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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 12:30–1:00 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

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Other times by appointment

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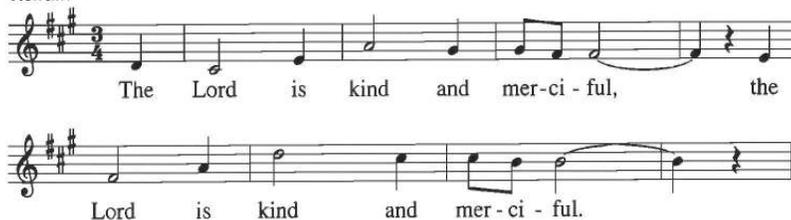
Blessed Trinity Parish is an open and welcoming Catholic community, centered in the Eucharist and celebrating God's gift of Diversity. We bring God's love to one another and support one another in responding to the challenge of living the Gospel. We strive to deepen participation and encourage all parishioners 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.



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Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain



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FROM FR. DOUG'S DESK

I found this article by Heidi Schlumpf. It sounded so much like our parish that I had to reprint it in its entirety. We are not alone. She writes:

Your Dad and I stood proudly behind you as you received the body of Christ for the first time Saturday. You looked so serious, in your thrifted blue blazer and Grandpa's tie. After you sipped from the wine, your nose wrinkled, as if to say, "Yuck!" But on the way back to your pew, you smiled and gave a fist pump of celebration. Earlier, you had been so excited you were bouncing in your seat, whispering, "I can't wait!"

Oh, that you could be that excited about your faith for the rest of your life. That would be my fervent hope and prayer for you, though I worry it may not always be all smiles and fist pumps. For you, my first child, are a questioning one -- kind of like your mama. Later on your first Communion day, you wondered to me: "Maybe now that I'm closer to God, I won't be so skeptical."

Skepticism has been your part of your religious outlook since you were old enough to talk. You have a lot of strong opinions about, well, about everything -- so I shouldn't have been surprised that includes God. Still, it took me aback when, as a 5-year-old, you asserted that you weren't sure if you believed in God.

It also shocked your first-grade religious education teacher when you announced to the entire class that clearly God had not created the world. "Haven't you heard of the Big Bang theory?" you asked. This earned me a meeting with the director of religious education, who wondered if perhaps you weren't a bit "advanced" and might benefit from home instruction.

I convinced her that what you needed was not more time with your parents, but rather a wider community to support you both in your faith and in your doubts. I am so grateful our parish provides that, with its "here comes everybody" conglomeration of folks trying to live out Jesus' commandments to love God and love one another.

I'm grateful for the associate pastor who always remembers you with a gift for Lunar New Year, for the Pentecost drum corps leader who invites you to join with your sticks and toy drum, and for the adoptive families group that welcomed you when you first joined our family. I'm also grateful for all the people in the pews -- liberal nuns and former nuns sitting next to LGBT couples and families; the African immigrants next to former priests and former seminarians; widows and widowers who have lived in the parish for decades next to women and married men with calls to the priesthood that cannot be answered.

I suspect that many of them have struggled with doubt and unbelief, too. Their presence says the church is not just for people who have faith all figured out.

They -- and I -- come back week after week for the body of Christ so we can be the body of Christ in the world. Without that sustenance, both from one another and from the Eucharist, we would spiritually starve. The Catholic church, while not perfect, feeds us.

As someone who loves to cook, you, of all people, understand the importance of feeding and being fed. As a toddler, all you wanted was milk and cheese, but now you are one of the world's most adventurous 8-year-old eaters. Sushi? Yes! Roasted Brussels sprouts? One of your faves. The other day I caught you making crème brûlée.

It's not surprising that you agreed with me that the bread (not hosts) and wine at your "second Communion" at Sunday's more informal "gym Mass" tastes better. That we occasionally take our turn at baking the bread makes it even more meaningful.

As is the case with many things in life, how much you get out of faith is directly related to how much and what you put in. So when you whine and say, "Church is boring -- and I don't believe in God anyway," I'll still insist that it's my job as your parent to teach you about and expose you to all that's good in the Catholic tradition. I'll share my own faith, which includes struggles with aspects of the institution, but I'll also explain how and why I keep coming back.

