

# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend Magazine

April 15, 2018

*Creating a Vision for the Future Together*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*A grieving girl witnessed her father  
travel from purgatory to heaven . . .*



**D**uring the 17th century, a grieving young girl approached Benedictine Abbot Millán de Mirando at the monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat. She begged the abbot to say three Masses for her deceased father.

The young girl was totally convinced that these Masses would speed her father on his way to heaven, releasing him from the pains of purgatory. Moved by the girl's child-like faith, the abbot said the first Mass the next day.

*. . . all because she had three Masses  
said for the repose of his soul.*

During the Mass the young girl was kneeling and as she looked up she saw her father near the altar where the priest was saying the Mass. She described her father as "kneeling, surrounded by frightening flames" and located at the bottom step of the altar. The priest was alerted to this miraculous phenomenon and he instructed the girl to place a piece of tissue where her father was kneeling.

*(See Eucharistic Miracle page 2)*



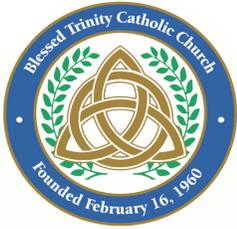
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*Celebrating Our Past to Awaken the Future*



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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: 7:30 AM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00 -3:45 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

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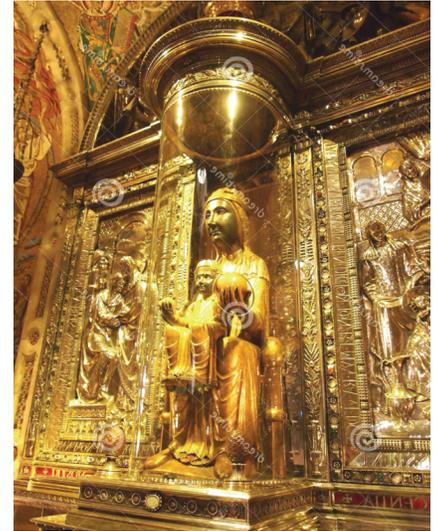
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*The Eucharistic miracle at Monserrat (Continued)*

The tissue immediately started on fire for all to see, though the priest could not see the child's father. This represented her father being purified by the flames of purgatory.

A second Mass was said for the repose of her father's soul and again the little girl saw her father. This time he was up a step standing next to the deacon and was "dressed in a vibrantly colored suit." At this stage her father was still in purgatory, but no longer touched by its flames.

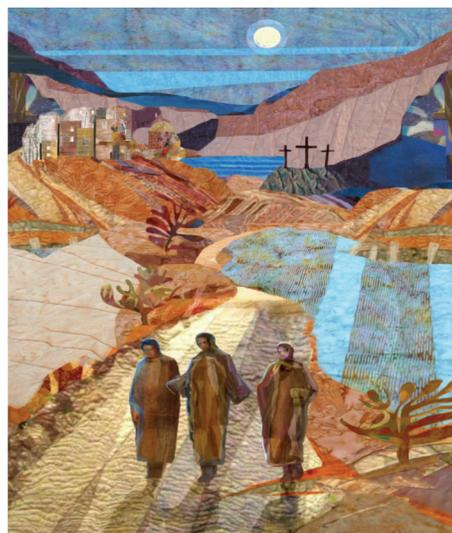
*"Purified by the flames  
of Purgatory"*



Our Lady of Monserrat

At the third Mass she saw her father for the last time. During the Eucharistic celebration he was "dressed in a snow-white suit," but then something extraordinary happened at the conclusion of Mass. The little girl exclaimed, "There is my father going away and rising into the sky!" She no longer had to worry about the soul of her father as she knew with confidence that he had reached the gates of heaven.

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*"Were not our hearts burning  
[within us]  
while he spoke to us  
on the way  
and  
opened the scriptures  
to us?"*

*Luke 24:32*

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	READINGS & FEAST
SAT APR 14	4:00 p.m.	James Lawler (dec)	Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31
SUN APR 15 Third Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Lynne Lester Bl. Trinity Parishioners Joan Putnam (dec)	Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31
Mon APR 16	7:30 a.m.	Matthew Durkin (dec)	Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16
Tues. APR 17	7:30 a.m.	Dion Lashley (dec)	Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6
Wed APR 18	7:30 a.m.	Vocations	Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18
Thurs APR 19	7:30 a.m.	Joan Gossett (dec)	Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26
Fri APR 20	7:30 a.m.	Richard A. Magell (dec)	Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4
Sat APR 21	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Dave Cramer (dec) Jill Vaspasiano (dec)	Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34 Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18
APR 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Nance Young (dec) Bl. Trinity Parishioners Robert Meyer (dec)	Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18



