



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

March 20, 2022 ▪ The Third Sunday of Lent

Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination



Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor



Fr. Wayne in St. Peter's Basilica during the Chrism Mass.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Celebrant | Rome, Italy | March 27, 1997

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THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate *the ground around it*. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

STUDY Learn about the Synod on Synodality: www.usccb.org/synod. Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.





PASTOR

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lovelace
Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

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.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux
Requests the Honor of your Presence

For the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
in Celebration of his
Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April Twenty-third,
Two thousand and Twenty Two
at Four o'clock in the Afternoon
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

Please RSVP by Phone: (727) 867-3663

Because of Covid-19 uncertainty there will be no dinner after the Mass.
A dinner will be held at a later date.



Are You Hoping 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 p.m. Micheline Kirshner (Dec)

Sunday, March 20, Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Barbara Doyle (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Don Romanello (Dec)

Monday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Joseph Mergler (Dec)

Tuesday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Gene Lamar Thomas (Dec)

Wednesday, March 23, Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:00 a.m. For Vocations and
Kristen Boss (Liv)

Thursday, March 24, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Liv)

Friday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Trudy Murray (Dec)

Saturday, March 26, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Robert McKinney (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

Sunday, March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Ron Bento (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Pauline Rynolos (Dec)

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, April 4.** 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: \$ _____

Ushers – Help Urgently Needed



Ushers

Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Blessed Trinity
Knights of Columbus
Council 15862

Invite you to a
St. Patrick / St. Joseph Dinner

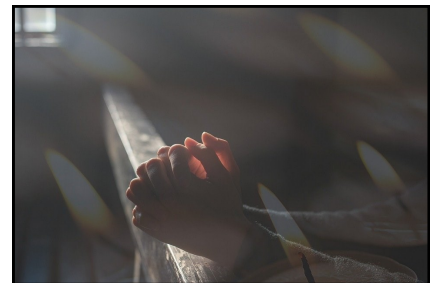
**Saturday March 19, 2022,
6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall**

Enjoy a variety of foods from
Ireland, Poland, and Italy

Raffle 50/50

Tickets \$12.00 each

Tickets available at the Parish
Office, in the Gift Shop,
and after Mass from your
friendly Knight



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

- 03/20 • Rev Israel Hernandez ,
- 03/21 • Rev. David DeJulio
- 03/22 • Rev. Carl F. Melchior
- 03/23 • For Vocations to Priesthood
& Religious Life
- 03/24 • Rev. William J. Swengros ,
- 03/25 • Andrew Zsebedics,
Seminarist
- 03/26 • For All Priests on Leave

Catholic Ministry Appeal



"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls out an uncomfortable truth about our fallen human nature: we like to locate fault and blame outside ourselves. Jesus corrects this tendency, which is too often an excuse for ignoring our own need for conversion—our own need to produce good fruit.

Lent is a season dedicated to overcoming this "blame-shifting" tendency. It's a season

of self-reflection, repentance, and growth in our relationship with God. Our Lenten disciplines and practices give us a concrete opportunities to stop focusing on the perceived shortcomings of others, and to focus on making concrete acts of love and producing good fruit.

One discipline we've been focusing on this Lent is the practice of almsgiving. Being challenged to give to others doesn't allow us to point fingers and highlight their shortcomings. It forces us to reflect on our own generosity and trust in the Lord. Rather than something scary, this should be a welcomed opportunity to be more fully converted to Christ. We have many concrete opportunities for almsgiving, including giving to our diocesan Annual Appeal. Reread Christ's parable about the fig tree and see what kind of good fruit he might be asking you to produce.

The Apostles' Creed



At Mass today we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

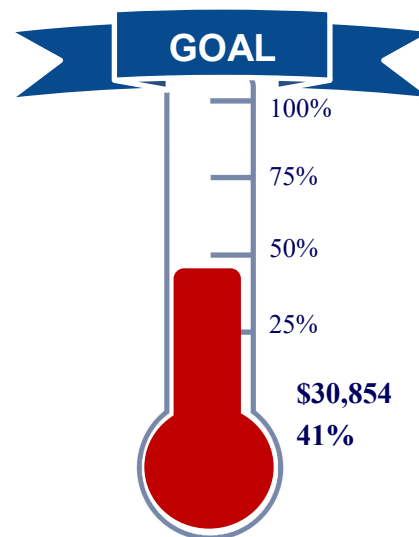
The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter

Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ, which was first made at our own baptism and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.



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**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

Our Goal \$74,741



**Thank you for your
prayerful giving!**

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

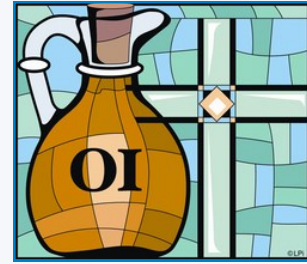
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Arnold, Barbara
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Comeau, Teresa
Daniels, Joshua
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane

Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Lynd, John
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Murdock, Cheryl
Murdock, Evan
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
O'Farrell, Louise
Oliphant, Brian
Parmigiani, Valerie

Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Roberts, Deacon Lionel
Romani, Angelo
Schaefer, Jake
Scotlight, Kristin
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Kyle
Youngman, Ruthe



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.