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All Are Welcome



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Anytime by appointment only

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 30: I Will Praise You, Lord

Refrain

I will praise you, Lord, you have res-cued me,
I will praise you, Lord, for your mer-cy. I will praise you, Lord,
you have res-cued me: I will praise you, Lord.



From the Desk of Sr. Eilis McCulloh

I am a Catholic sister, and my blueprint for how I live my life is found in the Gospel of Matthew's chapter 25, in which Jesus instructs his followers to feed the poor, help the sick and console prisoners. As a Sister of the Humility of Mary, I am also impelled to take an interest in how policies enacted by our government do or do not reflect my values.

So when Project 2025 first came to my attention, I was naturally curious. The document, written by the Heritage Foundation, a think tank in Washington, offered its own blueprint in its case for a future presidential administration. I read it to see how it did or did not align with the long tradition of Catholic social justice.

What I found was disturbingly out of step with Catholic teachings, and since all the commentaries on Project 2025 I've seen lack the perspective of nuns, I thought I'd offer a few observations.

Our Catholic faith, as Matthew 25 suggests, teaches us we must care for each other. Food and health care are not privileges reserved for the wealthy, but universal rights that should be afforded to all people regardless of zip code. Project 2025's authors want to prevent those who are poor from accessing health care or food.

Its plans for Medicaid, the federal medical insurance program for lower-income Americans, include passing work requirements, "targeted premiums" and other cost-saving measures that can only result in the loss of services for some. On page 303 of the massive document, it proposes getting rid of summer school lunch programs in poor communities, saying, "Currently, students can get meals from schools even if they are not in summer school, which has, in effect, turned school meals into a federal catering program."

If they are scandalized by a food program being operated out of schools, get this. On page 482, they write simply, "Eliminate the Head Start program."

Catholic social teaching also promotes the dignity and rights of workers. It calls for an inclusive economy that places people over profit and ensures that we all have what we need to thrive. Project 2025 proposes reversing federal investments that support families and dismantling worker protections, prioritizing corporate interests at the expense of everyone's economic security.

Pope Francis' teachings reaffirm many Christians' belief that care for our common home is central to our faith. All people should live in communities where we are able to breathe clean air, drink clean water and have a safe, healthy, stable place to live. Project 2025 prioritizes corporate profits over addressing climate change. It calls for reversing climate initiatives and gutting environmental regulations.

The Catholic Church teaches us that we must welcome the stranger in our midst, that we all have a right to migrate to seek safety and a future for ourselves and our families. We know that our immigration system must value the dignity of all people — no matter their country of origin. Project 2025 sees all immigrants, even if they are already integral parts of our communities, as a threat to the country. It calls for dismantling our immigration system and deporting millions of our neighbors.

Catholic social teaching insists upon every person's right to live in safety from the threats of discrimination and violence, especially gun violence, and create a safer and freer world. Project 2025 calls for dismantling gun safety laws and, consequently, values gun manufacturers' profits over our own safety.

As a Catholic sister, I believe that all people are created in the image and likeness of God. My faith calls me to ensure that all LGBTQ+ community members are free from discrimination. Project 2025 aims to repeal funding for mental health care and rolls back hard-won civil rights protections.

Our Catholic faith affirms that every person has the freedom and responsibility to be active participants in creating a just and equitable country by exercising our sacred duty to vote. As a Catholic sister and a lawyer, I know all too well about the long struggle for voting rights in our country. The fight is not over. By eliminating the Department of Justice's civil rights division, which safeguards voting rights, Project 2025 aims to effectively end the freedom and right to vote for many people.

In sum, Project 2025 is an extremist plan designed to privilege a small, white, wealthy ruling class and their corporate interests, while burdening everyone else.

The principles of Catholic social justice have long shaped the life and ministries of Catholic sisters in this country. The call to pursue Gospel justice with our whole hearts has guided our lives, moved us to the peripheries of society and challenged us to care for all of our siblings. Indeed, it led to the founding of NETWORK, the social justice advocacy organization where I minister.

Matthew 25 reminds us that "whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me." Though every person is free to follow (or not follow) any faith or spiritual practice they choose, I believe our country is richer when we come together as faith and justice seekers no matter our traditions.

(Sr. Eilis McCulloh is a Sister of the Humility of Mary and serves on staff at NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice. She is a parishioner of Blessed Trinity Church in Cleveland, Ohio)



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Blessed Trinity Family:**
Janet Benoit & John Girard
Bill & Barb Eifel
Everett & Kim Chisholm

Please be most generous in your gift to the missions today. The monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey are helping people all over the world and you can join in this wonderful work of GOD OF SPREADING THE Good News of Christ throughout the world through your gifts and your prayers. The assigned priest is Rev. Cassian Edwards, O.S.B

*May the Peace of Our Lord be with
Joseph Coyne, Elaine Bowers, Jerry Picard
May God grant comfort to their family and
friends.*



*MAY THE LORD BLESS
Gary Williams & Darlene Wesolek
WHO WERE MARRIED ON
August 31st, 2024*

Please pray for:

