

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKEND MAGAZINE

March 24th, 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.



A Life Saving Event

100 Lives have been saved since March 6th

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On a rainy Memphis day, an abortion-bound couple refused assistance from a trained sidewalk counselor named Tara. But before long, the man exited Planned Parenthood, offering to help shield vigil participants' materials from the rain.

Was he really that concerned about keeping some pro-life brochures dry? Or was he hoping to have his mind changed about abortion?

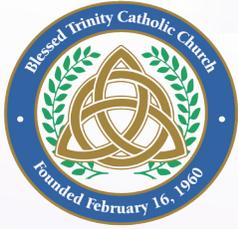
Either way, Tara gladly used the opportunity to tell him all about the support available to help the couple choose life. The man said he would try to change the woman's mind, but when a half hour passed, hope began to fade.

Finally, they emerged from Planned Parenthood and announced they had decided against abortion!

By this point, Tara had been relieved by a new sidewalk counselor named Bethany (second from right in the photo above). On her very FIRST week of sidewalk counseling, she walked the couple over to the pregnancy center and was even invited to see the ultrasound.

"Praise Jesus!" Jessie, the Memphis leader, said. "Suddenly, the rain doesn't seem so bad!"

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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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GREELEY, COLORADO

Stephanie decided to lead a 40 Days for Life campaign in Greeley, Colorado at the very last minute.

But it would not take long to find confirmation that she made the right

choice. Her vigil saved a baby on day 1 of the campaign!

A couple left Planned Parenthood and told a group of prayer warriors they had decided against abortion. When Stephanie heard the good news, she was stunned—and even asked the volunteer who told her to repeat himself.

“She changed her mind because we were here,” he said.

Thank you, Stephanie, for answering the call to lead in your community!



PLATTSBURG, NEW YORK

The young couple sat conflicted in a car parked in front of Planned Parenthood.

A vigil participant approached and initiated a conversation. “[The man] said he really didn’t want to go into Planned Parenthood,” Nancy, the local leader,

reported.

Fortunately, the campaign volunteer had an alternative to the abortion facility. He walked them next door to the local pregnancy center for a free pregnancy test.

“Thank goodness...” Nancy said. “...we’ll never know what Planned Parenthood would have done.



Abortion is big business, and the pressure to meet abortion sales quotas results in seedy sales tactics that end in the destruction of a baby.

In Fort Pierce, Florida, one frightened woman visited the abortion facility to find out how much an abortion would cost.

The price tag on her baby’s life? \$500.

This mom wasn’t sure she wanted an abortion, so abortion facility staff members turned up the pressure. They offered her a discount—but only if she signed up right then and there for the abortion.

What’s next, “Abort now, and we’ll throw in a set of knives?”

The mother wasn’t quite ready to sign on the dotted line. That weekend, she went to church—where Fort Pierce 40 Days for Life volunteers were hosting a sign-up table. She took brochures from the volunteers, prayed on it, and chose life for her baby!

Abortion advocates justify abortion as a “thoughtful decision that no woman takes lightly.” But when push comes to shove, their primary concern is making the sale—even if that means resorting to tactics more fitting for a late-night “as seen on TV” infomercial.

Fortunately, in Fort Pierce, it didn’t work.

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Notes from the Editor

Kelly E Gallagher

Dear beloved parishioners of Blessed Trinity,

As we head into our third week of Lent, there are a few things I want to share with everyone as we continue our spiritual “spring cleaning.”



First, I want to discuss parishioner envelopes with you and the path they take to get from our database to your mailbox. I receive a notice from the company about 4 months in advance asking for correct addresses for everyone who receives envelopes. For example, the current March/April envelopes we are using now were mailed in February from a list I submitted back in January. Once the list gets to the company, I cannot make any edits to it. The company then prints the envelopes and mails them in bulk. Because of

the bulk mailing process, a few parishioners may not receive their envelopes. Occasionally they are lost in the mail or are too damaged to deliver. Sometimes I receive envelopes here at the office that were non-deliverable because someone has a new address and has not notified us. The envelope company sends me a few extra sets of blank envelopes, so if you do not receive your envelopes, please call me and I can print labels to put on the extra blank ones. Also, if you are a seasonal parishioner, don't forget to pick up your envelope packets! You can pick them up in the church office during the week.

