



Blessed Trinity Parish Prayer Ministry

By Karen Smith

As committed followers of Jesus Christ, we draw the strength needed to meet the challenges of our daily life from Prayer.

Blessed Trinity Parish has a Prayer Ministry of 60 devoted members who will (confidentially) pray for you and your family and friends when there is need of the Lord's grace in difficult times.

Would you like to become part of a powerful Ministry and pray for those in need of prayer?

In spring 1997, I contacted the St. Anne Parish office with a prayer request for a sick relative. They told me that there was no Prayer group and asked how it would work. Upon receiving an explanation, parochial vicar Rev. James Burke, said "there can never be too many prayers, so why don't you start one?" So, with nine parishioners who volunteered to pray, St. Anne's Prayer Chain became a new ministry. At its start, prayer requests were relayed only through telephone calls. As requests increased, the Prayer Chain membership grew, and members preferred email over phone calls. As a result, the telephone chains gave way to email notifications only. In fall 2011, a similar Prayer Line was begun at St. Catherine Parish by Mary Collins and a group of prayerful parishioners.

In 2021, following the merger of the St. Anne and St. Catherine parishes to become Blessed Trinity Parish, the prayer groups were combined as one parish Prayer Ministry. Members of this group receive email requests and pray individually as they wish, which may be through prayer, saying a Rosary, attending Mass or Stations of the Cross, or praying with the Lord at Adoration. They may also fast or perform acts of sacrifice for the intention(s).

The Prayer Ministry welcomes ALL who wish to pray and is especially suited for those who, for any reason, are homebound. This Ministry, though quiet, is active and one that brings comfort and hope in troubled times. Members serve with compassion, sensitivity, and confidentiality. Often, people who requested prayers have shared that they felt comforted, knowing prayers were being said for their intention.

Please contact the Prayer Ministry if there is a serious concern affecting yourself, your family and relatives, or friends. Needs may include grave illness, surgery, job loss, family difficulties, injury due to an accident, and death. Members also pray in gratitude for blessings received. Prayer requests may be made for anyone, whether they are Blessed Trinity parishioners or not, and Catholic or non-Catholic.

To have your special need prayed for or to join Blessed Trinity Parish Prayer Ministry, please email Prayers@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org OR go online to www.BlessedTrinityCatholic.org and click on "Contact Us" to find the Prayer Ministry, OR call the office at 978-320-4220 and leave a message with your request which will be forwarded to the Prayer Ministry.

Remember, "there can never be too many prayers!". We look forward to hearing from you!

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