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Community Outreach Ministries - Part 1

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The Community Outreach Ministries at Blessed Trinity strive to be the hands, feet, eyes and body of Christ as they serve Ocala and Marion County and the surrounding area. Just as Christ addressed the physical, social and emotional needs of those around Him, over 100 volunteers in these ministries share their time, talent and treasure with their neighbors to show Christ’s love to them. As the Commission Head of the Community Outreach Ministries, it is my pleasure to witness Blessed Trinity’s parishioners performing the Church’s Corporal Works

of Mercy: giving drink to the thirsty, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned and burying the dead.

Below is a brief overview of some of the ways Blessed Trinity’s Community Outreach Ministries raise holy hands to God by reaching out helping hands to others:

Adopt a Parking Lot: Volunteers share their gardening talents and provide the care for a parking lot island or one of the garden areas located around the Church and school grounds so that we are greeted with beauty when we come to Mass.



Bereavement: This ministry assists the families of those who have died with funeral, liturgy and reception planning. They also provide an 8 week follow-up Grief Recovery Support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one.

Bereavement Funeral Receptions: Volunteer cooks provide various dishes to be brought to the Church Bereavement freezer while other volunteers serve those dishes at receptions following funerals.

Boy Scouts: The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship and develops personal fitness. Blessed Trinity is very proud of the numerous Eagle Scouts that come from this ministry.





Brother's Keeper: Brother's Keeper provides for the physical needs of the poor in our community by serving thousands of meals in the Soup Kitchen each year, operating a thrift store with clothing and furniture, and providing emergency assistance for rent and utilities. Saving Mercy, a 501c3, with the help of Brother's Keeper is also very excited to be able to provide shelter to the homeless at the soon to be opened Mercy Inn and RV Park.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW): The CCW promotes friendship and understanding among the women of Blessed Trinity Parish and as an affiliate of the National CCW promotes the spiritual growth of women and contributes to many charitable causes.



Covenant Mission Team: The Covenant Mission Team is comprised of volunteers ranging from high school age to adult. The group does local community service projects and fundraisers throughout the year and goes on a mission trip to South/Central America each summer.

Cub Scouts: A year-round family program designed for boys in the 1st through 5th grade, the Cub Scouts emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training and personal fitness.



Elder Care: The mission of Elder Care is to serve the parish and surrounding community with quality, affordable senior adult day services in a spiritual, nurturing environment.

Gift Shop: The Parish Gift Shop offers a variety of religious articles and books to help and inspire parishioners with their daily Catholic life. Additionally, these volunteers ensure that there are a wide variety of gifts for special occasions such as Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, birthdays and Marriages.



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Girl Scouts: Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Girls discover, connect and take action!



Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to building low cost affordable housing for all people who qualify.



Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s fraternal organization focused on faith, family and fraternity.

Ministry to the Sick: These Ministers are committed to making Pastoral visits to those in hospitals, Nursing homes,



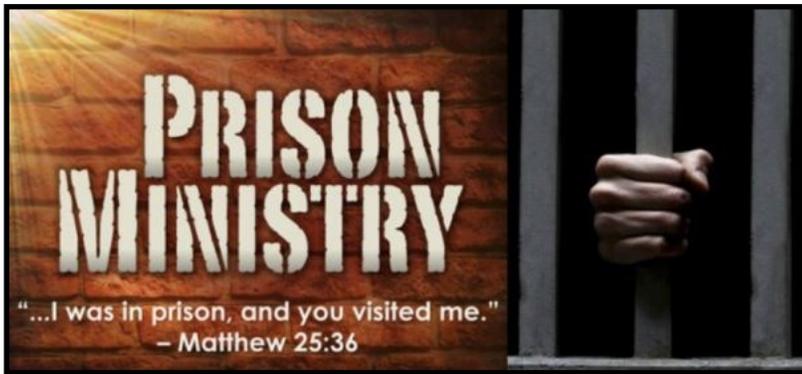
and the homebound to pray with the sick and bring them Holy Communion.

Parish Nursing: The Parish Nurse’s office offers free blood pressure screenings once a month, flu shots during flu season and health education throughout the year.



Peace and Social Justice: The Peace and Justice Ministry promotes a variety of programs and acts as a liaison to the Diocesan Office.

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Prison/Jail Ministries: The Prison and Jail Ministries of Blessed Trinity bring the Catholic Faith to inmates in local correctional facilities through Mass, communion services, retreats, Bible Studies, faith sharing, educational activities and one-on-one counseling.

Rosary Makers: Our Lady’s Rosary Makers ministry promotes Mary’s devotion through making rosaries for our parish ministries and missions abroad.



Summer Camp: Blessed Trinity’s Summer Camp provides a safe, affordable means of child care during the summer. Activities provide the opportunity to continue the Spirit Blessed Trinity Church.



Welcome Home: Welcome Home is a ministry at Blessed Trinity that invites and welcomes Catholics who have been away to “Come Home” to the Church.



Welcoming Ministry: These volunteers welcome new and prospective ministers to our parish family by hosting a monthly “meet and greet,” as well as providing information to help integrate new-comers into the Blessed Trinity Parish family.

May God continue to aid us as we serve our community.

