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PARISH LIFE

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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BAPTISM: We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

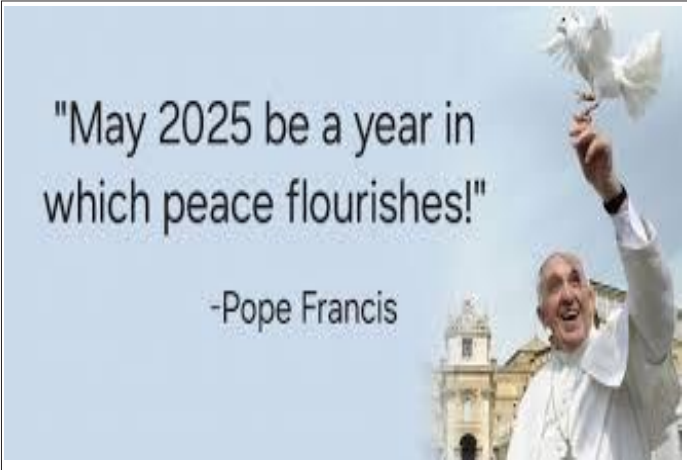
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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do /hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am /prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send *me!*"?

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Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.



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STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we get a glimpse of a model for Christian stewards to follow. Within the temple, God’s voice shakes the foundations and causes the natural world to shake and tremble. The Lord asks: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Isaiah replies to the call of God for service with immediacy and enthusiasm: “Here I am, send me!” There is no hesitation. There are no excuses, contingencies, or “what-ifs.” Good stewards know that responding to the Lord’s call to serve is never easy, never simple to grasp, never designed for ready comfort and success. But the call needs a response. What about us? What does it take to shake us into an enthusiastic response? To say to God: “Here I am, Lord. Send me!”

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Geoff & Nicole Miculka

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island ministry would like to thank Geoff & Nicole for using their time and talent to keep Blessed Trinity looking beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

David, Jaquelin, Julian, Jayla & Milah Diaz

Richard & Rose Sherlock

Raul & Gladys Franco

Baptisms:

Cassandra Lauren Castans

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the Most High God.

The First Reading from Isaiah describes a vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord proclaiming, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is.

In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment.

This sense of awe and reverence before God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has given us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words of Isaiah our own: “Here I am Lord, send me!”



WORSHIP

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Our Catholic Appeal

The 2025 OCA (Our Catholic Appeal) will begin February 15-16. The diocesan goal is \$17.7 million. Our parish share is \$184, 191.

If you have previously donated or pledged to OCA then you already received a request from our diocese to renew your annual OCA commitment. You know your finances. You are encouraged to add to your annual commitment if possible.

Our parish is deeply encouraged and thankful for your help as we strive to meet our commitment to our good diocese. If you are new or have never pledged to OCA before, please seriously consider doing so this year. Know that it is part of our moral commitment, following our baptism, to take part in the expense of spreading the full gospel which we, as Catholics, believe in.

You should, and you will, feel good to contribute your fare share. Because of the cooperation of our parishioners we are able to meet our responsibilities to our diocese. If we go over our goal, the parish retains 2/3 of that surplus while 1/3 goes to the care of sick and retired priests.

May the good Lord guide your response.

Fr. Pat



Capital Punishment

The execution of James Ford was recently singed by Governor DeSantis. It is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops have appealed to the Governor to stay the execution and instead to commute his sentence to life without parole.

Mr. Ford’s crime was the heinous murders of Gregory Mulnory and his wife Kimberly. The state has the responsibility of safeguarding the public from such people as James Ford. This can easily be done by a lifetime in prison without parole. This is still a most sincere punishment.

Commuting Mr. Ford’s sentence enables the State of Florida to serve the requirements of justice without vengeance.

It also serves to protect the dignity and unalienable rights of every human being—that these rights are still protected because Mr. Ford deserves to be treated with human dignity.

It costs much less for life imprisonment then for the execution of a criminal.

And life imprisonment has the added value to the society of permitting the repentance and conversion on the part of the guilty.

