



Blessed Trinity's Deacons

Through the years, Blessed Trinity has been served by many wonderful deacons. Here is a brief look:

Current Deacons:



Deacon Heriberto Berrios

Deacon Berrios was ordained in June 2000, in the same class as Deacon Jim Schwartz. He is a retired engineer who worked at E-One in Ocala. He serves Blessed Trinity and the mission at La Guadalupana. In the past, Deacon Berrios has worked in prison ministry. He has taken a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome and says he very much enjoys serving.



Deacon Steve Floyd

Deacon Floyd was ordained in June 2017 in the same class as Deacon Torres. He has belonged to Blessed Trinity parish since 2004 and has been greatly impacted by this community's commitment to the stewardship way of life. Ministries that he has been involved in include Christ Renews His Parish, Adoration, Pro-Life, Cursillo, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Brother's Keeper. He is currently the Administrator for Christ the King Mission Parish.



Deacon Jim Maubach

Deacon Maubach was ordained in May 1992 in Peoria, Illinois. He trained at St. Philomena but then moved and thus was assigned to Holy Family. He later served at St. Patrick's in Washington, Illinois, Blessed Sacrament in Clermont, and St. Anne's in Ruskin. He came to Blessed Trinity at Easter 2017 and, in addition to assisting and preaching at Mass, he also is involved in hospital ministry and nursing home visits. In 2009 he retired from his profession in network information technology (IT).



Deacon Jim Schwartz

Deacon Schwartz was ordained in June 2000, the same time as Deacon Berrios. Deacon Schwartz has been involved in jail and prison ministry for 30 years, and that is his special calling. What keeps him going after all this time? "You're doing the work of the Lord," he said. "You're bringing people closer to God...even if it's only an inch at a time. That's the only reason I do it." Prison and jail ministry pose a special challenge, but also a special reward. "These guys are so used to doing their thing instead of God's thing," he said. He has to remind them: "Eternity is a long time."



Deacon Antonio Torres

Deacon Torres was ordained in June 2017, in the same class as Deacon Floyd. He is a former Marine and served with the Puerto Rican State Police. He moved to Florida in 2012. He completed his diaconate formation in 2009 while still in Puerto Rico and received the Ministry of Lector and Acolyte in August 2015. At BT he has served as a Lector, Eucharistic minister, Minister of the Sick, Sacristan, and served on retreat teams.

Relocated:

Deacon Vern Krajeski



Deacon Krajeski was ordained in October 1980 in Ogdensburg, New York. He moved to Florida in 1983 and served at Our Lady of the Springs and St. Joseph of the Forest and, starting in 1987, at Blessed Trinity. Deacon Krajeski helped start RCIA here and worked with Kairos and Cursillo and the prison ministry. He was instrumental in helping Fr. Pat start our parish adopting the Stewardship Way of Life. In 1997 he moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia to be closer to family. He has served ever since at St. John the Apostle parish there. Deacon Krajeski, who retired from Martin-Marietta, has fond memories of BT and sends his regards to all.

Deceased:



Deacon Jim Boerstler died in December 2016. He lived in Marion County most of his life and worked as a contractor and as a building inspector. Deacon Boerstler was a member of Blessed Trinity since March 1949 and was ordained a deacon in June 1996. He served both Blessed Trinity and Christ the King Church. He ministered to the sick and participated in the ministry to the prisoners of Marion Correctional Institute at Lowell.



Deacon Ray Huff died in 1996. The retired Marine was ordained in 1982 and is best known locally for helping found Brother's Keeper and helping establish Christ the King mission. He also was very involved in prison ministry, Interfaith and Trinity Villages. He and Blessed Trinity's pastor in the late 1970s, Fr. Larry Redmond, led Project Growth, which eventually resulted in the construction of Saint Joseph's of the Forest Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Springs Catholic Church, Blessed Trinity's Community Center, and the purchase of land for Christ the King.



Deacon Harold Timmis died in October 2007. He was born in Michigan and worked in sales. He moved to the Daytona Beach area in 2000 from Ocala. He was a deacon at Christ the King in Ocala and Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Ormond Beach. He was passionate about social justice and the needs of others. In November 1999, when Christ the King was rededicated, Deacon Timmis served at the Mass.