



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 2017



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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:15 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

DAILY

Mon—Fri 7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday 8:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)
5:00—5:30pm (English)
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 5:30 pm at Christ the King

PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 10, 2017 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION STATEMENT: *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.*

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Lou Pereira	President	
Dr. Erika Wikstrom	Principal	

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or stop by the Parish Hall the first Sunday of each month following the 8:45 am and 11:00 am Masses.

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 7:30 pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00 am at Guadalupe. 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.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

ADS OF THE WEEK

TIM WESTGATE, C.P.A.
Purvis Gray & Company, LLP.
352.732.3872

WILLIAMS DIESEL SERVICE
352.873.4880

Please see our Ads at the back for all
our business supporters.

WORD OF LIFE

"If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing,"
www.goo.gl/MpC7RG

STEWARDSHIP

SPOTLIGHT

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Sunday at 3:00pm in the Adoration Chapel to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Novena and full Rosary and prays the Nine Day Novena beginning Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday.

For more information please contact Karen Taylor at 352.804.9274 or email: kltaylor777@aol.com

NEW PARISHIONERS :

Francis Morgenthien
Mary Ann Macaraeg and Alisher Jolejole



STEWARD OF THE WEEK

BOB ROMITI

Thank you to Bob Romiti for helping set up for the Thanksgiving family choir and for cleaning up the leak from the roof during the rain!

Thank you for being a faithful Steward!

BAPTISMS:

Ella Skye Pardee
Jacob Ian Pardee

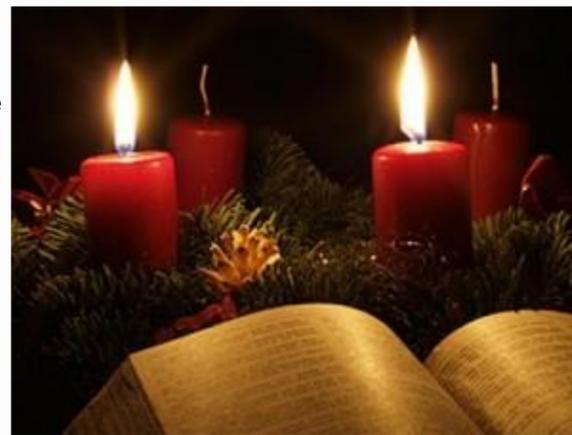
Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

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STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

So far we have received 543 stewardship pledges for the new year 2018. All school families should have their new pledge already on file. We hope all our Blessed Trinity registered families will hand in their new revised commitments for this new year coming up in a few weeks. Your parish and its mission needs your response. Thanks.

PARISH LEADER'S MEETING

Annual Parish Leader's Meeting (previously named Ministry Head Dinner) is scheduled for January 9th in the Parish Hall at 6:00p.m.

All Parish Leader's – which include all board members and Parish staff, need to be present.

The dinner will be catered, so we need your RSVP to Melinda at mgunn@blessedtrinity.org ASAP but not later than January 2nd, 2018.

INSPIRING BOOK FOR ADVENT

Blessed Trinity has ordered 500 copies of Matthew Kelly's book "Perfectly Yourself". Advent will be a wonderful time to "Discover God's Dream for You." The books will be available for sale for \$1.00 next weekend, December 16/17.

This is a very readable book—as are all Matthew Kelly's books. You will find a whole lot of practical everyday steps to improve yourself. Read it and pass it on to a friend.



CHURCH STORAGE CLEANING

If you have any items in the Q Room, the Parish Hall storage closets, or on the Parish Hall stage that belong to you or your ministry please remove or organize them by **Sunday, December 17th**. All shelves and cabinets must be accessible and organized. After December 17th all left over and unorganized items will be thrown away.

