



# Blessed Trinity

**60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY** *Living the Gospel*

**March 7, 2021**

**WEEKEND MAGAZINE**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

## We Welcome Bishop Lynch

**Blessed Trinity Catholic Church**

## Lenten Reflections

Presented by:

**Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch**

Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of St. Petersburg

**Bishop Lynch will preach at all the Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday, March 6**

4:00 p.m.

*The Mass will also be on the Parish Website*

**Sunday, March 7**

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 8**

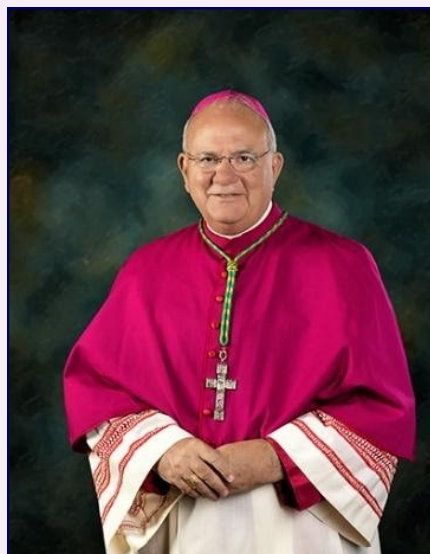
7:00 p.m. Mass and Reflection on Faith

**Tuesday, March 9**

7:00 p.m. Mass and Reflection on Hope

**Wednesday, March 10,**

7:00 p.m. Mass and Reflection on Love





## PASTOR

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

## DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lovelace  
Deacon Lionel Roberts,  
Deacon Emeritus

## PASTOR EMERITUS

Msgr. Anton Dechering  
Retired

## CLERGY ASSISTANCE

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM  
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM  
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org).

Confessions can be arranged with  
Fr. Wayne. Call his private  
number to make your  
appointment, 727-401-0487.

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
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# Run to the desert!

## Why we should seek out this place of struggle

Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP



*Three things are forced to fade away in the desert, allowing it to become a privileged place of encounter with the Almighty.*

Run to the desert! Our heavenly Father reveals the glory of his beloved son at our Blessed Lord's baptism by John, and then straight away Jesus is thrown into the contest of temptation in the desert.

At first glance the desert may seem the place of struggle, the place of abandonment. Gazing at the arid dry wilderness of our lives may lead us to believe that God has left us; that he is far from us. However, over and over again in the Scriptures, God shows us that the desert, the place far away, the place of travail and combat, is the privileged place of encounter with God.

### **Moses**

Moses is called by God with the appearance of the burning bush in the wilderness. Scripture says, "Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush" (Exodus 3:1-2). In this place, Moses receives the sacred name of God and is entrusted with the mission to lead the Israelite people out of Egypt.

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## “Best Lent Ever 2021”

The Lenten “Journals” for 2021 are here! This year’s journey will be guided by Matthew Kelly’s book: I Heard God Laugh which was given out to parishioners at Christmas. To fully participate in this Lenten program, you are also invited to sign up for daily emails and a short video message at: **BestLentEver.com/2021**

With the help of I Heard God Laugh and the video selections, it is our hope that the daily readings will help you reflect on your life, discover what your soul truly hungers for and live this Lenten season as **your “Best Lent Ever”!**

A limited number of Journals are available at the Parish Office.

**May God Bless your Lenten Journey.**



## Daily Mass, and Stations of the Cross During Lent

Masses Monday- Saturday 8:00 a.m.

**Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.**

**Friday's Mass 8:00 a.m., Stations of the Cross immediately after Mass.**

## Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

## Confessions

Confessions are available by appointment.

Please call the office at 867-3663.

We make appointments to see our Doctors for Physical Healing.

Why would we not make an appointment for Spiritual Healing?

## Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ♦ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
- ♦ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
- ♦ Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.



## Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: [bulletinbt@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinbt@gmail.com).



