

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 28 & 29, 2020

"Lazarus, come out!"



Parish Mission Statement

*We, the members of Blessed Trinity Parish,
share a common bond of love given to us through the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity.*

As the loving Father does, we welcome and support everyone who enters our faith community.

*As His Son exemplifies, we humbly strive to be a learning, giving, caring, and teaching parish
eager to serve, evangelize, and give generously of ourselves to others.*

*As the Holy Spirit inspires and leads us, we are a faithful, prayer family
that worships God through the many gifts and ministries with which the Lord has blessed us.*

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Thursday, April 2

Memorial of St. Francis of Paola

Saturday, April 4

Memorial of St. Isidore

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Scripture Readings for April 4 & 5, 2020

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Philippians 2:8-9

Jerusalem, My Destiny

I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
 Jerusalem, my destiny!
 Though I cannot see the end for me,
 I cannot turn away.
 We have set our hearts for the way;
 this journey is our destiny.
 Let no one walk alone.
 The journey makes us one.
 Other spirits, lesser gods,
 have courted me with lies.
 Here among you I have found
 a truth which bids me rise.
 In my thirst, you let me drink
 the waters of your life.
 Here among you I have met
 the savior, Jesus Christ.
 All the worlds I have not seen
 you open to my view.
 Here among you I have found
 a vision, bright and new.

General Information

- ◆ If you would like to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, please call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ If you would like to have your **child baptized**, call the parish office for information. Baptisms are celebrated regularly, except during Lent.
- ◆ Adults who are interested in learning more about the **Catholic faith** are invited to call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ Are you planning a **wedding**? Please call the parish office before setting a wedding date.
- ◆ Would you or someone you know wish to celebrate the **Anointing of the Sick**? Please call the parish office to request an individual anointing.
- ◆ Please remember that when **entering a hospital**, you should register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When **confined at home**, please contact our parish office.
- ◆ **New parishioners** are always welcome at Blessed Trinity. If you wish to join our community, please contact the parish office for an appointment to register.
- ◆ Text and pictures for the weekly **bulletin** are due by 12:00 noon on Mondays; please email to: lsnyder@btmuth.org.

Pastoral Team

Pastor ~ Rev. Patrick Jankowiak

Pastoral Associate ~ Karen Smith

Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pam Daily

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathy Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steve Holovach

Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

Director of Maintenance ~ Fred Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Phil Schmelzer

*~ Commissioned Lay Ministers ~
 Mike Snyder, Veronica Horn, Ginny Little,
 Joe Ricard, Pam Daily, and Jackie Gere*

Notes from our Pastor

Parish Life During a Pandemic: Blessed Trinity will be not be having any office hours as long as the Governor's stay-at-home order is in effect, and parish employees will not be coming to the parish to work. However, we are doing a number of things to adjust to this difficult time.



First, we will be mailing out a letter to all registered parishioners, detailing how parish life is being affected, because not everyone in the parish uses the Internet. Even the company that prints our parish bulletins will be shutting down for the time being. We hope to get that letter mailed out as soon as possible.

Second, Blessed Trinity has started a new parish website. That website can be found at **www.btmuth.org**. Beginning on Palm Sunday, we will have videos on our new website of me proclaiming the gospel reading, preaching a homily, offering some appropriate prayers, and giving a final blessing. Because parishes will not be having liturgies during Holy Week this year, I will be including homilies and prayers for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. However, if you wish to see complete online liturgies during Holy Week, you can find them by going to **www.saginaw.org/cathedral-live**.

Third, church funerals are also being affected. If a funeral is held at Blessed Trinity, know that it will not be a funeral Mass. It will consist of Scripture readings, a homily, the prayer of the faithful, the Lord's Prayer, the incensing of the casket, and then the final prayers. There also will be no music at the funeral, and no time of visitation in the gathering area beforehand.

Fourth, I spoke with the staff recently about the financial impact that this difficult time will have on Blessed Trinity. Families are losing income like never before since stores and restaurants are empty. For those who are still able to contribute to Blessed Trinity during this time, you can either mail your envelope to the parish, leave it in the "after hours" box, or donate electronically on our new website.

Finally, on Palm Sunday we will have blessed palms available for people to take home. Those will be outside the church, under the covered drop-off area, and you will not even have to leave your car. The palms will be on the driver's side, and you can simply roll down your window and take a blessed palm home.

With the videos on our new website, I hope to maintain a connection of sorts with as many people in the parish as possible: to reflect with you about where God is in all of this, to pray with you, and to open up the Scriptures at a time when all of us need to hear words of comfort and hope. My new email is listed at the end of this column.

Please do not lose heart or surrender to despair. When the Spanish flu hit our country in 1918, that generation of Americans did experience suffering. They did experience grief and loss. But they endured.

May we endure with faith, and may God see us safely through this difficult time.

~ Fr. Patrick ~

New Website: www.btmuth.org

New email: pjankowiak@btmuth.org



Find and circle these five words in the puzzle below.