WORSHIP

DECEMBER 10, 2017 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 11	7:10am L/D Lowell Family 5:30pm Jerry Mitchell †
Tuesday, Dec 12	7:10am Ro Lipari † 5:30pm Margaret Daleo †
Wednesday, Dec 13	7:10am Byron & Richard Smith † 8:15am Gertrude McVeigh † 5:30pm Hugh G. Ryan, Jr. †
Thursday, Dec 14	7:10am L/D Lowell Family † 5:30pm Tim Reagan †
Friday, Dec 15	7:10am W. Len Warren † 5:30pm Tony & Nellie Elisco † and Norman Barilla † and Angus Hastings †
Saturday, Dec 16	8:00am L/D Andrew & Teresa Semudo 4:00pm Catherine Fischer † 6:00pm Emilio Canganelli †
Sunday, Dec 17	7:15am Allan Goodwin † 8:45am Pauline Zonts † 11:00am Donovan McNamee † 1:00pm Spanish Community 5:00pm Mark Sombat †

Your prayers are requested for Robert "Bob" Vokes who has recently died.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

There is a box in the vestibule where you can place your donations for our Christmas decorations. Please help us decorate our Church home for the Coming of the Messiah!



HURRICANE/EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

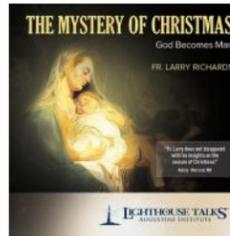
To date we have received \$19,953.00. Thanks to all who have donated.

Use your own envelope and mark your check to "relief fund." Make checks payable to Blessed Trinity.



EMAIL ALERTS! If you would like to receive emails regarding all upcoming Life Teen events, news and updates, please email Shelby Conner: sconner@blessedtrinity.org
Sunday, December 10th—Join us for Mass and our Annual Progressive Dinner. We will be traveling as a group to 3 different homes to enjoy a 3 course meal! We will arrive back to the Church later than normal, between 10:00-10:30pm.
Sunday, December 17th—Join us for Mass, Dinner, and a Christmas Party! We will have games, activities, cookie decorating and more! Be sure to bring a friend!

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA



The Mystery of Christmas

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

PLEASE NOTE: The CD/Book Kiosk has been relocated to the Stewardship Room. The cost of the CD's and Books is \$4.00. To keep this ministry available please deposit \$4.00 per CD/Book. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Doors of Mercy

“The Future of the Church can and will issue from those whose roots are deep and who live from the pure fullness of their faith,” says Pope Benedict XVI. Doors of Mercy is a course of eight sessions



designed to help participants be or become the Catholic the Pope refers to. The course consists of talks, videos and small group discussions. Attendance is open to all. The first session will be held on January 9th, 2018. Registration is open from now until December 29th. Registration forms and course information are available at the church office or from either Jenny Burzotta (629-8092 ext. 3207 or Ray Waite (237-9429).

EDGE



Any questions please email: ocalaedge@gmail.com or follow us on FB at Blessed Trinity EDGE or instagram @BTOcalaEdge



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEETINGS
 2nd Wednesday of the month,
7:30 PM, Christopher Hall

Next meeting is **Wednesday, December 13th**

Thanksgiving THANK YOU!

This Thanksgiving, Brother's Keeper served 234 meals at the soup kitchen, delivered 120 meals to the homebound, and gave food and turkeys to 130 families this year.

We would like to thank the following who helped us feed the needy. **It was a full parish community effort!**

Thanks to the...

- Soup Kitchen volunteers,
- drivers who delivered meals to the homebound,
- parishioners who donated food bags,
- parishioners who donated \$20 to buy turkeys (we collected over \$6,000!!),
- volunteers who worked after Masses to collect donations,
- **Covenant Mission Team** who helped to collect, move, and organize the donated food,
- **TCHS National Honor Society** who donated over \$700 to buy turkeys,
- **Brother's Keeper** interviewers and volunteers,
- **LifeTeen** group who went shopping for food, and
- **The Council of Catholic Women** who prepared the grocery bags for food donations.

THANK YOU!

“Whatsoever you do for the least of your brothers and sisters, you do for me.” – Mt 25:40
Thank you for supporting Brother's Keeper's food pantry by donating food after Masses. Your generosity allows us to help the neediest families in our community. Food collections are held after Masses on the first weekend of each month. Watch for our full-page flyer the last week of every month.