Capital punishment has been abandoned by most all civilized countries of the world.

At Blessed Trinity we will have a special holy hour of adoration before the blessed sacrament in the main church on **Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm.**

Stitching Sisters

Stitching Sisters are meeting again for the new year. Come join us if you like Crocheting, Knitting, Needlepoint, Embroidery, card making, art, etc. Whatever your skill level. Come fellowship with a crafty group of ladies and enjoy making items for the sick, homebound, elder care, homeless, and others.



We meet at the Blessed Trinity Community Center on the third Sunday of the month from 3:00-4:30. We'd love to have you! Next meeting will be, February 16th.

If you have any questions please call Angela Fischetti at 352-368-9080 or Kathie Bellamy at 352-875-6288.

Ministers of the Eucharist Training— Two Opportunities

We have two meetings set up for training of new ministers of holy communion. They will be **Saturday, February 15** in the Community Center from 9:30am-12:00 **OR Saturday, March 1st** from 9:00am-12:00 in the Parish Hall.

Please call the church office to put your name on the list, 352.629.8092 or call Dee McNeal at 352.390.0091.

Any and all practicing Catholics are encouraged from age 16 on up toAs long as you are physically able to stand on your feet and able to gather around the altar to receive and bring the eucharist to your assigned spot.



OLD PALMS

Please bring back your old blessed palms and place them in the container in the vestibule. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.



GIFT SHOP NEWS.

Have you visited the Gift Shop recently?

Don't miss out—every week we have new items!

New items coming in for Lent and Easter

Stop in before or after the weekend Masses



The Parish Prayer Garden

As people get to know we have an inspiring prayer garden, some groups will begin to use it as a group. We encourage that. But, just to avoid two groups being there at the same time, we ask that you call into the parish office and schedule your group. You can come anyway at the last minute even if you have not booked the time.

Also, of course any person or family can come at any time, without calling in, if you want to pray the stations or sit and prayerfully meditate and pray with Jesus.



Sunday, February 9th—No Life Night due to the Superbowl. Come to the 5:00pm Mass with your families and celebrate God's gift of the eucharist!

Sunday, February 16th— We will finish our series "Belong" after the 5:00pm Mass. We'll have a meal together, games, and small group time.

20th Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive

Americans are all integrally connected to the farmworkers every time they eat. These men and women do some of the most important work in this country—feeding a nation—and deserve support. Caring about farmworkers reveals a care for the inherent dignity and humanity of the people in these communities.

Will you help? You can do this by collecting long-sleeve button down shirts. Bring these items to the church and place in the box provided.

In addition to clean and gently used long-sleeve button down shirts, the Farmworker Association of Florida is requesting the following items:

- Children's clothing
- Diapers and baby supplies
- Blankets
- Food donations, such as: beans, rice, tortillas, masa, cooking oil and canned soups



Greetings from the Uganda Mission Team

We are starting the Uganda Student Sponsorship Program for 2025. The students from Blessed Trinity Schools Nalweyo, Uganda are very grateful for the education provided by their current sponsors.

During the weekend Masses February 8th - 9th and Feb 15th - 16th, mission volunteers will be in the portico to accept your sponsorship renewals and give information to new sponsors. There will be student packets available for you to select children in grade school, high school and university.

Thank you for considering being a sponsor and helping to lift these children out of poverty through education. Last year there were 200 students who did not have sponsors plus we have 185 new students. We appreciate all donations including multiple sponsors sharing costs to ensure all students get an opportunity to attend school.

18th Annual Chili Dinner

Drive-thru ONLY

Saturday, February 15th, 3pm-6pm
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church—Parish Hall

\$5.00

Red and white chicken chili served in 12-ounce cups will be ready for pick-up outside the Parish Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the church office.

All donations are tax deductible.