Very shortly we will be doing an update of the parishioner information in our system and we will need your help! As I mentioned previously, sometimes the envelopes are returned as undeliverable. When that happens I call the parishioner to verify their address. What do I do when their phone number doesn't work either? In the coming weeks, you will see more information published about how to make sure your information is correct in our system by filling out a card with your current name, address, phone number and email.

Secondly, I wanted to talk about the Lenten Rice Bowls and how they work. As a new Catholic myself (it will be my second Easter as a Catholic this year!) I thought a nice refresher would help. Once you have filled the rice bowls with your loose change, please either:

- 1) Count the change and write a check for the amount and place it in the offertory basket with the note “Rice Bowl”
- 2) Take the coins to your bank. Once you have exchanged the coins for paper bills, please place them in an envelope labeled “Rice Bowl” and drop in the offertory basket. Don't forget to write your name (and envelope number if applicable) if you are not using a check!



Third, our Music Director, Vincent Sclafani, has finished refurbishing one of two sets of Schulmerich Handbells! They sound like they are brand new and the clarity is truly remarkable. Now that we have one set ready to go, Blessed Trinity is reforming its handbell choir and we need volunteers! No music experience is needed and rehearsals would begin after the Easter season in preparation for the Christmas season of 2020. If you are interested in joining, please let Vincent or myself know after any of the Masses.

Lastly, please don't forget to sign up for 40 Days For Life and take a couple hours out of your day to pray in front of the abortion clinic. Richard Maloney had this to say about their recent efforts: “[We wanted to] pass on the wonderful news that a Mom came out of the abortion clinic, walked up to the prayer volunteers out front, lifted her blouse enough to pat her tummy, and announced to all ‘I'm keeping my baby!’ If this was the sole baby saving event during our 911 prayer vigils for the entire year, our time will still have been well spent.” We encourage all of you to support 40 Days For Life - you may be the next one to save an innocent child's life!

I hope you all have an amazing time of reflection during the rest of the Lenten season. If you need to reach me for any reason at all, my new email address is keg@btsp.org. Thank you and God Bless you!



Attention Parishioners:

There will be no Grief Support Meeting in April. The next meeting will be May 16th.

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, May 16th.**

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.



Foundations of Life Walk/Run For Life 2019

Ben T. Davis Beach
7740 W. Courtney Campbell
Causeway

Saturday, April 13th 2019

Registration 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Walk/Run begins at 9:00 am

1 mile | 2 miles | 5K

Benefitting:

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas Knights Women's Center, Project Rachel & Perinatal ComfortCare

Register Today

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center
6515 N. Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33604
Phone: 813-631-4393

Email: foundationsoflife@ccdosp.org
Register Online at: FoundationsOfLife.org by clicking the events icon

MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sat., March 23

8:00 a.m. Danny Rosazza (dec)
4:00 p.m. Dutilly Family (liv & dec)
& Jack Kramer (liv)

Sun., March 24 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Thomas Jeszke (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Mark Walter (dec)

Mon., March 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Michael Patterson (dec)

Tues., March 26

8:00 a.m. Eileen Pallotta (dec)

Wed., March 27 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Vocations

Thurs., March 28

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Sullivan (dec)

Fri., March 29

8:00 a.m. Mary Chapman (dec)

Sat., March 30

8:00 a.m. Porfliero Del Cristo (dec)
4:00 p.m. James Lawler (dec)

Sun., March 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Antonietta Santaru (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Julie Stosz (dec)
& Josephine Gilberto (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

The **ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL** for 2019 has begun. Take a look at the operating expenses for the Diocese of St. Petersburg for the year 2018: expenses were \$14,645,909. Specific Program Revenues were \$3,781,222 making the net expenses \$10,864,687.

You might say that's HUGE! Let me tell you what those expenses cover.