Joan Andrews, Thomas Ausnehmer, Doris Eikens Az-zarello, Jim Beesley, Charlene Boyer, Jeanne Brent, Adele Burke, Callie Carley, Gladys Castro, Pat Chapin, Romualdo Cipro, Alex & Ashley Cornet, Teri Crowe, Scherrie Damm, John Darmstadt, Al Delattre, Martin Patrick Dugan, Dukles Family, Joseph Dunn, Barb Dylag, Edward Dzuro, Scott Eidam, Erma Eifel, Shirley Fago, Donald Flanagan, Marianna Fleming, Will Gibson, Vesna Goverdovski, Michael Graham, Dottie Green Family, Maria Guy, Donald Haluska, Robert Hardman, Linda Heaton, Catherine Heidinger, Susanne Heisey, Agnes Hocevar, Eileen Kelly, Denise Kamiola, Nicola Jandric, Roubir Jesri, Jr., Jim Jefferis, Vicki & Rudy Juris, Joanne Kauchuk, Dan Kemer, Tony Kernan, Karen Kraus, Linda Kreon, Fr. Dennis Kristancic, Ken Lesko & Family, Marilyn Lombardo, Karen Long, Mary Lynch, Liz Mahon, Eileen Mangan, Sr. Rita Marra SND, Jerry Masek, Claudette Matero, Lucy McInerney, Tom McInerney, Tommy McInerney, George McKee, Margaret McMahan, 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, Steven O' Malley, Lisa Prokopius, Jose Rivera, Carol Roberts, Matthew Rossman, Liz Rosa, Ron Ruble, Mary Salamon, Marilyn Samonte, Rob Salvaore, Betty Schmidt, Vic Scigliano, Brandy Shuttera, Larry Sowders, Evana Stanonik, Christopher Stein, Roberta Steinbacher, Marilyn Spangler, Sean Szill, Janet Tang, Kevin Thompson, Sherrie Thompson, Tom Vasko, Noreen Williams, Jesse Wilson, Monica Woodman, Maggie Wooley, Jay Yesenko, Eileen Young, Jeala Youssef, Jacqueline Zambarano

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

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This Week at Blessed Trinity

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

9:30am-11:00am Ragamuffin Faith Sharing Grp. (R Liv)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv)
12:00pm-1:00pm Community Meal (FH)
12:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Ministry Training
(JC Lg)

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

9:30am-10:30am Legion of Mary (CH)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

9:00am-11:00am IDCC (JC Lg)
9:30am-12:00pm Bountiful Basement (JC)
10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)
6:30pm-8:30pm Centering Prayer Grp. (JC Lg)
7:00pm-8:30pm LGBTQ Faith Sharing (R Liv)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

3:00pm-3:45pm Witness for Ukraine
4:00pm-6:00pm IDCC (JC Lg)
5:00pm-6:45pm Bountiful Basement (JC)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

10:30am-12:00pm AA Meeting (RB)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

1:00pm-3:00pm Stephen Leaders (R Lib)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

Happy Saturday!!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

10:00am-11:00am Breaking Open the Word (R Liv)
12:00pm-1:00pm Coffee & Donuts (FH)
12:00pm-4:00pm Stephen Ministry Training (JC Lg)
12:15pm-2:00pm Taize practice

Thank you for your generous support. Donation totals will be in next weeks bulletin.

Caring Corner

This Sunday, we will begin training a new class of Stephen Ministers. Please support Nancy Barile, Terri Cotner, Stephen Flynn, Rose Jancsy and Rosemary Tanteh with your prayers over the next several months as they prepare to serve Blessed Trinity parish.



For the month of September the Bountiful Basement could use Peanut Butter , White Rice 1-2lb bags, Pancake Mix. Thank you!!!!

Bulletin News/note the change:

Any announcements for the bulletin should be sent to: bulletin@blessedtrinitycleveland.org Put "bulletin" in the subject line. Notices must be received by Monday for publication in the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

 **WORSHIP****SATURDAY, SEPT. 7**

4:00pm Laverne Fuller (Bill & Family)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**Is 35:4-7 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37 (128)**

9:00am Henry Reitingger Jr. (Family)

11:00 am Blessed Trinity

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

No Mass

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

4:00pm Donald Burger Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Times**Is50:4c-9c/Jas 2:14-8 Mk 8:27-35 (131)**

9:00 am Halina Fuhs (Kay Scott)

11:00 am Blessed Trinity

Have you got a small business, or a business idea you want to launch? We've got resources that can help! The Entrepreneur Incubator at Blessed Trinity is here to help you grow and improve your small business. Join us on September 11 at 6:30pm for a **Small Business Meet & Greet**. This will be a great opportunity to find out about the support you can get for your business not only from the Entrepreneur Incubator, but from other local organizations as well. The event is free and open to anyone – whether you're ready to grow your business, you're just starting up, or you simply have a business idea you want to explore. For more information, go to the Blessed Trinity website and click on the "Incubator" link.

Bible Study resumes September 26th with 4 sessions on the Sermon on the Mount. The group meets twice a month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the rectory living room and via Zoom. All are welcome. Contact Carla Fritsch (phone number is in the directory) for additional information.

Tickets for the Haiti Fundraiser will be available Sept 7&8, Sept14&15, Sept 21 &22 and Sept 28 &29 after mass and during the week at the rectory office. Tickets are \$30.00, children 10 and under are \$10.00.

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