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**Monday–Wednesday:** 9am—8pm

**Thursday & Friday:** 9am—5pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30–1:00pm)

**Saturday:** 1pm—3:45pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am and 11:00am

**Monday:** 11:00am

**At Westpark Healthcare Campus**

**4387 W. 150th St.**

**Tuesday:** 8:30am

**Wednesday:** 8:30am

**Thursday:** No Mass

**Friday:** 8:30am

### RECONCILIATION

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT THIS TIME**

### 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.



### Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



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### Laudate Deum

Pope Francis' much-anticipated addendum to his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," is a renewed clarion call to address climate change and to promote integral ecology. But if the reception of the original encyclical itself is any indication, the new apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, likely will not have much of an impact here in the United States.

To its credit, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has begun highlighting care for creation within its Office for Evangelization. It hosted a series of presentations this past fall, on *Laudato Si'*. Unfortunately, only a handful of parishioners actually attended. It seems that climate change and the environment are still not on many Catholics' radars.

To be fair, many are simply following church leaders who have effectively under-prioritized care for creation. Yet extreme weather and climate events represent a global problem that has already killed millions, primarily in poorer nations. This makes climate change a moral and Christian issue.

Through misguided political preferences, we have not only lost precious time to avert worse climate impacts, but we have also institutionalized climate inaction through policies and legislation. The original draft of the Inflation Reduction Act included many ambitious climate initiatives that were eliminated in the final package, as *EarthBeat* reported. Some jurisdictions have even enacted restrictive zoning regulations for renewable energy projects.

There is now a supermajority of conservative Supreme Court justices who favor less federal regulation and agency authority, which can undermine environmental protections. In a recent case involving the Environmental Protection Agency, the conservative court ruled against delegated authority, nullifying the EPA's ability to regulate gas emissions and help curb climate change. Ironically, these "pro-life" justices are more likely to rule in favor of polluting industries' rights to resources than individuals' rights to life and a healthy environment.

Another reason why *Laudate Deum* probably won't make it into many homilies or prompt any marches is due to the faith community's misperceptions of the climate crisis. Conservative policymakers have benefited from millions of dollars in contributions from the fossil-fuel industry — the purveyors of products that cause climate change in the first place. Recently revealed documents show that Exxon promoted a climate-disinformation campaign for years.

Conservative media's disinformation campaigns about climate change, especially Fox "News" have been effective at sowing doubt. Millions have accepted inaccurate information. Many have labeled climate change a

"liberal" issue, with solutions that are suspect and should be opposed. In fact, that includes conservative priests who paradoxically judge Francis as too liberal for his emphasis on social and environmental justice, even though Catholics are bound to honor pontifical teachings like *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*.

Francis decries and corrects this sort of disinformation in *Laudate Deum* in a section aptly titled, "Resistance and confusion."

There is a cognitive dissonance associated with admitting that climate change is a serious problem after years of believing it is a hoax, a normal earth cycle or just a low-priority issue. Devout members of any institution who have believed something for a long time can be psychologically blind to failures or misleading from their institutions or leaders. This includes information about climate change: its existence, causes, environmental harm, economic impact and existential threat to life.

Indeed, it is less threatening to our egos and peace of mind to maintain a deep-rooted belief that climate change is a nonissue, than to realize that climate scientists (the experts) have been right all along. Doing so would mean admitting one's own error, one's inadequacy at defending life, or one's gullibility to disinformation. We tend to unconsciously block acceptance of ideas that contradict our own long-held convictions.

Given the stakes, what are Catholics who recognize the moral obligation to fight climate change to do?

Reading both *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum* is a start. These admonitions from a pope who is at once wise, compassionate and scientifically literate offer guidance and hope. We also need to be open to the possibility of being wrong and learning more. We thank Mike Reiling who has made this issue the focus of his retirement years. As Francis says in *Laudate Deum*, "There are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." He adds: "The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society".

Just as Catholics firmly believe in the power of faith and community to save lives by opposing abortion, so too can we help protect life by fighting climate change. As Francis exclaims in *Laudato Si'*, "All it takes is one good person to restore hope!"





## AROUND THE PARISH & OTHER PARISH NEWS



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### E-MAIL PRAYER LINE REQUESTS TO:

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### *Please pray for:*

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, Lenore Begin, Vincent Bontempo, Charlene Boyer, Mary Brennan, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, McKayla Coyne, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Anna Hvizdos, John Itayem, Eileen Kelly, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Paul Kish, Diane Kortan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra, SND, George McKee, Margaret McMahon, Molly McQuillan & family, Andrea Medina, Betty Ann Menzing, Mary Jo Menzing, Tony Miller, Charles Miller, Michael Mitchell, Jim & Steve Moravcik, Genevieve Noar, Dave Norris, Tom O'Boyle, Terri Pastura, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Bernie Sprenger, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Celine Whelpley, Noreen Williams, Karin Wishner, Monica Woodman, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssefi, Jacqueline Zambarano

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*May the Peace of Our Lord be with  
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friends.*

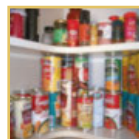
*Please pray for all who are serving in the military, especially the men and women connected to our parish:*

- \* 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
- \* Francisco Cacho (Police), son of Medel Cacho and Stepson to Marianne Cacho.
- \* Michael Duniec (Air Force), grandson of Dottie Schultz and nephew of Margie Pavone
- \* James Andrews (Navy), nephew of Bob and Kathy Grega
- \* A.J Butler. (Army) Grandson of Nancy Butler

There will NOT be a Children's Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, Nov. 26. We have no adult Leader. CLW will resume Dec.3. If you have an interest in training as a Leader, contact Katie We have great children and resources to work with.