Someday, the choice will be yours. With the rise of the "nones" (people who check "none" when asked about their religious affiliation), I know there is a chance you may not follow in your father's and my footsteps.

But for today, I'll celebrate your enthusiasm at joining the Catholic table and encourage you to keep on keepin' on. Every night, I snuggle with you as you pray to that God you're not sure you believe in. May those prayers, and God's food, sustain you through whatever life brings.

[Heidi Schlumpf teaches communications at Aurora University, outside Chicago.]

CPO Gift card winner for May is Bob Carney! Thank you Bob, for donating your gift card back to the parish. Thank you to everyone who supports Blessed Trinity by getting into the CPO card buying habit!!



Baby Bottles for Womankind should be returned today. Please bring your bottle up during the preparation of the gifts when food is also brought forward and stand it upright on the steps.



AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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Please submit requests for meeting space for the period covering July 2016—June 2017 to the Rectory or send to office@blessedtrinitycleveland.org prior to June 15.

Outdoor Taize Prayer. Join us for a prayerful evening in the outdoors at River's Edge. We will gather Tuesday, June 21 from 7:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m. outside around a fire thanking our God for creation. Taize is led by members of our parish choir.

Father's Memorial Legion Enrollment! The Holy Name Society/Men's Ministry at Blessed Trinity will again be enrolling men, both living and deceased into the Father's Memorial Legion, who will be remembered monthly at Masses here at Blessed Trinity Church. Fathers' Day cards will be available for the living, and a holy card will be available for the deceased. Cost will be a donation of two dollars. Members of the Holy Name Society will be at entrances to Church the first three weekends of June.

Thank you for your generous support!

Last Sunday	\$7,000.70
Special Gifts	\$1,976.00
CPO Profit	\$ 217.91

Please pray for:

Bill Amos, Dorothy Arcuri, Thomas Ausnehmer, Adele Burke, Doris Eikens Azzarello, Norman Brindza, John Darmstadt, Jean Delattre, Nicole Dukles, Martin Patrick Dugan, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Bill Eikens, Donald Flanagan, Mike Flanagan, Athena Ford, Mary Gladis, Frances Globokar, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Kathy Hanrahan, Xavier Hart, Kenneth Haught, Ann Jones, Veronica Juris, Betty Kensick, Ed Kenny, Laurie Kemer, Bob Koch, Dick & Marge Kovachik, Sr. Joesetta Marie Livignano SND, Rosemarie Martin, Chris McAvinue, Kathy McAvinue, Terrence McDonnell, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Tony Miller, Andrew Needham, Jose Ortiz, John Pelcic, Lynne Plezia, Anna Prokop, Laura Radca, Lewis Rapp, Madeline Repko, Ron Ruble, Judy Runyeon, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Loretta Sanders, Peggy Schade, Debbie Shavorinsky, John Sheehan, Marilyn Simmons, Therese Slenscak, Cristina Snodgrass, Kevin Thompson, Pete & Teri Thayer, Paul Vanni, Patricia Warmuth, John & Rita Warmuth, Jay Yesenko

Please pray for all who are serving in our military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:

- * Robert A. Fago (Army) son of Tony & Shirley
- * Raymond Gustavo Hazelton, Staff Sergeant, US Marine Corps, brother of Cristina Snodgrass
- * Brook Robinson (Navy) Son of David & Michelle & Grandson of Dolores Coleman

Women's Reflection: Come as You Are, a beloved Child of God! Saturday, June 18, 10am-2pm, includes lunch in the Joseph Center. The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42) Are you more concerned with what you "think you should do" rather than who you are "invited to be"? Does the weight of your burden keep you from doing less with greater love? Join us for an opportunity to renew your spirit and grow in your awareness of God's abundant love of you, just as you are! We will be using sacred Scripture, media, small group reflection and personal reflection throughout the day and encourage you to treat yourself to a delightful experience designed with you in mind! Space is limited, registration required. The cost is \$20, payable at the door (scholarships available). Questions and registration may be directed to: Julie Graham (parishioner) at 440-263-5075 or 2jgraham@cox.net or Terri Preskar at 216.696.6525 x5090 or tpreskar@catholiccommunity.org.