## **Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment 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 our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

### **Website Mass**

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 6,** Lenten Weekday  
4:00 p.m. Karen DeMilt (Dec)

**Sunday, March 7,** Third Sunday of Lent  
8:00 a.m. Rosa Renzoni (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Malinda Yannok (Dec)

**Monday, March 8,** Saint John of God, Religious  
8:00 a.m. Margie Badyna (Dec)

**Tuesday, March 9,** Saint Frances of Rome, Religious  
8:00 a.m. Baby Jack Mays (Liv)

**Wednesday, March 10,** Lenten Weekday  
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

**Thursday, March 11,** Lenten Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Margarite Israelson (Dec)

**Friday, March 12,** Lenten Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Eileen Fitzpatrick (Dec)

**Saturday, March 13,** Lenten Weekday  
8:00 a.m. Nancy Young and Meg Gray (Dec)  
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

**Sunday, March 14,** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
8:00 a.m. Eva Doroski (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Malinda Yannock (Dec)

## **CRS Rice Bowls**

Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

Catholic Relief Services  
Rice Bowl  
P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303  
A postage-paid envelope will be included in the materials. You may also make your donation online at: [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### Weekly Giving

#### Online Giving February 22-28

Offertory	\$ 1590
Building Fund	\$ 40
SVDP	\$ 190
Other	\$ 35

#### February 28, 2021

Offertory	\$ 7,803
Building Fund	\$ 25
Gift Shop	\$ 196
Easter Flowers	\$ 45
APA	\$ 40
Other	\$ 30
SVDP	\$ 1,061

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

1. Use the Easter Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Monday, March 22. The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

#### Please Check One:

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Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## People of Israel

The people of Israel leave Egypt to go and worship God in the desert. Despite the struggles of needing food and water, the desert is the place where God gives to them his law and teaches them to worship. Scripture says, "In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye. Marvelous deeds are worked for them in the desert" (Deut. 32:10). God, having chosen his people by the mysterious designs of his love, leads them to the desert, instructs them, and binds them to himself.

## John the Baptist

John the Baptist begins his campaign for fasting, prayer, and baptism in the wilderness. The prophet Isaiah spoke of John, saying, "A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God'" (Isaiah 40:3). By these means, a path is made, a safe passage, a ready way across difficult terrain, and hearts are readied to receive the Lord.

## Our Lord

And now our Savior is led to the desert by the Holy Spirit to pray. It is there that Christ shows us the way to conquer the great temptations of our age. God, in his goodness, may choose to allow us to be tempted, but he will always sustain us if we turn to him.

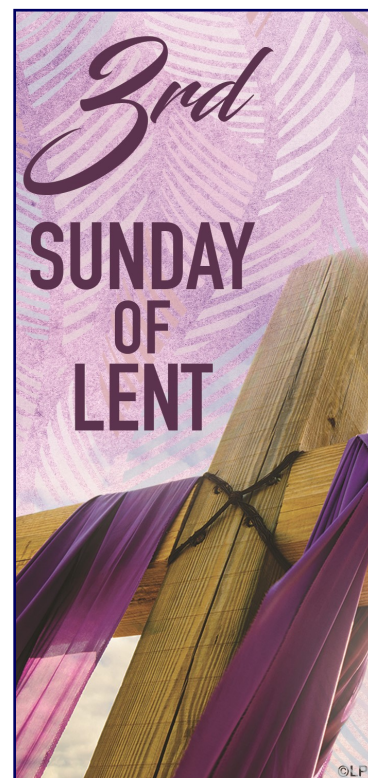
Why is the desert such a special place? How could the place of temptation and struggle be the place of encounter? Why for centuries did Christian hermits and monks head out to the desert in search of God?

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Entering the desert allows the distractions, deceptions, and divisions to fade away. When we let go of our distractions, we can focus on our relationship with God, on hearing the Lord speak. When we cast off the deceptions, the gentle lies we tell ourselves about who we are and who others are, then we can see our lives and our hearts as God sees them. The wilderness casts aside our divisions, making it necessary to band together to survive, allowing our politics and our divided hearts to be made one.

This Sunday, run to the desert of your heart to be with God. Let this Lent be a time of purification, of cleansing, of renewal. For we will not be abandoned in the desert. In fact, the truth is quite the opposite: it is there we will find God.

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## Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at [www.btsp.or](http://www.btsp.or) and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

make a difference  
**DONATE**

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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