BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKEND MAGAZINE

February 10th, 2019 — 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When the Virgin Mary wrote a letter to St. Ignatius of Antioch

According to tradition, the disciple of St. John the Apostle received a letter from the Blessed Mother.

Did the Virgin Mary write any letters? While there is no conclusive evidence that she wrote anything during her life, there is a tradition that St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote to the Blessed Mother and she replied.

St. Ignatius was born in Syria around the year AD 35 and is believed to have been a disciple of St. John the Apostle. Eventually Ignatius was ordained a bishop of Antioch and became a leading member of the early Christian Church.

There exists no definitive date of the Blessed Mother's assumption into Heaven, but scholars say it could have been as early as 44 or as late as 55. In either case, Ignatius was most likely alive before the Virgin Mary left this earth and it's possible he wrote a letter to her. If he was a disciple of St. John (the disciple who took the Blessed Mother into his home), he certainly had a means of delivering his message. He may have even met the Virgin Mary during his life.

Whatever the case may be, the medieval document called the Golden Legend relates the following interchange between the two. First off, St. Ignatius writes to the Blessed Mother.

To Mary the Christ-bearer, her Ignatius. You ought to strengthen and console me, a neophyte and disciple of your John, from whom I have learned many things about your Jesus, things wondrous to tell, and I am dumbfounded at hearing them. My heart's desire is to be assured about these things that I have heard, by you who were always so intimately close to Jesus and shared his secrets. Fare you well, and let the neophytes who are with me be strengthened in the faith, by you, through you, and in you.

The Blessed Mother was kind enough to offer a response.

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

HOLY DAYS
7:30, 9 am & 7 pm
Weekdays: 8:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays
3:00 -3:45 pm
or by Appointment

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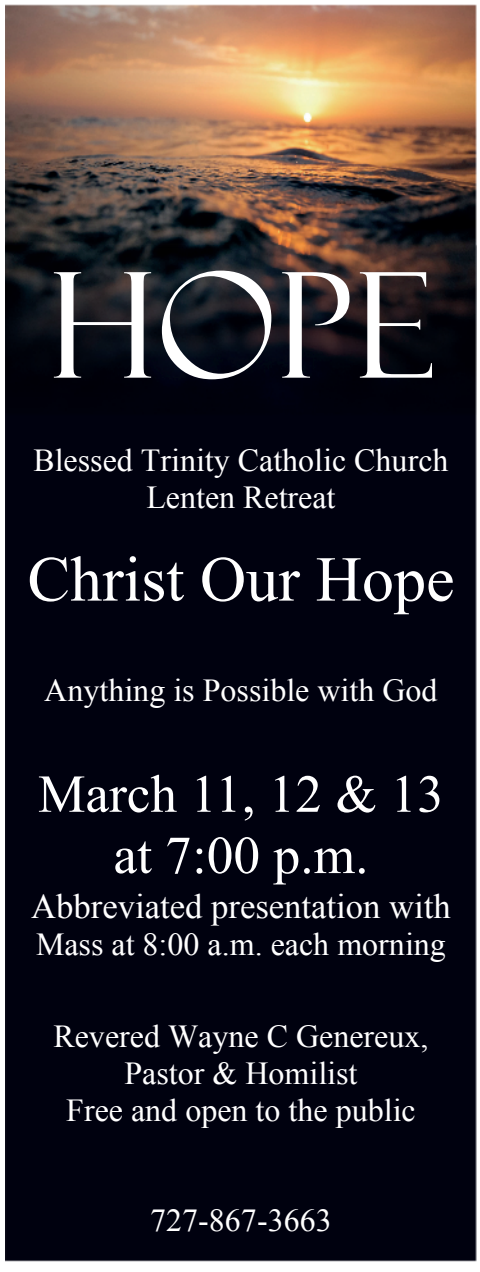
To my beloved fellow disciple Ignatius, this humble handmaid of Christ Jesus. The things you have heard and learned from John are true. Believe them, hold on to them, be steadfast in carrying out your Christian commitment and shape your life and conduct on it. I will come to you with John to visit you and those who are with you. Stand firm and do manfully in the faith. Do not let the hardships of persecution shake you, and may your spirit be strong and joyful in God your salvation. Amen.

