CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessed Trinity

All Are Welcome

W.140 PURITAS

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

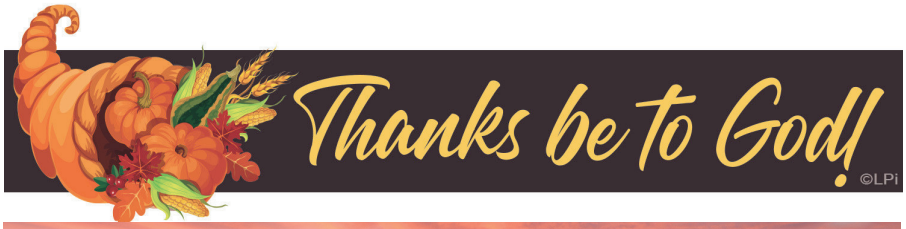
Any time by appointment

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.

Visit us on Facebook

Please join us for Mass at 9:30 am Thanksgiving Day.

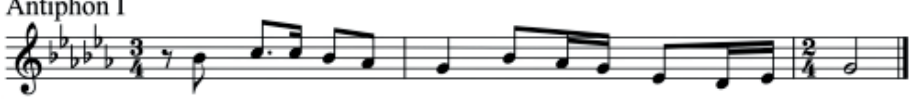




"'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

Psalm 23: My *Shepherd* Is the Lord

Antiphon I



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MUSINGS FROM FR. DAN

Last Thursday, the Church celebrated the feast day of St. Josaphat, who was martyred in 1623 in what is today the country of Belarus, bordering Russia. I mention this because he was a bishop in the Eastern Catholic Church. Like us, he belonged to the universal Catholic Church, which is governed by the Bishop of Rome (the pope). However, the Catholic Church is much broader than you might think, for it includes other churches that follow different rites at Mass and in other liturgical celebrations.

The Eastern Catholic Churches consist of 23 particular churches. You and I, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, practice the Latin rite. These Eastern Catholic Churches all accept the primacy of the pope. Each has its own rite and its own head, called a patriarch, archbishop, or metropolitan. Some of these churches are the Melkite, Chaldean, Maronite (all three Middle Eastern), Byzantine Ruthenian (Eastern Europe), Byzantine Ukrainian, Armenian, Malabarese (India), Coptic (Egypt), and Romanian. You've probably seen churches in our area that belong to some of these rites.

Once upon a time, the divisions in Christianity that we take for granted didn't exist. Sadly, in 1054, the Great Schism befell the Church. Longstanding tensions between the Latin Church in the West and the Greek Church in the East led to their divorce. This was the birth of what we call the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. Then, 500 years later, Roman Catholics suffered the Protestant Reformation, which saw many breaking away from Rome to establish what have since become numerous Protestant churches.



During St. Josaphat's childhood, some Orthodox bishops in Eastern Europe chose, for a variety of reasons, to join themselves to Rome once again. When he was a young man, he left the Orthodox Church for the Catholic Church, later being ordained a priest in the Eastern Catholic Church and then a bishop. Violence erupted between Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox faithful, and St. Josaphat was martyred in the course of it.

It's worth our while to learn about our Eastern Catholic partners in the Catholic faith. You likely have driven past their churches in the Cleveland area. I encourage you to attend their liturgy, which is different from ours in many ways. Since they are in union with Rome, receiving communion at their Mass is fine, unlike with our Protestant brothers and sisters.

Let us pray that one day the sad divisions within Christianity may be healed. This is the work of what is known as ecumenism, something the Catholic Church has been working at diligently since the Second Vatican Council. St. Paul in his letters often stresses the importance of unity among those who follow Jesus, for we all belong to the same body. What great things all of us Christians can accomplish when we work together in love!

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Starting November 30, Mike Reiling is offering a 6 session program on Monday nights for reflective writing about the holiday season. Information is on the table near the main doors.

GROWING IN FAITH Together

Question of the Week

Visit the imprisoned - someone who is homebound - emotionally challenged - actually incarcerated - bring Christ's light.

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

THANK YOU
for your generous support!

