



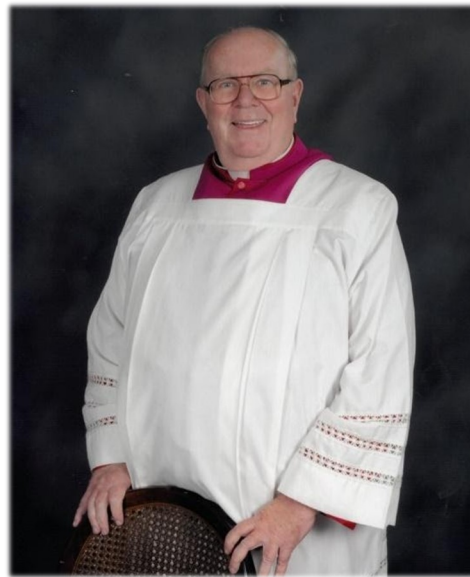
Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

March 14, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Reverend
Msgr. Anton Clemens Dechering
Pastor Emeritus of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church



Msgr. Dechering Passed Away
on Friday Morning March 5, 2021.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



PASTOR

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lovelace
Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

PASTOR EMERITUS

Msgr. Anton Dechering
Retired

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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.

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

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Msgr. Anton Clemens Dechering

Anton Clemens Dechering Anton Clemens Dechering was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 22, 1938, to Henry and Gertrude (Flottmer) Dechering. After graduating from the Pontifical Gregorian University, in Rome, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of St. Augustine on December 19, 1962. Following ordination and continued Theology studies at the Gregorian, Monsignor Dechering served as Assistant Pastor (Parochial Vicar) of the following parishes: Blessed Sacrament, Tallahassee (1963-1965); the Cathedral of St. Augustine (1965-1966); and St. Joseph, Bradenton (1966-1968). While at St. Joseph Parish, he also served on faculty at Cardinal Mooney High School, Sarasota, after which he was appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish, Acadia (1968-1971).

In 1968, Monsignor Dechering was incardinated into the newly established Diocese of St. Petersburg. In 1971, he was assigned to St. Raphael Parish, St. Petersburg, where he led the community as its pastor from 1971 to 1996. He was subsequently appointed Pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Petersburg, where he faithfully served for 17 years until his retirement on July 1, 2013.

In August 1999, at the request of Bishop Robert Lynch, Pope John Paul II conferred the title Prelate of Honor of His Holiness upon Monsignor Dechering. He was honored by his brother priests with the Father Luis de Cancer Award for Distinguished Priestly Service in October 2018.

In addition to his parish ministry, Monsignor Dechering has also assisted in numerous diocesan positions. Among them, he has served as Chaplain for the Southern Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Diocesan Coordinator for the Charismatic Renewal, and Trustee of

the Diocesan Pension Board. In addition, he has served as Diocesan Director of Scouting and as Chaplain for Catholic Scouting for Girls since 1971.

Since 2018, Monsignor Dechering has resided at Bon Secours Place, St. Petersburg, where he often presided at Masses for the residents until COVID-19 restrictions led to a suspension of public services.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Gertrude, and his sister, Carol Sager. Surviving family members include his brother-in-law, John (Jack) Sager, his nephews Michael Sager and Captain John Sager, and his niece Trudy Oliver, in addition to several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Family of Msgr. Anton Dechering, c/o Mr. Jack Sager, 4907 Parson Brown Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34684.

Please keep Monsignor Dechering's family members and loved ones in your kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Well done, good and faithful servant [...] Come, share your master's joy" (Matthew 25:21).

“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.

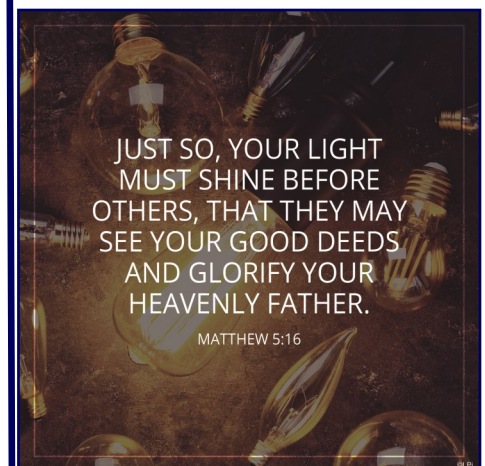
We make appointments to see our Doctors for Physical Healing.

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.



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 Genereux, 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 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 13, Lenten Weekday
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)

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Clea Fernandes (Dec)

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Barbara Rosazza (Dec)

Wednesday, March 17, Saint Patrick, Bishop
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, March 18, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
8:00 a.m. Patricia Hamilton (Liv)

Friday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph
8:00 a.m. Joseph Baroni (Dec)

Saturday, March 20 Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Francis Xavier Dalton, Sr. (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Miller Family (Dec)

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Agnes Sadusky (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



Our beautiful
flowers this
weekend have been
donated in
thanksgiving and
in memory of the
living and deceased
members of the
Azarewicz
and
Holley Families.

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Giving

Online Giving March 1-7

Offertory	\$ 2,445
Building Fund	\$ 140

March 7, 2021

Offertory	\$ 7,023
Building Fund	\$ 476
Gift Shop	\$ 140
Easter Flowers	\$ 476
Rent	\$ 2,500
CRS	\$ 30
SVDP	\$ 719

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:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

"Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows 'in wisdom, age and grace,' as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus' father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace." —Pope Francis, March 19, 2014

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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 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.



Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Bennett, Elizabeth
Bestow, Shawn
Blondheim, Carmen
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Bruce, Phil
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Cavalieri, Lois
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Congiu, Rita
Crigler, Flo
Dawson, Anthony Peter
Deacon Lionel Roberts
DeLucca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice

Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Ditzel, Julie, Mark and
Luke
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferro, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fr. Jim Klima
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Graeme, Mary
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
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Hamilton, Tom
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Heylan, Edward H.
Hepp, Loren
Huff, Walt & Carole
Iglesias, Olivia
Infant Ursa

Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin & Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Kline, Wayne and Judy
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lovelace, Jill
Lovelace, Kim
Lowery, Judith
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
Mahoney, Colleen
Maitland, Steve
Mark, Jacqueline
Marois, Mary
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Merchant, Geraldine
Merchant, Rhoda

Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Monahan, Sheila
Moore, Richard A.
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Nuñez, Marleny
Oliphant, Brian
Pezzulo, Irene
Phillips, James
Pope, Stoney
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Quinn, Timothy
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina
Rudy, Fr. Richard
Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Schaefer, Jake

Schneider, Mary Jo
Sequist, Tim
Shandersky, Carol
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
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St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Bill
Thompson, Susan
Thore, Isabelle
Thuline, James
Vishnisky, Wayne
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Wood, Jena
Youngman, Ruth