It is uncertain where these "letters" originated, only that the story was passed down through the years.

Regardless of their veracity, the letters make for a fascinating meditation. We can imagine ourselves in the 1st century and wonder if we would have written a letter to Mary, the Mother of God. She was well known in the early Church and would have been a sought-after counselor, eager to help others to love her Son.

By Philip Kosloski, reprinted with permission from Aleteia



Marriage Enrichment Seminars

February 24, 2019 & June 2, 2019

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
445 82nd Ave., St. Pete Beach, FL
Msgr. Trainor Parish Hall, 1–2:30 p.m.
(Corner of 84th Ave. and Blind Pass Rd.)

Seating is limited, so please register early.
Babysitting is available for children 2–12 years.

Monica Burton, LMFT, will present these seminars. Monica is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with nearly 15 years as a professional clinician. She is in private practice in St. Petersburg and St. Pete Beach.

February 24, 2019—Nurturing Your Relationship
We will go through effective ways to nurture your marital relationship and stay connected in your day to day life.

June 2, 2019—Joint Financial Vision
This seminar will discuss how to create a financial vision together. You will get tools on how to discuss financial goals together and how to discuss money on the day to day without it escalating to an argument.

If you would like to register, complete the below form, or download one from our website at https://www.stjohnsparish.org/assets/marriage.pdf.

Registration

Email joe.grote@gmail.com, or mail to Dcn. Joe Grote, St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 445 82nd Ave., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706.

Welcome, Jessica!

Jessica Sanchez is a Community Organizer at FAST, she works with the Justice Ministry in different congregations by strengthening civil society engagement.

Jessica graduated from the University of Central Florida with a diploma in International and Global Studies and a Minor in Diplomacy; she has core values for social justice and equality and has dedicated her career to fulfill this call.

Jessica interned for over a year at Global Hope Network International, and also at The Geneva Institute for Public Policy where she witnessed global leaders coming together to transform their nations through peace and reconciliation. These experiences reaffirmed her desire to dedicate her life to social justice.

Jessica is originally from Colombia and came to the United States 11 years ago where she has resided since then. Her immediate family lives in the U.S. but the rest of her family is in Colombia. Jessica enjoys traveling, reading and practicing yoga.

Jessica has the vision to make the world a better place and is committed to work hard to achieve this goal for as long as she is able to.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Bishop's visit to Blessed Trinity on Saturday, March 2nd has been postponed. He has been having issues with his foot and is unable to stand for long periods of time. All his visitations in February and March have been canceled while he recuperates. Please keep the Bishop in your prayers and we will notify you when his visit is rescheduled.

Dynamic Catholic Book Program

Has Matthew Kelly's new book: **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity** touched your heart yet? Books can and do change lives. Sometimes it's a whole chapter or just one line on a page that wakes us up and makes a difference on how we live our lives. All it takes is the right book at the right time. Matthew's books is very relevant for the world we live in today. Its message is important for all of us. Would you agree?

As your **Dynamic Catholic** "Parish Champion," who is defined by Merriam Webster as someone who "enthusiastically fights for, supports, defends or argues for a cause, a belief, or a person," I would like to invite you to give me a call, telling me that you would like to be part of a "Book Sharing / Discussion Group." We have already distributed over 500 books, so please do not all call me on the same day! I will be happy to meet with 1 or up to 500 people. This book is too important to be left on a shelf.

Let's discover new ways to breath more life into our parish community and work together to transform the world one person at a time.