### ALTER SERVER APPRECIATION MASS

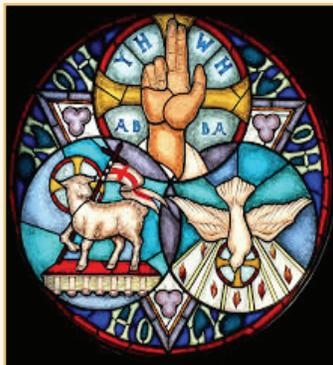
On Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. the DOSP Office of Vocations will host the annual Altar Server Appreciation Mass at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 Fifth Ave. N., St. Petersburg. All are welcome to attend. A reception in the Cathedral center will follow.

**NEXT:**

### Matrimony

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

### SACRAMENTS



**OFFICE HOURS**  
M-F 9 AM - 4 PM  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH  
NOON TO 1 PM

### Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

# Finance Matters by Eileen Plasse, Parish Manager

Blessed Trinity Church receives several donations each month from parishioners using their automatic bank bill pay. The checks list the donors name along with the donation designation. These types of donations are consistent and it doesn't cost the donor any bank charges nor does it cost the church any transaction fee. It is a great way to make your donations.

We also have online giving set up through our ParishSoft program. ParishSoft Family Suite is the computer program used throughout the Diocese for keeping track of our registered families. It is the program that keeps account of all your giving and generates the tax letters at the end of the year.



The program tracks your sacraments, address, email, phone, and family members as well.

On line giving is simple. You can set it up for a one time donation, a regular monthly donation, or purchase tickets for events.

The easiest way to set this up is to go on the parish website: [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and hover over the HOME button then select Online Giving.

If you would you like to give without setting up a donor account?

Click "Quick Give". First Time Donor? Click "First Time" and setup your Donor Profile. • Setting Up Your Donor Profile: • Enter your email address and password. • Password must be at least 8 characters and must contain a combination of letters and numbers. • Remember these login credentials! You will need them to access your Donor Profile if you want to change your donation in any way. \* You are able to set up weekly, monthly, or any time line you wish to use for automatic future donations.

You are always welcome to call the office and ask for me to help you with anything.

## Blessed Trinity 2017 APA



## Offertory Report

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."* – LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

### Blessed Trinity ~ April 8

Offertory	\$ 8,283.30
Gift Shop	445.94
Easter	239.00
Building Fund	<u>832.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,800.24</b>

SVDP \$ 223.00



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Go to our Website at [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and click the On-Line-Giving button.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY**

## The best way to make time for prayer when you're really busy

by Caryn Rivadeneira | Apr 06, 2018 *Exerpts reprinted with permission by Aleteia*

When it comes to taking time out for prayer, “Becky Eldredge, a mother of three, spiritual director, and the author of *Busy Lives and Restless Souls* understands all too well what we’re up against, but still says there are practices that work right into our schedules — even the ‘toughies’ like silence and dedicated time for prayer. It’s a matter, she says, of ‘setting aside a daily time for prayer that you honor and schedule on your calendar like you would any other appointment.’

“‘At the same time,’” Becky cautions, ‘we have to be gentle with ourselves when life calls us to care for children, for aging family members, or for our own health. During those times, we might not be able to honor our set prayer period because our call is to show love to those around us at that time. We can still lean on God and turn to God at anytime because we carry an ‘inner chapel’ within us that we can access

‘It is easy for life’s responsibilities and roles to get in the way of our prayer lives,’ Becky says. At times, we can say “yes” to a lot of things that we put as precedence over our relationship with God.

Being intentional and scheduling time with God on our calendars and honoring this time like we would any appointment helps keep this a priority in our life.

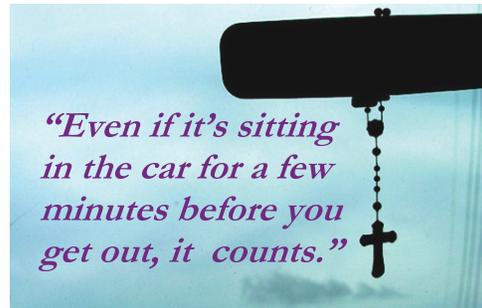
Her place of prayer was in her driveway sitting in her car.

Becky asks her spiritual students three questions:

**When can your time of prayer be?** I encourage people to set aside a daily time of prayer and put it on their calendars. This might be morning, in the middle of the day, or in the evening.