Gift Shop

Featured Children's Book of the week: “A Christmas Story with St. Joseph”

“In this delightful children's book, the Christmas story is told from St. Joseph's perspective. The book opens with Joseph's own father teaching him how to work and how to pray. He will use these gifts throughout his life to care for Mary and the baby Jesus. All the major events of the Christmas story as found in the Gospels the dream Joseph had to take Mary into his home, the visit of the Magi, and the Holy Family's travels to Egypt are retold and beautifully illustrated. Children will grow in their love for St. Joseph as they read about the Nativity through his eyes.”

Gift of the week: My Mass Tote-comes with crayons, our Father, hail Mary prayers in a tote bag! Great for mass, the doctor's office or a car ride: can carry along a little buddy to read the prayers to!

First week of Advent-celebrate with a wide variety of adorable plush animals for that adorable baby in your life! We have a praying kneeling little lamb, 8” cuddle buddies, lighted lamb for a table or dresser, water globe, first tooth & curl box, & so much more!

The Blessed Trinity Gift Store Hours:

Wednesday* 3:00pm—6:00pm
 *10% off all regular priced items.
Friday: 4:30-6:00pm
Saturday: 3:00pm—4:00pm, 5:00pm—6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am—8:45am, 9:45am—11:00am, 12:00pm—1:00pm, 4:00pm—5:00pm

**ADORATION CHAPEL
 IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR ADORERS**

Sundays: 5:00am—6:00am
Sundays: 4:00pm—5:00pm
Wednesdays: 3:00am—4:00am

This is the high point of our stewardship way of life here at BT. It is a blessing that each family 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.

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock, Adoration Coordinator, carolblackstock@gmail.com 352.622.7348 or 352.425.8638 or fill out the Invitation to Perpetual Adoration form that is in the Stewardship Room or in the Adoration Chapel and put the form in the Offertory collection or drop off at the Parish Office.

NEXT UGANDA MISSION TRIP

If you think (seriously) you might be interested in going on the next mission trip to Uganda, then call in your name to Sr. Juliet's office. No details are available yet. The total cost is always \$2,500.00 (approx). We usually go around June 24th. There are already 10 names on the list. The group will be limited this year to 20.

BELK CHARITY DAYS

Brother's Keeper would like to thank the Council of Catholic Women and all who supported the Belk Charity Days fundraiser. We received \$970 from this fundraiser that will go directly to helping those in need in our community.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	December 3, 2017		
Envelope Total:	968	\$ 48,563.30	Year to date collection: \$2,040,254.71
Electronic Offering Total:	251	\$ 28,344.64	Year to date budget: \$2,365,688.00
Total Children's Offering:		\$ 42.40	Year to date deficit: (\$325,433.29)
Non-Sunday	120	\$ 20,540.93	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 97,491.27	Retired Religious \$ 2,894.00
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$102,856.00	
Difference		(\$ 5,364.73)	

“Thank you for your donations.”

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the “memo” line of your check.

GET YOUR MIDNIGHT MASS MUSIC IN EARLY!

Come listen to the Adult and Handbell choir as they have their Dress Rehearsal for the Midnight Mass Prelude Music. All are welcome! Join us on Wednesday, December 20th, at 6:30 in the church, with cookies and hot chocolate to be served after. Contact Mrs. Cook at ecook@blessedtrinity.org or 352-629-8092 for more information!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

O Come All Ye Faithful! ...and talk to your kids about getting involved in the Children's Christmas Play! It will be a "Joy to the World" to sing with them! We will have practices on December 16th from 9-10am, and from 9-10:30am on Saturday December 23rd in the choir room. Any child of any age who is able to stand and sing in a costume is welcome to participate! Please spread the word and contact Liz Cook at ecook@blessedtrinity.org or 629-8092 for more information!