Rachel
Parish Office: 867-3663

This Week In Worship

Italian & American Gala Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 16th
5:00-9:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Catered by:
Portofino Italian Ristorante

Dance to the music of
Taddeo Scalici

$25 per person
Tickets go on sale January 13th.
Tickets are available until
February 10th and are available for
purchase in gift shop and parish office.
Credit card purchases can be
processed through the parish office
727-867-3663

Catered by:
Portofino Italian Ristorante

Menu:

Antipasto
Salad w/ Dressings
Focaccia Bread

Entree
Baked Ziti
Sausage & Peppers w/ Onions
Rigatoni w/ Tomato Sauce
Chicken Marsala

Dolce
Miniature Pastries
Miniature Cannolis

MASS INTENTIONS

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat., February 9
8:00 a.m. John Lanigan (liv)
4:00 p.m. Miller Family (dec)

Sun., February 10
8:00 a.m. Jim Halpin (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (dec)

Mon., February 11
8:00 a.m. Jean Doroski (dec)

Tues., February 12
8:00 a.m. Marie Gaertner (dec)

Wed., February 13
8:00 a.m. Vocations

Thurs., February 14 - Mem. Of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
8:00 a.m. Frances Zilko (dec)
& Tom Pedulla (dec)

Fri., February 15
8:00 a.m. Amelia Kumick
& Maria Carmenzille Orlando (dec)

Sat., February 16
8:00 a.m. Bob Harren (dec)
4:00 p.m. Joseph Francis
& Bart D'Angelo (dec)

Sun., February 17
8:00 a.m. Shirley Lower
& Thomas Jeske (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Jorge & Maria Lafuente (dec)

SACRAMENTS

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a parish priest before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours
M-F 9 am - 4 pm
Closed for Lunch
Noon to 1 pm

MONEY matters

by Eileen Plasse
Parish Manager

How do you figure out what is the best item or brand to buy? Do other people influence your purchases?

I consider myself a researcher. When I am looking for the best choice for something, for myself or for the parish, I look online for ratings, price, and how quickly I can get it shipped. Very often when shopping for the parish I am looking at bulk deals as well. I have some trusted companies I include in my investigation, but if I can find the item and brand I want direct from the manufacturer I most likely can save money. I also listen to people I trust who have some experience with that particular item or product. When buying for the church I sometimes ask the company for a discount.

When it comes to our belief system we can use some of these same tactics. There are different study groups, seminars, and retreats that can be very effective. Someone's personal experience in faith at work in their life is another powerful influence. Unlike the shopping experience, you cannot just make a selection and push the "BUY" button. You can't expect a discounted path to faith. You have to work it into your thinking, your decision making, your actions, and your heart and soul. You will need to exercise your faith in order to make it stronger. I can personally testify that faith in Jesus is the best search you will ever undertake with the greatest benefit and satisfaction.

If you are looking for a greater faith and don't know where to turn, please call me and I will be happy to help you find a start or continue plan.

On another note, December marked the half way point of our financial fiscal year. I am working on a report to publish in the bulletin and hope to have it ready in the near future.

Donations 02/04/2019

Offertory Collection	$9,766
Building Fund	$1,938
APA 2018	$3,125
Gift shop	$218
TOTAL:	$15,047
Vietnamese Nuns	$20
St. Vincent dePaul	$400

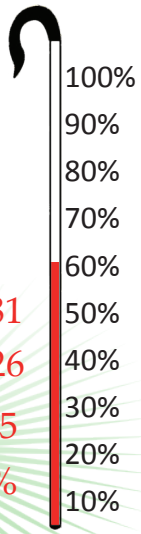
Want to try Online Giving?
Go to our website at btsp.org and click the online giving button.

Offering Prayer • Sharing Faith • Serving Others

2018 **Annual Pastoral Appeal**

Diocese of St. Petersburg

Goal:	$101,181
Paid:	$61,326
Balance Due:	$39,855
% to Goal:	60.61%



Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

I would like a Tax Statement for 2018

_____For my Church donations _____For donations to St. Vincent dePaul

My name is: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Envelope #: _____

Phone # _____

Please fill out and return to the Parish Office or drop in the Offertory basket.

