



Blessed Trinity

Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

Pentecost



Pentecost is an Invitation to Become More Than Your Average Catholic

Have you cooperated with the Holy Spirit?

By Luke Arredondo

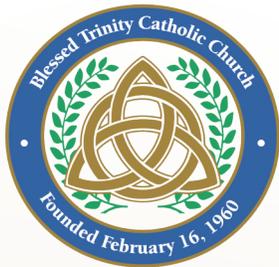
In the Acts of the Apostles, the reception of the Holy Spirit transforms a band of cowardly and confused followers of Jesus, who were hiding in a room with Mary and praying, into the most radical team of evangelizers the world's ever seen. Immediately, they go out, speak in tongues and thus are able to have a universal dialogue with those gathered in Jerusalem. And after Peter preaches to the crowds, some 3,000 convert and join the Church! As the book carries on, all sorts of miracles are attributed to the apostles: healing, breaking out of jail, and even raising the dead. Perhaps the most awesome story is in Acts 5, where the sick are laid out along the path that Peter walks so that his shadow will pass over them and, it is hoped, heal them. That's some mighty awesome results of being given the Holy Spirit!

So why don't we see this today? Well, there are a lot of reasons why.

One part of it is certainly that God uses his gifts in the manner that will most build up the Church. For instance, St. Paul discusses the gift of tongues and makes it clear that any gift is only useful if it builds up the Church. So perhaps God doesn't see it necessary for all of these kind of signs to happen in our day. I have to admit that is a possibility.

But there's another possibility. Obviously, when we receive the Holy Spirit today, in Baptism and in Confirmation, we're receiving the very same Holy Spirit that once was given to the apostles. It's not like our version is watered down or somehow lessened.

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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
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Blessed Trinity Annual Awards



Annual Trinity Sunday Awards

June 16, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. Mass

Congratulations Honorees

St. Jude Medal

To be Announced

Bishop Gregory L. Parks will make the announcement in
late August or early September, 2019.

Medal of Honor Recipients

Thomas Schier Bob and Judith Hettinger Jonna Kehoe

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards from now on
will be presented on the anniversary of our founding.
The next presentation will be made on the Sunday closest to
our anniversary which next year will be our 60th Anniversary
Sunday, February 16, 2020, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

It's Like Netflix, but Free - and Catholic!

FORMED PICK

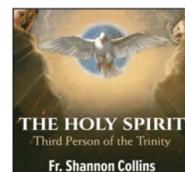
The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

By Fr. Shannon Collins

Renew Your Relationship with the Spirit

Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the
seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he he wants to work in the
lives of believers.

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"A great reminder of how
the Holy Spirit is active in
our lives."

—Laurette,
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THOUGHTS WORTH SHARING

By Rev. Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

Letter to a Suffering Church

Last week I received an advance copy of a small book a “*Letter to a Suffering Church about the clergy sexual abuse crisis.*” It was written by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles California. Many bishops and clergy also received a copy.

Bishop Barron states, “This book is a cry from the heart. I am a lifelong Catholic, and I’ve been a priest for thirty-three years and a bishop for four years. I have dedicated by life to the Church. The sexual abuse scandal has been for me, for millions of other Catholics, and especially for the victim-survivals, lacerating.

I have written this book for my fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, and angry beyond words, and ready to quit.

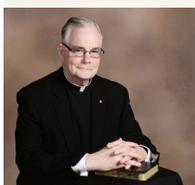
What I finally urge my brothers and sisters in the Church to do is to stay and fight - and to do so on behalf of themselves and their families, but especially on behalf of those who have suffered so grievously at the hands of wicked men.”

I have personally purchased this book for each family at Blessed Trinity. No parish funds were used. Bishop Barron is not making any money off the book, any profits are going directly to organizations that support sexual abuse victims. This small book is truly eye opening. It is biblical and explains what was going on in biblical times down to the present. He asks the question, “Why should we Stay?” The way forward, and offers a prayer for the Suffering Church. The book release to the public is expected sometime during the middle or late July.

Since August of 2018, every first Friday, Blessed Trinity has offered prayers for our suffering Church with Eucharistic Exposition, homily, prayer and Benediction.

We will be using excerpts from Bishop Barron’s book during the homily.

Kind personal regards, Fr. Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor



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ARE YOU NEW?

What to Expect at BT

Welcoming

Our parishioners love meeting new people and sharing their lives with others. You’ll also be greeted by some of the most welcoming people you’ve ever met at a Church - and we’re not just talking about the Hospitality team.

Family Focused

If you have children, they are ALWAYS welcome to celebrate Mass with the community! Our Family Faith Formation program invites the whole family to participate in learning about the faith.

Dynamic Worship

Throughout the Mass, you’ll be encouraged and invigorated by the community’s full, conscious, and active participation in the Liturgy. Our Community loves to SING! From traditional hymns to contemporary worship music, the word of God is proclaimed in a dynamic fashion. The homilies are geared towards challenging our parishioners to become better Christians.

A Church Unlike Any Other

There’s so much more to talk about! Our Parish is a wonderful, dynamic community and we welcome you to celebrate liturgy with us this weekend!

It doesn’t matter if this is your first time, 50th time, or first time in 50 years - know that you always have a place to worship, and a community to belong to at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

To learn more, visit
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But a huge difference is that the apostles were prepared by a deeply formative period of discipleship for three years. For three whole years, these men left everything behind, and followed Jesus. They listened carefully to His words, trying to capture the real meaning of them. They asked questions, often times silly ones, in an attempt to get to know the Lord. They saw him work miracles and often were fed by His miraculous signs, both spiritually and physically. **How does that compare to our modern world's approach to the sacrament? Or indeed, how does that compare to our typical attempt at the Christian life?** Often, of course, we don't manage to achieve or indeed even attempt anything like what the disciples did. I tell young candidates in interviews often that the Spirit and the grace we receive at Confirmation will only work in us, and change us, to the extent that we're both open to it, and cooperate with it.

