. Community meal agreed that we could do it on the second Sunday of the month. Men's Ministry agreed to make it a cookout. That meant shopping, setting up tables and chairs, grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and accouterments, getting the trophies and cleanup afterwards.

Someone suggested knitting prayer shawls for those who were to be anointed. A group of disciples signed up and did that. Each shawl was labeled with a prayer card from the people of Blessed Trinity.

When Night of the Races became too labor intensive, someone came up with the idea of having a Reverse Raffle instead. John Deighton took the lead organizing it.

He gathered some parishioners to run it. He contacted the catering company and arranged everything. It has been a great success and a good time.

Carolyn Simmonds had the idea of having a community garden. But I thought, "Why stop there? We have all that land going to waste and Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, invited us to care for our planet. Before long we had 106 fruit trees and 40 raised beds used by parishioners and neighbors alike. We also had land for refugees from Nepal and the Congo who have planted in the field.

Having begun that, disciples went to Rocky River Reservation to learn about bee keeping. Begun by Karin Wishner and now headed up by Teresa Andreni, we now have an apiary that not only pollinates the fruit trees but produces honey and lip balm for us to sell. The beekeeper team is awesome.

In addition to the apiary, Shelley Mack created a natural habitat flower garden that attracts other pollinators besides honeybees.

Our Peace and Justice committee has gotten the parish involved in many social justice issues by encouraging us to sign letters, make phone calls and live out our baptismal call to bring about the Beloved Community of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke so eloquently.

Eileen Kelly from St. Colman contacted me about the ID Crisis Collaborative. When calling 211, the most often asked question was "Where can I get an ID?" There was no location near us so we began that program. Disciples stepped up to be trained for this.

The Legion of Mary resurrected May Crowning. The first two celebrations were met with great joy.

Our community reaches out to lead Taize prayer each month at Centering Space or CSJ chapel.

All of these ministries began without me. I am so pleased that you have taken seriously the fact that "We are the church". I think my greatest gift to you has been to celebrate your gifts, your creativity, your experience and your wisdom which flows from your baptism. As for me, my mantra has always been Luke 17:9-10. "Does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do?" Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are undeserving servants. We have simply done our duty.'



### *Question of the Week*

How do I prepare myself to meet Jesus?

A full resource guide is available on the website or at the back table in Church.

**THANK YOU**

for your generous support!

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| Sunday, October 4    | \$6,111.00 |
| All Saints Day       | \$ 10.00   |
| All Souls Day        | \$ 10.00   |
| Haiti Missions       | \$ 163.33  |
| Bountiful Basement   | \$ 248.34  |
| Help the Needy       | \$ 13.33   |
| St. Vincent dePaul   | \$ 50.00   |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 15.00   |
| Memorials/Specials   | \$1,195.00 |
| Blanket Sunday       | \$ 515.00  |

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to our gift card buyer's  
raffle winners!

Katie Corbett  
Janet Dubas  
Evelyn Nodge  
Laura Sonby  
Don Thomas

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**  
*Chambers Funeral Homes***UPDATES  
WEEKLY**

New information is  
always being added  
to our webpage.

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to access it either! Just visit  
[www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org](http://www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org).



**Bountiful  
Basement  
needs bags.  
Please help.**

**HOPE FOR CREATION WALK**

It is not too late to join this  
2.2 mile walk on Sunday,  
October 11 from 2 to 4 pm.  
Scan the code for  
information and to register.

**HOLY NAME MEETING**

Our Holy Name guest speaker on Tuesday,  
October 20th, is Jill Stewart with Stella Maris Inc.,  
working with people with addictions. This will take place at the Joseph  
Center with doors opening at 7pm. All are welcome, women and men.

**ROSARY**

The Legion of Mary invites you to pray the  
rosary on Saturday October 24th in the Church  
following the 4 pm Mass. Bring your own rosary  
or borrow one of ours. Prayer guides will be  
provided as we meditate on the Joyful Mysteries  
of this beloved prayer.

**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Marty Amos is scheduled to administer  
the sacrament of Confirmation for our parish  
members on June 5, 2027 at 4:00 pm Mass at St.  
Leo the Great parish.

An individual must be ages 13 to 16 or an adult  
and formed for the reception of the sacrament.

Each person chooses a sponsor who may be a baptismal godparent  
of the child or another adult over the age of sixteen who has received  
all the sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church (Baptism,  
Confirmation, Eucharist / First Communion); if married, the sponsor  
must be validly married in the Catholic Church. Pray about whether  
this is the time for you or your child to receive this sacrament.  
Registration will begin next week.

**CRAFT FAIR**

Many hands are needed for a successful craft  
fair on November 1. You can sign up to help on  
October 31<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> at the back table  
by the doors of the Church or click the menu  
item at [www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org](http://www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org)

**DO YOU HAVE CRAFTS TO SELL?**

Tables are still available for the bargain price of  
\$30. Registration forms are available in the parish  
office.

**Questions?**

**Call Lisa McAvinue at 216.433.1518**





## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

DeAnna Behring, Mary Ann Bowers, Charlene Boyer, Adele Burke, Gladys Castro, Jonathon 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 Hocevar, Dee Ialacci, Gail Iseli, Nicola Jandric, Annette Janetzke, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Eileen Kelly, Helen Kollus, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Ralph & Judy Kobus, Karen Kraus, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Eileen McAndrew, Margaret McMahon, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Jerry Masek, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Steven Povlis, Jose Rivera, Matthew Rossman, Donna Safreed, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvatore, Betty Schmidt, Dottie Schultz, Catherine Sesztak, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard Stein, Sharon Tressel, 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, OCTOBER 10

4 pm Ron Mickler, Sr. (Kathy Mickler)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 28<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time

Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14a

9 am Blessed Trinity

11 am Robert Lengyl & Scott Eidam  
(Katie Corbett)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

11 am All Souls at West Park Health Center  
4401 West 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am Blessed Trinity

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 am Lou Pastura (Terri Pastura)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 No Mass

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 No Mass

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4 pm Blessed Trinity

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 29<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

9 am Blessed Trinity

11 am Blessed Trinity



## THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

10 am

Buckeye Making for Craft Fair (JC1)

5:15 pm

The Chosen Season 6 Ep. 1 (Ch)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9-10:45 am

Cat. of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

10-10:45 am

Breaking Open the Word (RLb)

11:15-11:30 am

Children's Lit. of the Word (Ch)

Noon-1 pm

Community Meal (FH)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9-10:30 am

Legion of Mary (Ch)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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)

6-8 pm

Bell Choir Practice (Ch)

6:30-8 pm

Centering Prayer Group (JC1)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

4-6 pm

IDCC (JC1)

5-6:45 pm

Bountiful Basement (JCB)

7-8:30 pm

LGBTQ Faith Sharing (RLv)

7-9 pm

Choir Practice (Ch)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

10-11 am

Tai Chi (JC1)

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, OCTOBER 16

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9-10:45 am

Cat. of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

10-10:45 am

Breaking Open the Word (RLb)

10 am-1 pm

Coffee & Doughnuts (FH)

11:15-11:30 am

Children's Lit. of the Word (Ch)



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