### *Advertiser of the Week:*

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***Blessed Trinity welcomes:  
Connor Jane Harris***



## This Week at Blessed Trinity

<b>Saturday, Nov 18</b>	<b>Have a Blessed Saturday!!!!</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov 19</b>	
9:00am-10:45am	CGS Level 1 Atrium
9:00am- 10:45am	PSR 1-3 Grade ( Atrium)
9:00am-10:45am	PSR 4-6 Grade ( R B)
9:30am-10:00am	RCIA ( R Liv)
10:00am-11:00am	Breaking Open the Word ( R Lib)
10:00am-1:00pm	Coffee & Donuts (FH & K)
11:00am-12:00pm	CLW church atrium
<b>Monday, Nov 20</b>	
9:00am-10:30am	Legion of Mary ( Church )
4:00pm-6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Peer Group (R Lib)
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul Society Mtg. ( R Liv Rm)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Peace And Justice Mtg. ( JC LG)
<b>Tuesday, Nov 21</b>	
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Novena - Rosary (Church)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	IDCC (Joseph Center)
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
6:30pm—8:30pm	Holy Name Society ( JC LG)
7:00pm—9:00pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service@ UCC
<b>Wednesday, Nov 22</b>	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	IDCC (Joseph Center)
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Bountiful Basement (BB)
7:00pm-8:00pm	Tai Chi Practice ( FH)
7:00pm—8:00pm	LGBTQ Faith Sharing Grp.Mtg. ( R Liv Rm)
<b>Thursday, Nov 23</b>	
	<b>!!!!HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!</b>
	<b>Rectory / Office Will Be Closed</b>
<b>Friday, Nov 24</b>	
	<b>Rectory/ Office Will Be Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 25</b>	
8:30am—10:30am	Fellowship Prayer Breakfast ( FH &K)
<b>Sunday, Nov 26</b>	
9:30am—10:00am	RCIA ( R LIB)
10:00am—11:00am	Breaking Open The Word ( R LIB )

Today's Coffee & Donuts is sponsored by Your Family Resource Network. Come down for coffee & donuts, then take advantage of the professionals available to you for questions on estate planning, wealth management, real estate, health insurance providers, and senior housing choices. This Team can take the guesswork out of planning for the future!

**Early bulletin announcement deadlines for the holiday's :** If any ministry/ organization has announcements coming up for December 10th– December 31st our deadlines are as follows:

For Dec 10th bulletin, deadline Dec 1st, For Dec 17th bulletin, deadline Dec 7th, For Dec 24th bulletin, deadline Dec 12th, For Dec 31st bulletin, deadline Dec 18th

## WORSHIP

### **Saturday, November 18**

4:00pm Patricia Kilbane ( Family )

### **Sunday, November 19**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prv:31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Thes:5:1-6 MT25:14-30**

9:00am Blessed Trinity

11:00am Annette Kalister

### **Monday, November 20**

11:00am

**At West Park Healthcare Campus  
4387 W.150th St.**

### **Tuesday, November 21**

8:30am All Souls

### **Wednesday, November 22**

8:30am All Souls

### **Thursday, November 23**

9:30am All Souls

### **Friday, November 24**

8:30am Laverne Fuller ( Bill & Family)

### **Saturday, November 25**

4:00pm Jerry Nusbaum ( Kay Scott )

### **Sunday, November 26**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe**

**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46 (160)**

Tuesday, Nov 21, is the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service at the United Church of Christ. It begins at 7:00pm. You are asked to bring a dry good which will be donated to local food pantries.

The Peace and Justice Committee will be accepting donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the clothes line at the bus stop on West 140th across from the library. Donations can be put in the baskets at the main entrance of the church or dropped off at the rectory during regular office hours. If you would like to help package items or hang them on the line when needed, please contact Kathy Ruppe at [kruppe@live.com](mailto:kruppe@live.com). Thank you.

An inter-parish men's group will meet December 1st for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, November 28th to make a reservation. Cost is \$16.00.



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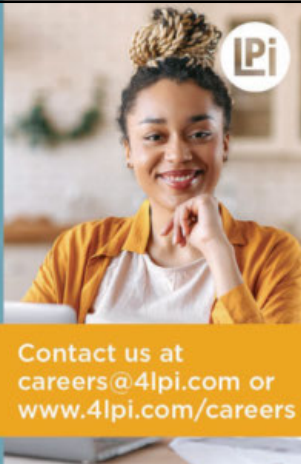
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