Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Psalm 98  All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain

All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God;

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From Fr. Doug’s Desk...

What’s a Parish?

"Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!’ And God granted what he asked." (1 Chronicles 4:10)

“After a recent worship service, I was asked about the word parish,” said Rev. Dan Beaudoin. A woman said, "You used the word parish in your sermon. Do you mean congregation or is it something different?" "Yes", I said. "I do mean congregation, but I also include the community and the geography that congregation has been called to serve."

“A parish includes all of the members of the congregation, and all of the folks living within the congregation’s sphere of influence. It may be a neighborhood, a ‘four corners’, a village, a school district, a slice of a larger town, or a city block. Everyone and everything within this sphere of influence is the parish. This includes the local schools, the businesses, the neighboring congregations, and even the stream that flows through the parish. There is a sacred network in the parish that is much bigger than any one congregation. The idea of a parish always calls us to consider the community beyond the four walls of a congregation.”

“Pastor Bill Hybels, who serves Willow Creek Church in the Chicago area, often says, ‘The local church is the hope of the world.’ I agree with Pastor Hybels, though I would nuance his phrase a bit. The crucified and risen Jesus is the hope of the world, and God's people (church) have been entrusted with the message of the Gospel. The question that I ponder is, how is the Gospel message best shared in the community and the world? Not in isolation (congregation), but in community (parish). We do God's work best when we do it together.”

“As you think about your community (parish), are there folks you could partner with? Other congregations? Other organizations? Are there community members you could serve? The poor? The addicted? The grieving? Is there a school you could adopt? Teachers you could support? Children you could tutor and guide?”

“Too many of our congregations are closed systems, focusing all of their resources and energy on survival and self-preservation. This simply doesn't work, nor is it faithful to our calling as disciples of Jesus. From the start, the ‘Jesus Movement’ has been an open system, out in the community and out in the world. The parish is an idea that always calls us to consider the sacred opportunities that exist beyond the four walls of a congregation.”

This article first appeared in the E-news of the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Rev. Dan Beaudoin, is the author. It was sent to me by Sr. Mary Ann Spangler because, she said, “It reminds me of our parish and our involvement in the neighborhood.”

What are the implications of this notion of parish? Well, the most obvious is, who should be members of a parish council? Should members be limited to parishioners? And in today’s day an age, when every parish has a website and Facebook page, does not the sphere of influence of the parish extend far beyond its canonical boundaries? We have hundreds of people outside of the parish and outside of Ohio who read our bulletin every week. Many of those people support our parish not only in prayer but financially. Last week a family from Lakewood sent us $500 for the good work that we do. So, should we have an online member of a parish council? They could facetime, video conference, etc. As we look at the structure of our parish this is food for thought.
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Baker’s Square Fundraiser: Monday, April 30, 7am -10pm, at the North Olmsted location, 24025 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, 44070; (440)777-0191. Any customers with our flyer will have 20% of their order donated to us. (no flyers may be distributed on Baker’s Square property) You can call ahead for a pick up time to make carry-out easy. Let’s eat out together!

Clothing Give Away is Sunday, May 6th, in Fogarty Hall. 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. Sort your donations by size and gender and label your bags. All are invited to come to shop noon to 2p and take anything you can use for free. Bring your own bags. If you can help any time on Sunday, sign up at the back table in church. Contact Katie Corbett for more information.

Walk/Run for Hunger Saturday, May 13. Step off at 9:30am at the Great Lakes Science Center. Walk with our Bountiful Basement Buddies team. Registration forms are at the back table in church or online at www.hungernetwork.org OR make a donation to show your support. FUNraising Apples (paper) can be purchased for $1 after masses. Your donations to the Run/Walk for Hunger are more important now than ever before. Rising food prices and fewer resources are forcing families in need to face more frequent and longer episodes of hunger. Hungry families are turning to the Hunger Network more frequently and your help is critical in keeping our shelves stocked in support of our neighbors. Questions? Contact Katie Corbett.

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

May the Peace of Our Lord be with Nancy Madej, Sister of Mary Brennan
May God grant comfort to her family and friends.

The Body of Christ grows through baptism...
Blessed Trinity Welcomes:
Zachary Alan Konjura
Brycen Alexander Sanchez
Giovanni Edward Fischer
Also,
Sandra Klee McRae
Who received Confirmation and Eucharist

Pentecost Red. May 20 is Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical color is red. Please wear something red to Mass that weekend to help decorate the church that we are.

Taize Prayer at River’s Edge. Join members of our parish choir and others as we pray in Taize style with chants, the scriptures and silence. We gather at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 1 at River’s Edge, 3430 Rocky River Drive. Questions? Contact Mike Reiling at mreilingllc@gmail.com.

AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS

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### This Week at Blessed Trinity

**Sunday, April 29**
- 9:00am—10:45am: CGS (Level 1 Atrium)
- 9:00am—10:45am: PSR Grs 1-3 (Atrium)

**Monday, April 30**
- 7:00am—10:00pm: Baker’s Square Fundraiser (Off Site)
- 9:30am—10:30am: Legion of Mary (Church)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm: Book Club (Rectory Living Room)
- 8:30pm—9:30pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

**Tuesday, May 1**
- 9:30am—12:00pm: Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 10:30am—12:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

**Wednesday, May 2**
- 4:30pm—6:30pm: Produce Giveaway (N. Parking Lot)
- 5:00pm—6:45pm: Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 7:00pm—8:30pm: Choir rehearsal (Church)
- 8:00pm—9:00pm: AA Meeting (Joseph Center)

**Thursday, May 3**
- 9:30am—12:00pm: Bountiful Basement (BB)
- 11:00am—12:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)
- 6:00pm—7:30pm: Bell Choir (Church)

**Friday, May 4**
- 8:00pm—10:00pm: AA Meeting (Rectory Basement)

**Saturday, May 5**
- 9:30am—11:00am: CSR Group (Rectory Living Room)

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**A Civil Conversation: What Can We Do About Guns in America?** Join us for a conversation about what can be done about guns in America. We will gather on Sunday, May 13 from 1-3 at Centering Space, 14812 Lake Road in Lakewood to consider a variety of pro and con arguments on guns as well as responses under consideration. Pick up and read the background information on the back table in church and contact conversation facilitator Mike Reiling that you plan to attend (mreilingllc@gmail.com or 216-251-8717).

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**BLESSED TRINITY PARISH T-SHIRT/SWEATSHIRT**
Get a new full front logo design t-shirt or sweat shirt for Father’s Day gift-giving or 4th of July parade wear! Crew OR V-neck short sleeve t-shirts and crew neck sweat shirts are available in red, white, navy, royal blue, and sport grey. TALL sizes available in crew neck only. Prices range from $9 to $15 (add $3 for larger sizes). A sampling of sizes will be available at the order table, after all Masses, the weekends of May 5 & 6 and May 12 & 13. All orders must be placed by Sunday, May 13 and must be accompanied by payment (cash or check payable to Blessed Trinity). Orders will be available for pick up after all Masses the weekend of June 9 & 10.

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**Baby bottle collection for Womankind**
Cleveland begins from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Start saving your change!
WORSHIP

Saturday, April 28 (Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14)
   4:00pm    Mary Matias (Family)

   9:00am    Nick Nicholas (Bridget Crews)
   11:00am   Blessed Trinity

Monday, April 30
   11:00am   Raymond Francis (Joan Francis)
              @ WestPark Neuro & Rehab Center
              4401 W. 150th St.

Tuesday, May 1
   8:30am    Lester Bachman (Thomas Cooney)

Wednesday, May 2
   8:30am    Ben Maupin (David Cutshall)

Thursday, May 3
   No Mass

Friday, May 4
   8:30am    Larry S. Carrino (David Cutshall)

Saturday, May 5 (Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21)
   4:00pm    Blessed Trinity

              Jn 15: 9-17)
   9:00am    Tony Davila (Family)
   11:00am   Chuck Pollack (Family)

All Blessed Trinity Church organizations need to submit their meeting dates, times and places for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019) to the office by May 23rd. Noting especially the use of Fogarty Hall, since we have to coordinate those times with Birchwood School. You can email your dates/times/places to office@blessedtrinitycleveland.org. Or, call 216-671-5890. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

$8 DINNER NIGHT May 12th, 5 – 6:30p. Try it out! Chef Kelly MacCarthy will be treating us to city chicken, skin-on garlic mashed potatoes, corn, and a dinner roll. Also included is a simple dessert and coffee, tea, lemonade, or water. Kelly will prepare only a limited number of meals and the food will sell fast. If you want to secure your plate, reserve your prepaid dinner after Mass May 5/6. Disciples are needed for set up, clean up, and serving. Sign up at the back table at Mass to volunteer. If you could bake a simple dessert contact Katie Corbett.

Next Mobile Pantry/Produce Give Away is Wed., May 2nd, 4:30 - 6:30p. Lining up on the property for distribution is not permitted before 4p. Disciples are needed throughout the event. Arrive as early as 2:30p to help with set up in the back parking lot. Clients need help carrying food. Come to help whenever you can. Elementary age youth who would like to help must be accompanied by an adult.

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