Alive Cross Jesus Saves Sins

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Faith Formation News

During this time when we cannot come together for worship or Faith Formation classes, we can keep in touch via email. Last week I emailed some activities for children to do at home, including lesson plans from some of our catechists. I plan to continue doing this in the weeks ahead. (See above this column a word search puzzle for the youngest of your children.) I hope you are getting my emails. Please add me to your contacts if you have not already done so to prevent my emails from going to your spam folders (see email addresses below). In the meantime, please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support you.

For children who have been in the Atrium, here is a link to parent resources from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It includes a couple of videos for songs that will be familiar (and comforting!) to children: Light One Candle and The Kingdom Of God Song: <https://www.cgsusa.org/discover/cgs-approach/cgs-in-the-home-parent-resources/>. These songs may comfort adults, too, in their simple beauty. They certainly remind me of peaceful moments in the Atrium, and of how Christ is with us always. Please take a listen, and may we all remember that the Kingdom Of God is within us!

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Stay Connected at Blessed Trinity



A great way to hear about parish event cancellations is by using **MyParish App** and allowing for notifications. This app also offers other features such as: Mass times, daily prayer, the Rosary, links to the diocese and the universal Church and much more. There is even a link for children featuring "Brother Francis" animated videos.

Take a moment to download **MyParish App** and stay connected with Blessed Trinity. It is available for both Android and Apple products.

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God Bless The World

Mighty God, Father of all,
 Compassionate God, Mother of all,
 bless every person I have met,
 every face I have seen,
 every voice I have heard,
 especially those most dear;
 bless every city, town and street
 that I have known,
 bless every sight I have seen,
 every sound I have heard,
 every object I have touched.

In some mysterious way
 these have all fashioned my life;
 all that I am, I have received.
 Great God, bless the world.

(Fr. John J. Morris, SJ wrote this prayer as he was preparing for his ordination in 1962.)

Sponsor of the Week

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Youth Ministry News

As our Lenten journey continues and we feel as if our struggle will not pass, remember....

THE LORD HIMSELF GOES
 BEFORE YOU AND WILL BE
 WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER
leave YOU NOR forsake YOU.
 DO NOT BE AFRAID;
 DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.

As we are in this state of stay-at-home, we need to continue to pray. We are the church even if we aren't together in the building!

Our youth had the opportunity to sign in for <https://projectym.com/live> last Sunday from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. This will continue tonight, so check it out.

We'll have a Zoom gathering tonight, also. We will "meet" from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join in and "bring" your bible. We will also discuss how we can do Cardboard City a little different this year. It will be great to see all!!

BT college-age youth: we have something for you also. I am working with Sara Aldrich to offer a Skype or Zoom gathering for all in your age group. We have much to discuss and catch up on. Look for an invite or just text or email me for the info.

We are in this together and together we are strongest!!!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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*Calm me, quiet me, settle me...
 Steady me, balance me, ground me...
 Plant me, root me, embed me...
 Support me, sustain me, protect me...
 Forgive me, pardon me, free me...
 Refresh me, restore me, heal me...
 Enfold me, embrace me, hold me...
 Lord, hear my prayer today!*



Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp (the lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle) which reminds us of the presence of the Risen Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the tabernacle.

The light comes from a large candle placed in a red glass container and burns for seven days. The candle is replaced on Friday or Saturday each week throughout the year. If you are interested in making an offering of \$50.00 for these candles in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, neighbor, etc., please call the parish office to find out which weeks are available.

Without Busyness ~ Reanne Powell

In Matthew 22, Jesus tells us a parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again, he sent other servants saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast. But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business...'"

Christ has a banquet prepared for us, but so often we are too busy with our own affairs. We are consumed by distractions and do not listen to the voice that calls us to the feast.

We have recently been forced into a season where so many distractions have been stripped away. For maybe the first time ever, you cannot tell people you are busy and list off the countless things that your family is a part of. No longer are we running from soccer practice and dance class to music lessons and appointments, nor are we rushing home to eat supper, then leaving to watch a basketball game. We are now home together with very little on our calendar. This gives us time to reflect on who we truly are as a family.

What was it in our schedule that we took our identity in?

What kept us so busy that we were not able to spend quality time together?

Busyness can no longer be the excuse that we use to skip out on family prayer and meals together or meaningful conversations with each other. Christ is calling us higher.

Shedding our false identities is a painful process. Christ is calling us to a marriage feast. He has so many incredible things that he wants to bestow on us and on our family. Let us take this opportunity to listen to his voice and find out who we truly are, and who God is calling our family to be.

So, now I ask, "How are you?" and in the silence of your schedule, I invite you to reflect on that question and answer truthfully. Become the family that pauses to listen to the voice of Christ.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving (EFT) ~ March 15-21, 2020

Adult Contributions	\$3,980.00
Parish Development Fund	70.00
Weekend Total	\$4,050.00
Other Contributions	\$5,535.00

Electronic giving to your parish helps establish your stewardship as a priority. Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred to the parish account on the dates you specify. For more info, call Parish Bookkeeper Carol Maurer at 652-3259.

Need Prayers?

Call the Parish Prayer Network with your prayer needs and concerns: Ginger Hall at 652-9519 or Nanci Lyon at 652-6532. You can also submit prayer requests on our parish website.

*We will run
and not grow
weary,
for our God
will be our
strength.
And we will fly
like the eagle,
We will rise
again.*

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