**Where can your place of prayer be?** I invite people to survey their day and look for a place that is silent and still. This may be a quiet corner in their home or in their car or maybe at work.

**What do you want to include in your space of prayer?** Once people pick a place of prayer, I encourage them to make it a sacred space of prayer by including items that help them enter into stillness and silence. Items might include a candle, a Bible, pictures of family and friends, or other things that help point people towards God.



*“Even if it’s sitting in the car for a few minutes before you get out, it counts.”*

She would not roll up the garage door before pausing for 15 minutes of prayer. She decided the best prayer tool was *The Examen*. So she would pause in her driveway and review her day with God’s help noticing what she was thankful for, where she felt God’s presence, where she struggled to name God at work, and then she would ask for God’s help for her next 24 hours.

This simple practice of prayer in the driveway brought a fresh peace to this woman’s chaotic life.

And it’s a peace, Becky says, we all have access to, with a little thought and preparation.”



### Ladies of Mercy

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat  
Sign up May 6 & 13

Join us each Friday for six weeks from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for discussion of the book *33 Days to Morning Glory, A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marion Consecration*, by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC.

All are invited – Catholics as well as those of other faiths.

For more information please contact Barbara Thomas  
(727) 867-3317



*Bishop Parkes Invites You To*

**CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 • 3 P.M.**

**Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle**  
5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

*“May Mary’s example of trust and faithfulness be our strength, our light and our guide.”*  
– Bishop Gregory Parkes

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## This Week at Blessed Trinity

- Sun. 4/15 10:30 a.m. - Faith Formation, FFC  
7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting, Rm 4
- Mon. 4/16 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting, FFC
- Tues. 4/17 9:30 a.m. - Scripture Studies, FFC
- Wed. 4/18 9:30 a.m. - God's Embrace, FFC  
6:15 p.m. - Confirmation Class, FFC  
6:30 p.m. - Choir - Music Room
- Thurs. 4/19 2:00 p.m. - Bereavement Support  
5:00 p.m. - SVDP Mtg., Rm 4
- Sat. 4/14 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA, Rm 4

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



Now you can follow us on Facebook!  
Simply search for our profile picture of the big Blessed Trinity Catholic Church sign (as shown above!)

## Bereavement Support Group Meeting Thursday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. Parish Library



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.

Martha is available in the Parish Library at 1:00 p.m. prior to all scheduled meetings. Please feel free to stop by at those times with any questions or concerns you might have about the group. You can also E-mail Martha at [Dr.Monaganhart@gmail.com](mailto: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 we will make sure she receives your message.

### Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Society invites

you to learn about what we do for those in need in our parish. If you would like to help the needy in our area in a personal way, please call Pat Gallen at (727) 867-2754 for more information. "God Bless You!"



### Ministry to the Homebound

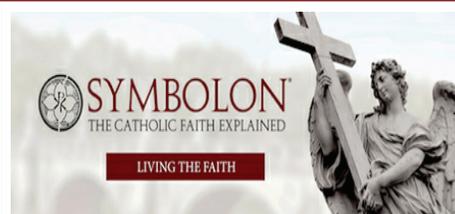


We are in need of willing parishioners to visit and bring communion to our Homebound on Sundays. For more information, please call Aimee Holley at: (727) 687-2829

### Blessed Trinity Faith Community



### Nursing Ministry



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Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) or use the link FORMED on the Blessed Trinity website.

- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: TJQ622
- Enter your email and create a password (save it - you need this to login later)
- Enjoy and share with others in our local



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 Antczak, Harriet  
 Aselage, Karl  
 Attard, Stephanie  
 Banks, Cathy  
 Beckman, Fred  
 Beckman, Connie  
 Bennett, Elizabeth  
 Bishop Gregory Parkes  
 Blondheim, Carmen  
 Bogensberger, Rosemary  
 Brown, Bob & Beverly  
 Brown, George & Dorothy  
 Brown, Buck  
 Brown, Shaquita  
 Browning, Rea  
 Buckwald, Diane  
 Ceci, Shirley  
 Chris, David  
 Christ, Kathryn  
 Cline, Wayne  
 Cramer, David  
 Dawson, Anthony Peter

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 DeCaires, Brian  
 DeLuca, Rosemary  
 Detore, Alice  
 Favero, Beverly  
 Fazio, Mary & Frank  
 Feehan, Joe  
 Feltes, Chuck & Lauren  
 Finnerty, Connie  
 Forbes, Monica & Tom  
 Forbes, Tina May  
 Freda, Eileen  
 Gilberto, Josie  
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 King, Kathy  
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*God Bless You!*