USHERS-SIGN UP SHEETS

There will be a sign up sheet in the ushers room in the Church for all upcoming holy days. Please sign up for a day that you will be attending. Also new ushers are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming an usher please get in contact with the head usher at the mass you attend or call Daniel Gray at [352-361-5201](tel:352-361-5201) and thanks to all who volunteer for our usher ministry.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR INMATES AT THE WOMEN'S PRISON

We are again collecting items for the women at the 3 prisons in Lowell. The prison regulates acceptable items so please donate ONLY the following: Bound notebooks (preferably black & white, not fancy designs), dental adhesive, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap (no body wash). Toiletries should be regular size, no glass or metal containers. Please leave items in the Seasonal container in the corner of the Stewardship Room. We will be collecting until December 17th. The ladies are always so grateful for your generosity. If you have questions, call Laurel Wilson, 352-426-2328.

CHURCH OFFICE

Blessed Trinity Church offices will be CLOSED for staff Christmas holiday on Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th and Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. A receptionist will be available on Sunday, December 24th for phone assistance and messages.



Holiday Shopping? Support Blessed Trinity Catholic Church with AmazonSmile!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Blessed Trinity Church every time you shop, at no cost to you. And it's easy! Go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose "Blessed Trinity Catholic Church" as your charity to support. Then, when you shop on Amazon, instead of using www.amazon.com, use www.smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6046993. Any eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% to Blessed Trinity Church! Or go to Blessedtrinity.org and the link is on the top right of the home page.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

When you purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa & olive oil, the middlemen are eliminated and as a result the farmers make fair wages. **This is why we sell these products every month, to help these small family farmers make a decent living.** More than ever before, the choices we make as consumers here in the United States have a direct impact on the lives of people around the world. We will be celebrating Christmas in a few weeks. Why not buy some of these products and give as gifts to your family and friends? Maybe make up a basket of coffee, tea, cocoa & olive oil for a gift.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Prepare now for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a normal part of our Advent journey to Christmas Joy.

Our Advent Communal Penance, with 12 to 15 priests present for confessions will be on:

Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm

Other opportunities for confession are:

Thursday, December 21st and Friday, December 22nd

8:00am, 11:00am, and 4:00pm

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30am, 11:00am, 2:45pm and 5:00pm

BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR CRAFTERS

We meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the Community Center. Please come and join us in our ministries for BT Gift Shop, The Alpha Center for Women, and the Homeless. Any Questions please call Sharon at 352-873-7089.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we unite ourselves to you under your title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this medal be a sure sign of your motherly affection for us, and a constant reminder of our filial duties towards you.

While wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son.

Most Powerful Virgin, Mother of Our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives, so that like you, we may live and act according to the teaching and example of your Son.

Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death, so that in union with you we may enjoy the happiness of heaven forever. Amen.

O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

RETROUVAILLE

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it; **Retrouvaille** can help. It has helped thousands. Our next program begins **January 26, 2018**. For more information call **352-274-4614**. Not counseling or group therapy. **All calls and names held in strictest confidence.** Please check our website at Retrouvaille.org.

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

The following individuals were especially helpful and donated their time and talents to assist with Brother's Keeper's Thanksgiving outreach; Phil Brescia, Veronica Chancery, Linda Smith, Eugenia Segarra, Stephanie Nelson, Tom Rotello, Roddy Michele and all those not listed here who helped!



Palm for Education Benefits

Trinity Catholic High School



Win a 3-year Zero-Cost Lease on this 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe OR \$15,000 Cash

Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100 We are only selling 1500 tickets.

Winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, February 25th at the Trinity Catholic High School Winter Carnival.

You do not need to be present to win.

Purchase your tickets online at: www.trinitycatholics.org/cardrawing

Blessed Trinity Parish Welcoming Ministry

New to our parish family? Want some information on getting involved? Please stop by and let us introduce ourselves and offer our assistance.

We will be available after Masses in the Chapel/Cry Room

**4:00pm & 6:00pm – December 16th
7:15am, 8:45am, 11:00am – December 17th**

If you would like to meet after any other Mass or on a different date please do not hesitate to contact

Janice Ferguson 352-817-6949 or email: Castle.janice@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Trinity Catholic Girls Basketball bake sale November 11th & 12th.