Sunday, November 8	$4,378.94
All Saints Day	$ 215.00
All Souls Day	$ 150.00
Haiti Missions	$ 23.33
Bountiful Basement	$1,108.34
Help the Needy	$ 18.33
Capital Improvements	$ 60.00
Pastoral Ministry	$ 5.00
Memorials/Specials	$1,475.00
Human Development	$ 75.00

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
West Park
Health Care Campus

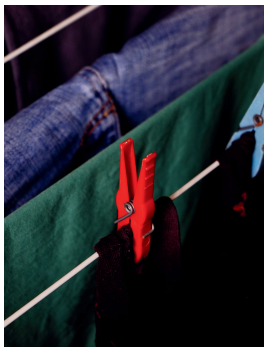
ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS

We are in need of disciples to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of Mass each weekend from November 28 to December 20. Requirement: be tall enough to reach the candles! Seriously, families or single folks are invited to participate. Sign up at the table near the main doors.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Printing schedules change during the holidays. Note these deadlines if you plan to place articles in the bulletin through year-end. Be aware that articles are subject to editing for space reasons. Send your Items to bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org.

Bulletin of :	Deadline :
December 5/6	November 30
December 12/13	December 4
December 19/20	December 11
December 26/27	December 17
January 2/3	December 23



WINTER ITEMS NEEDED

The Peace and Justice Committee will once again begin collecting winter apparel items for the clothesline on West 140th Street at the bus stop across the street from the library. Clothes baskets will be placed at Church entrances for donations of hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory. Collection begins this weekend of November 21 and 22. Thank you so much!



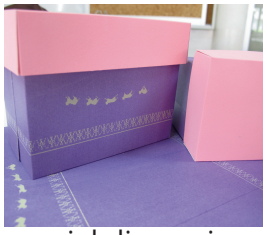
HOME ADVENT WREATH

Did you know that the lighting of the Advent Wreath is not just a Sunday event? The tradition of the wreath includes a daily home lighting activity. Resources for this prayer activity are available on our website.

If you need a wreath or replacement candles, you can find them locally at Heninger's Religious Goods or Michaels Craft Stores. Or make it a win-win and buy an Amazon Gift Card at Blessed Trinity and order your candles from Amazon with it!

MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

One of our parish sons is heading to El Salvador to help out. He has requested assistance gathering the needed supplies. The list is on the back table, on our website, and available by scanning this QR code. Bring items to the narthex by December 5.



DECORATE A BOX

The Liturgy Committee is inviting you to add a special touch to Advent. Our community has a weekly collection for particular charities during the season. Disciples will be invited to come forward and place their donations in a separate collection at weekend Masses. This highlights the special dimension of this activity, visibly showing our people in action, and assists the collection counters in tallying the donations.

So we need a collection receptacle each week. Could you decorate a box where contributions could be dropped through a slot? It would be a great family activity! The drop-in slot is the only requirement - it could be simple or festive, feature children's art, focus on the week's charity (see enclosed flyer), etc. Sign up at the table near the main doors.



PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

The Children of Light is a group of four, 2nd grade youth, who are preparing for First Eucharist. An important component of the Children of Light program is the parish connection. Contact Katie at kcorbett@blessedtrinitycleveland.org if you would be willing to "adopt" a Children of Light family with prayer during their sacramental preparation period.

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, Ron Sonby, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Richard Stein, Sharon Tressel, David Ward, 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
- Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob & Kathy Grega

If you have a prayer request, please contact Teresa Riedel at tntriedel@sbcglobal.net. To place a name in the bulletin, call the parish or email bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org.

WORSHIP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
4 pm Blessed Trinity

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 Christ the King
EZ 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46
9 am Blessed Trinity
11 am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 *No Mass*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:30 am All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 *No Mass*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
9:30 am Blessed Trinity

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
8:30 am Laverne Fuller Bill and Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
4 pm Clark-Barnett Family Kathy Mickler

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
9 am Blessed Trinity
11 am Nassim Lynch Corinne Lynch

THIS WEEK AT BLESSED TRINITY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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))
12-1:30 pm	Reconciliation Prep (Atrium)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9-10:30 am	Legion of Mary (Ch)
7-8 pm	Finance Council (JC1)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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)
6:30-8:00 pm	Centering Prayer Group (JC1)
6:30-8:00 pm	Parish Council (RLr)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

4-6 pm	IDCC (JC1)
5-6:45 pm	Bountiful Basement (JCB)
7-8:30 pm	~~LGBTQ Faith Sharing (RLr)~~ CANCELLED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK
7-8:30 pm	Choir Practice (Ch)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Office Closed *Happy Thanksgiving*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9-10:45 am	~~Cat. of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)~~ CANCELLED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK
10-10:45 am	Breaking Open the Word (RLb)
11:15-11:30 am	Children's Lit. of the Word (Ch)

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