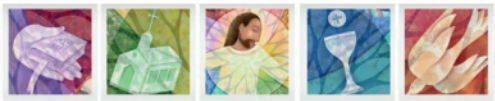
This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun.	2/10	9:00 a.m. - K of C Pancake Breakfast
		7:00 p.m. - Men's AA - Rm 4
Mon.	2/11	1:00 p.m. - "Shepherd Me…" Program - FFR
		7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - FFR
Tues.	2/12	9:30 a.m. - Scripture Class - FFR
		6:00 p.m. - Lakewood H.S. Music Contest
Wed.	2/13	6:30 p.m. - Choir - Music Room
Sat.	2/16	5:00 p.m. - Italian & American Dinner Gala
		7:00 p.m. - Women's AA - Rm 4

Please call the Parish Office, (727) 867-3663, for information regarding ministries & organizations

Martha Monagan-Hart Ph.D., LCSW, Volunteer, will facilitate the Sister Jean Barrett Bereavement Support Group. The group offers a caring presence in a safe, comfortable environment to share stories and listen to each other with compassion offering support in our normal grief reactions. Adults of all faiths are welcome and there is no fee to attend. Meetings are held at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 21st.

You can E-mail Martha at Dr.Monaganhart@gmail.com. You may also leave your phone number if you would like to talk. You can also call the parish office at 727-867-3663 and leave a message for Martha.



On Sunday, February 3rd, our Family groups met for our class with a mission: to decide on a service project to share our love of Jesus with others. We discovered one of our parents has a boat and that gave us the idea to take orphans out for a boat trip. We will be collecting small items for a gift bag for each child. God bless you all!

Join us for a day dedicated to being renewed and filled with the Holy Spirit

When: Sat. February 23, 2019
Where: Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center
5815 5th Ave. N. St. Petersburg

8:15 AM Mass in the Chapel (optional)
9:00 AM Registration & light breakfast.
Bring a bag lunch, drinks & dessert will be provided.
For information: Frank, 727-866-8930 or Nancy, 727- 686-8451

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every first Friday of the month for the near future, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass we will have Eucharistic exposition, homily, meditation, and benediction at 10:30 a.m. You might want to pray for healing and for the victims of the scandal. Invest one hour with God, one on one.

Our next Adoration will be on Friday, March 1st.

Love choral music?

Then join us for a FREE Ecumenical Music Festival!

Come and enjoy music from various churches in the area including our very own Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Choir!

St. Jerome's Choir Festival
Friday, February 15th
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
St. Jerome Catholic Church
10895 Hamlin Blvd
Largo, FL 33774

Knights of Columbus

Pre Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 10th
After the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses

$6 gets you:
Pancakes
Sausage Links/Patties
Fruit Cocktail/ Orange Juice
Coffee/Tea/Bottled Water

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Adkins, Chantale
Albertson, Michelle
Antczak, Harriet
Aselage, Karl
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Beekman, Connie
Bennett, Elizabeth
Blondheim, Carmen
Bogensberger, Rosemary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Dorothy
Brown, Buck
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Ceci, Shirley
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Cramer, David
D'Agostino, Frances
Dawson, Anthony Peter
Deacon Lionel Roberts
DeLucca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice
Devyn & Donna
Drougelis, Nijole
Favero, Beverly
Fazio, Mary
Feehan, Joe
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Freda, Eileen
Gilberto, Josie
Graeme, Mary
Grimberg, Carol
Hamilton, Tom
Harris, Melonie
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Hepp, Loren
Heylan, Edward H.
Hildebrand, Bud
Horne, Francesca
Huff, Walt & Carole
Iannello, Guy
Iglesias, Olivia
Irvin, Victoria
Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin & Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Kwesell, Eugene
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
Leininger, Carol
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
Mahoney, Colleen
Maitland, Steve
Mark, Jacqueline
Marois, Mar
Maurer, Thomas
McGarry, Jean
McManus, Elly
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Merchant, Geraldine
Merchant, Rhoda
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Mitchell, Stella
Monahan, Sheila
Morton, Donna Abby
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Neumann, Janet
Nichols, Robert
Noguez, Armida
Nuñez, Marleny
O'hara, Debbie
Pezzulo, Irene
Pope, Stoney
Post, Michael
Privitera, Sandy
Ramsey, Gerald
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Remp, Al
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo & Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina
Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
Sister Elaine Taylor
Smith, Anita
St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Sue
Thore, Isabelle
Timm, Carol & Linda
Van Dusen, Caroline
Watson, Doug & Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Wilson, Dolores
Wohlman, Fred
Wood, Jena