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, June 12

12:30 pm—1:30 pm Community Meal (Fogarty Hall)

Monday, June 13

9:30 am—10:30 am Legion of Mary (Church)
7:00 pm—8:30 pm NAMI Support Group (Joseph Center)
8:30 pm—9:30 pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Tuesday, June 14

9:30 am—12:00 pm Bountiful Basement
10:30 am—12:00 pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
7:00 pm—8:30 pm LGBTQ Faith share (Rectory Living room)

Wednesday, June 15

4:30 pm—6:00 pm Eucharistic Bread Baking Team 1 (Rectory Kitchen)
5:00 pm—6:45 pm Bountiful Basement
8:00 pm—9:00 pm AA Meeting (Joseph Center)

Thursday, June 16

9:30 am—12:00 pm Bountiful Basement
11:00 am—12:00 pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Friday, June 17

8:00 pm—10:00 pm AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

Saturday, June 18

9:00 am—4:00 pm Women's Day (Joseph Center)

A RELIGION PROGRAM THAT CHILDREN WANT TO ATTEND

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a Montessori approach to faith formation for 3-5 year olds. The children meet in the Atrium, a space specially prepared for them. Child-size furnishings, a model altar, unbreakable figures for telling stories of Jesus' life -- all materials are intended for hands-on-use by young children. Children enjoy choosing their own "work" as they learn about the life of Jesus and Mass. There are a limited number of openings in our Atrium for this Sept. Is there a 3, 4 or 5 year old in your life? Contact Katie Corbett@216-671-5890 today [If you are an adult thinking you might like to help in our atrium talk to Katie.]

SAVE THE DATE. Summer is just around the corner! On Monday, July 4, 2016, Blessed Trinity will be participating in the Kamm's Corners' 4th of July parade. Last year, everyone who participated had a great time sharing our gospel joy with our neighbors. We would love to have as many parishioners as possible (young and old) march in the parade again this year. This is a great opportunity to invite people to experience our vibrant parish community. If you would like to participate, please register at the sign-up sheets on the back table of the church. For more information, please contact Steve Suding at 216-538-2297 or gnidussteve@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle

3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Madalen & Maurice Losh (Family)

Sunday, June 12 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36-83
9:00 am Denise Allred (McIntyre Family)
11:00 am Blessed Trinity

Monday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua

11:00 am All Souls
@ West Park Rehab & Neuro Ctr, 4387 W 150th St

Tuesday, June 14

8:30 am Women's Ministry (Women's Ministry)

Wednesday, June 15

8:30 am Donald R. Hollowell (Robert & Susan Hollowell)

Thursday, June 16

No Mass

Friday, June 17

8:30 am Carmela Delvecchio (Husband & Daughter)

Saturday, June 18

3:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Blessed Trinity

Sunday, June 19 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10—11, 13:1 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24
9:00 am Memorial for Fathers (Men's Ministry)
11:00 am Donna Rae Kemer (Husband, Dan)

In May, our Bountiful basement served 1,049 People in 347 households!

Save the date. The Race for Home, a 5K run/1 mile walk to raise awareness for Foster and Adoptive Families, will be held on July 31 at Edgewater Park. Registration is \$20. Details to follow in the weeks ahead.



PSR REGISTRATION If your elementary age child attends a non-Catholic school, s/he should be enrolled in a program for religious education. Blessed Trinity offers PSR. Children who would like to prepare for sacraments **must** be enrolled in a Catholic school or PSR. [Register today!](#) Registration forms are on the back table in church.



Community Garden and Edible Forest need disciples. Can you give one hour a week to help plant, weed, water, and harvest? If so, contact Tom and Carolyn Simmonds or Fr. Doug.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass at 2:30p on Sunday, July 31 at the Cathedral with Bishop Lennon. Registration forms (at the back table in church) must be returned to the parish by June 24.



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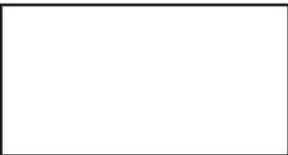
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