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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 am–8 pm
Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00 pm)
Saturday: 1:00–3:45 pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: 11 am
Monday: see worship calendar
for time & location
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00–3:30 pm
Other times 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 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.

EASTER SUNDAY

Psalm 118: This Is the Day

From Fr. Doug’s Desk...

Easter Transformation

A community of faith is transformed by what God has done in Jesus. To a contemporary American, perhaps the most striking thing about the early Christian community was its willingness to pool limited resources for the common good:

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:44-47a)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. (Acts 4:32-35)

To the inhabitants of first-century Jerusalem, however, the most remarkable characteristic about these earliest followers of Jesus was their prayerfulness. Luke tells us how important the regular practice of prayer was in the life of this community of faith:

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

The phrase “the breaking of the bread” might refer to the Eucharistic liturgies of the community; though, it is also possible that it refers to the practice of communal meal taking.

The prayers (proseuchais in Greek) to which Luke refers is probably the practice of praying the psalms at regular intervals during the course of the day, a practice that would have been adapted from the Jewish practice of singing the psalms while going on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. These earliest followers of Jesus seem to have seen their lives as a kind of continual pilgrimage, the destination of which is the transformative encounter with God. This transformed community, thanks to the twin witness of charity and prayer, continues to attract new members.

Luke takes special pains to point out how quickly the community of faith is growing:

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47b)

But many of those who heard the word came to believe and (the) number of men grew to [about] five thousand. (Acts 4:4)

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:14)

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

The twofold witness of compassion and prayer served then, as it serves today, as means to bring the human race into a transformative encounter with God. The power of that kind of witness should not be underestimated, even if many Christians today display a kind of modesty about their acts of compassion and their lives of prayer.

The earliest followers of Jesus were convinced that since God had raised Jesus from the dead, everything must henceforth be different, and that they were called to make that difference palpable in the ways in which they conducted their lives.

The resurrection of Jesus, and its consequent effect upon Peter and the other followers of Jesus, invites us — we who live two millennia later plus half a world away — to hope for our own transformation. The kind of transformation for which we hope is not simply a consequence of time and nature. The transformation promised by the Lord’s resurrection is a “new heaven and a new earth. … [where God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. … and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away” (Revelation 21:1-4).

The hope of Easter is the hope for a renewed world, a world of peace and justice, a world of compassion and goodness, a world of mercy, faith and truth.
Please pray for:

Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:
* Robert A. Fago (Army), son of Tony & Shirley
* Gunny Raymond Gustavo Hazelton (US Marine Corps), brother of Cristina Snodgrass
* 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
* James Ashenhurst (Navy), stepson of Stephen Flynn and son of Jenny Simons
* Nicholas Parente (Army), grandson of Linda Parente

**“Thank You!”** to the 60+ disciples who worked our Lenten Fish Fries, to the 25+ bakers who provided homemade desserts, to Kerry Mueller who donated the paper products, to the new disciples who stepped forward — to all for your wholehearted acceptance of new procedures. You gave us your best — and our customers were impressed. Thank you for a great Fish Fry season! (financial results will be shared at a later date)

Haiti fund raiser tickets will be sold after each Mass in the church entrance. Plan on coming Friday, April 13, 2018 from 6pm—10pm. American Legion Hall at 22001 Brookpark Rd. Pre-paid tickets are $25; tickets at the door will be $30. Buy today!

BAKERS SQUARE FUNDRAISER Monday, April 30th, 7a.m.—10p.m. at the North Olmsted location. Plan ahead by purchasing $10 Baker’s Square CPO gift cards to pay for your purchase. You can begin today to sign up at the back table to request the number of $10 cards you will need. Pre-order today and we will have your cards next weekend for you to purchase.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK: ADT Security Systems**
This Week at Blessed Trinity

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THINKING ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTRY How many people in our community are experiencing a difficult time in life? Grief … Divorce … Cancer … Job loss … Chronic illness … Financial struggles … Loneliness … Long-term disability … Caring for a family member … Imagine the difference we could make in people’s lives with a team of well-trained lay caregivers ready to walk alongside people who are hurting. Would you be interested in learning more about such a caring ministry? Contact Katie Corbett.

BLESSED TRINITY GUIDEBOOK (INFORMATION AND ADDRESS BOOK) includes your name, address, phone, and household members unless you indicate any changes below. If your information is up to date and you wish it to remain in the guidebook, you need not do anything. Otherwise, see below and return by April 16. This helpful book is printed every year at no cost to our parish.

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Place in the collection basket. Or simply email the office at office@blessedtrinitycleveland.org.

Are you a parishioner with a business to advertise in the directory? E-mail the office at the address above.
WORSHIP

1:00pm Food Blessing
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1 (Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9, or Mk 16: 1-7)
9:00am Blessed Trinity
11:00am Blessed Trinity

Monday, April 2
11:00am Antonio & Patricia Ruggiero (Linda Parente) @ WestPark Neuro & Rehab Center 4401 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, April 3
8:30am John Losi & Robert Hoi (Family)

Wednesday, April 4
8:30am Michael Motika (Mary Ann Thomas)

Thursday, April 5
No Mass

Friday, April 6
8:30am Sr. Ignatius (Thomas Cooney)

Saturday, April 7 (Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15)
4:00pm Helen Kasovic (Kathy Kasovic & Mike Motika)

Sunday, April 8 (Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31)
9:00am Blessed Trinity
11:00am John & Helen Westover (Dukles family)

Faith sharing group. Do you seek an opportunity for meaningful conversation and faith sharing? An initial gathering will take place on Tuesday, April 10th at 7 p.m. in the rectory basement. The group will meet monthly after that.

$8 DINNER NIGHT Apr. 14th, 5 – 6:30p.m. Come enjoy a generous serving of fork-tender, home-cured, freshly corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots. Chef Eric Russell says, “Just like my Mom used to make – just not store-bought!” If you want to secure your plate, reserve your prepaid dinner after Masses next weekend. There is a need for someone who would like to provide dessert (contact Katie Corbett) and also disciples who can help the day of the meal with set up, serving, and clean up. Sign up at the back table to volunteer.

Clothing Give Away is Sunday, May 6th, in Fogarty Hall. ONLY donations of gently used clothing and toys can be brought with you to Mass on Sat. and left in the main entrance or to Fogarty Hall on Sun., as early as possible after 8:30am. All are invited to come to shop noon to 2pm and take anything you can use for free. If you can help any time on Sunday, sign up at the back table in church. Contact Katie Corbett for more information.