1. **Clergy, Religious, Vocation and Seminarian Education**
 - a. This includes education and support costs as well as facility costs.
2. **Catholic Formation and Education**
 - a. Office of Faith Formation, Lay Pastoral Ministry, Campus Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, Scouting, Marriage Preparation
 - b. Tuition Assistance Grants
 - c. Legal Expenses, College Campus Ministry, National Collections, Facilities
3. **Catholic Social Services**
 - a. Catholic Charities, Ministries of Mercy, Contributions to Missions and other nonprofits
4. **Parish, School and Diocesan Services**
 - a. All of the Offices and Services provided by the Pastoral Center, Spirit FM. Bethany Center, and facility costs for Associated Ministries
5. **Pastoral Leadership**
 - a. Office of the Bishop, Vicar General, and Communications, FCC, FCCB, and Holy See Quotas, facilities for associated ministries
6. **Administration and Temporal Affairs**
 - a. Accounting, Finance, Information Services
 - b. Legal, and Real Estate Office
 - c. Capital Expenditures, debt, facilities

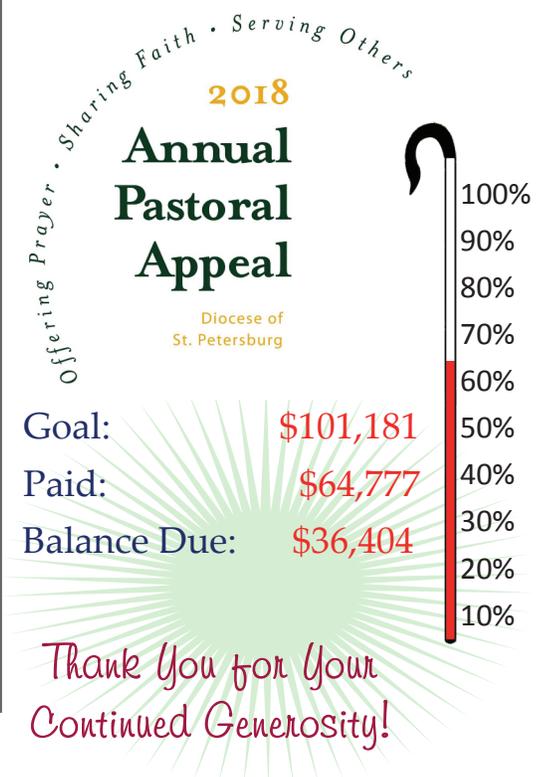
The source of their revenue comes from Parishioner Donations, Parish Assessments, Program Service Fees, Bequests, Donations, Grants, and Interest Earnings.

You will see pledge envelopes in the pews in the near future. Many have already received information and a pledge envelope in the mail. Blessed Trinity's Assessment for 2019 is \$87,384. So far \$8,175 has been given. Thank you to all of you who have contributed.

Donations 03/17/2019

Offertory Collection	\$9,065
APA 2018	\$905
Gift shop	<u>\$300</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,270
St. Vincent dePaul	\$122

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



Volunteers Needed

How would you feel if you could no longer come to church and couldn't receive Communion every week?? Blessed Trinity is in need of volunteers to take the Precious Body of Christ – Eucharist – to the Sick and Homebound members of our Parish. If you are interested in this VERY SPECIAL Ministry, please contact Aimée Holley at 727-687-2829.



This Week at Blessed Trinity

- Sun. 3/24 10:45 a.m. - Family Faith Formation - FFR
7:00 p.m. - Men's AA - Rm 4
- Mon. 3/25 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting - FFR
- Wed. 3/27 6:30 p.m. - Choir - Music Room
- Fri. 3/29 8:30 a.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m. - K of C Fish Fry - Parish Hall
- Sat. 3/30 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA

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



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Parish directories have arrived! If you or your family was photographed, your directory is available for pickup in the Parish office.

Reminder: One directory per family
Office hours are Monday through Friday
9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.
Ask for Kelly or Eileen



Parish Fish Fry 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Happening every Friday through April 12th

Menu:

Baked or Fried Fish | French Fries | Mac & Cheese
Cole Slaw | Biscuit | Dessert

Beverages include:

Lemonade | Tea | Water
Beer and Wine available for donation

Cost: \$9.00 for adults
To Go Orders Available



Healing For Our Broken Church

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, April 5th.

Easter Altar Flowers

Your donation helps pay the cost of: altar flowers, musicians & ceremonies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, etc. You may donate two different ways:

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

The name/s of the donor/s will be listed in the bulletin. Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter Bulletin is **Monday, April 15th**. 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: \$ _____

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
Carr, Elaine
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Congiu, Rita
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
Ferero, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Freda, Eileen
Garcia, Jose M.
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, Mary
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
Riemer, Dolores

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
Tillema, Karen
Timm, Carol & Linda
Van Dusen, Caroline
Watson, Doug & Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Wilson, Dolores
Wohlman, Fred
Wood, Jena