Monday, Feb 10	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Gloria Cocco †
Tuesday, Feb 11	7:10am 5:30pm	Paul Kelly † Gloria Huotanen †
Wed, Feb 12	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Kathleen Conner † Rudy Blanchette †
Thursday, Feb 13	7:10am 5:30pm	John Marren † Nora Palombo †
Friday, Feb 14	7:10am 5:30pm	Alan Fuller † Homer Rothfusz †
Saturday, Feb 15	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Conchetta Constanza † Marilyn Bimonte † Jessica Massa Denison †
Sunday, Feb 16	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Marilyn Bimonte † Elizabeth Whitler † Linda Krzyz † Spanish Community Annette O'Connor †

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Thank you for your donation!



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Sundays: Midnight - Mondays 1:00am

Thursdays: Midnight - Fridays 1:00am

Fridays: 1:00am - 2:00am

Saturdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Also in need of substitutes, especially between
Midnight and 5:00am**

Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry's needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - St. Mother Teresa



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We will be selling **Fair Trade** coffee, tea, cocoa and olive oil after Mass **this weekend**.

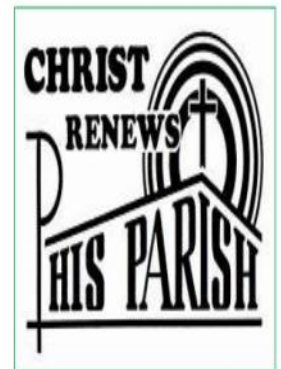


Re-verification for School Stewardship Families

All School Stewardship families will be receiving a letter soon regarding stewardship re-verification. This year's meeting days will be in the Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 22nd (10 am until 1 pm), Tuesday, Feb. 25th (8 am until noon) and Wednesday Feb. 26th (6 pm until 9 pm). Each family will be given a specific appointment time but if they are unable to make that appointment, they can drop in at any of the given dates/times and they will be worked into the schedule.

Each family must attend on one of the three meeting days in order to continue as a school stewardship family for the 2025-26 school year.

All necessary information, including available times, will be in your letter. If you have any questions **after** receiving your letter, contact Stewardship Coordinator Sue Lanier at slanier@blessedtrinity.org.



Are you new to the Parish?

Have you been coming to church for years and only attend Sunday Mass?

Is your spiritual life on life support?

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Want to learn more?

Sign up for the next CRHP retreat

WOMENS February 22, 2025

MENS March 1, 2025



*"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE SYMPOSIUM!

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: 5:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church (King of Kings Hall)
5 SE 17th Street, Ocala

Join us for an inspiring and impactful event featuring presentations that honor the dignity of life and promote a culture of compassion and respect.

Featuring Dr. William Lile, DO – Internationally Recognized Special Guest Speaker
Dr. Lile (prolifedoc.org) will share his expertise on the life and personhood of the preborn, emphasizing understanding through love and empowered education.

Enjoy an evening of meaningful discussions, promotional tables, exciting door prizes, and delicious food. The program will run from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** with a 15-minute intermission. Childcare will be available.

For further details and to RSVP please contact: Liesa Borrillo at liesaborrillo@gmail.com

**Step out in faith as a change-maker and help shape our culture
with honesty, truth, and the love of Christ!**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jer 17:5-8

Cor 15:12, 16-20

Lk 6:17, 20-26



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 & 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, February 9.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, french toast, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and three different juices.

All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

Please come and have breakfast with us!



Feb 8 / 9:

Feb 15 / 16:

Feb 22 / 23:



Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.

Expansion of Blessed Trinity Sister Parish Church

So far we have heard from 105 donors.

We have \$199,475 donated/pledged.

Our goal to complete the expansion is
\$244,000.

Let us know if we can count on you to help us expand our sister parish church to make room for the amazing growth of their parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering		February 2, 2025	
Weekend Total:	455	\$ 25,938.25	Year to date collection: \$ 2,477,678.30
Electronic Offering Total:	405	\$ 35,912.48	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,291.00	Year to date budget: \$ 2,524,230.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 152.00	Year to date deficit: (\$46,551.70)
Non Sunday:	62	\$ 11,965.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 76,258.73	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 84,141.00	
Difference		(\$7,882.27)	

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