And, in the twentieth century, we've seen some radical disciples of Christ who have completely opened themselves up to those gifts and cooperated with that grace. They've gone on to change the world and modeled what a radical commitment to Christ can look like. And it always looks like this: joy.

Who am I thinking of? Any number of saints, blessed, venerable, and others on the path to canonization. Look at Dorothy Day, for instance, who fundamentally transformed her life, and in the process set up a social movement dedicated to the poor that still exists. Or how about Therese of Lisieux, who died at the age of 24, and never left the walls of the convent she entered at 15, but still, decades later, is an inspiration to men and women of the little way all around the world. Next consider Fulton Sheen, who was the first televangelist and who dedicated his life not only to speaking and writing, but also to prayer and especially to adoration. His example is reaching a new generation today through the internet and the fruit of that will certainly be abundant. Finally, of course, we can point to our newest saints, Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. John Paul II, whose lives brought the Church into a new era, and opened up a new springtime of the Church.

So, have you received the Holy Spirit and wondered what it has done for you? I invite you to think about the way the saints have cooperated with that grace and ask yourself if you've done the same. More than likely the answer will be "no." But there's always tomorrow, and it's never too late to set out into the deep, as St. John Paul II used to say so often: *Duc in altam!* And if you have really cooperated and opened yourself up to this gift, what has it done for your life? I know for myself, I've not been nearly as open as I ought to, but doing so brought me from Tallahassee, FL studying trumpet to the seminary, and from there to the vocation to matrimony, and from there to a beautiful wife and three daughters. I'd call that a big sign that the Holy Spirit did change my life, and continues to do so. Pray that I might follow the Spirit ever more!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Pentecost

Sat., June 8

8:00 a.m.	Tom Cody	(dec)
4:00 p.m.	Clay Granacki & Karl Aselage	(dec)

Sun., June 9 - Pentecost

8:00 a.m.	Anne Perchun	(dec)
9:30 a.m.	Blessed Trinity Parishioners	
11:30 a.m.	Sue Fisher & Family	(liv)

Mon., June 10 - Mem. of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m.	Virginia DiNobile	(dec)
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Tues., June 11 - Mem. of St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 a.m.	Aimée Azarewicz	(dec)
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Wed., June 12

8:00 a.m.	Vocations	
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Thurs., June 13 - Mem. of S. Anthony of Padua

8:00 a.m.	Maia Briggs	(liv)
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Fri., June 14

8:00 a.m.	Diana Lashley	(liv)
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Sat., June 15

8:00 a.m.	Leonard Fron	(dec)
4:00 p.m.	James Lawler	(dec)

Sun., June 16 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m.	Nance Young	(dec)
9:30 a.m.	Blessed Trinity Parishioners	
11:30 a.m.	Bill Maslar & Joseph Grigione	(dec)

SACRAMENTS



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

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Money Matters

I am back from a trip to see my grandson graduate. Long 16 and 1/2 hour road trip with heavy traffic but fortunately a 13 hour return home trip. When I got back to the office I looked over the offertory for the weekend. Wow! I sunk. I am worried about the lean summer months that started early. Thank God for those people who chose to set up automatic donations to the church and don't shut it off for the summer. We don't have much in reserve. We are totally dependent on your support. Many bills will go unpaid during the hot days of summer. Which bills don't get paid? Good question.

You may have noticed we are having the roofs done on the Quadrangle Complex of the property. Replacing the roof is necessary and it is very costly. The Diocese is working with us to help pay for the roof project based on the sale of the Alhambra rectory. Selling the house is on hold until we figure out what is going to be the best solution. The City is requiring a sprinkler system in the Library conversion. Costs went up based on that information. It might be better to build a house on the property. Pray for wisdom that we make the best decision.

When I left on vacation some people told me to let go of everything and not think about the church. Well that just doesn't happen any more than forgetting about my own home. Thankfully nothing went wrong at the church while I was away. I pray for all of you who will take a vacation this summer that God watch over you and bring peace to your mind. But! Don't forget about the church!



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Donations 06/02/2019

Offertory Collection	\$6,064
Building Fund	\$1,155
Rice Bowls	\$40
Mother's Day	\$182
Gift shop	<u>\$292</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,733
St. Vincent dePaul	\$185

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Music Notes

Dear parishioners,

I would like to extend my thanks to you, the congregation of Blessed Trinity for your active participation in the music of the Mass, especially during this Easter season.

The music ministry at Blessed Trinity is always seeking any and all musicians to help aid the liturgy, from singers to guitar players. I want to personally invite anyone who would like to participate in any of our ensembles at any of the Masses.

We have exciting things happening at Blessed Trinity. I encourage you to be a part of the music. As music director, I say to you all, my door is always open. Please feel free to see me after any of the Masses or join our rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday evenings.

Thank you and God Bless!



Vincent Sclafani
Music Director
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This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun.	6/9	7:00 p.m.	Men's AA	Room 4
Mon.	6/10	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	FFR
Wed.	6/12	6:30 p.m.	Choir	Music Room
Thurs.	6/13	5:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting	Room 4
Sat.	6/15	7:00 p.m.	Women's AA	Room 4
Ongoing Saturdays	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.		Prayer to End Abortion All Women's Health Care 4131 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, 33713	

What Role Will You Play in Number 101?

As of now, 100 abortion clinics have shuttered their doors as a result of "40 Days For Life" Campaigns.

Our goal is to make the abortion clinic at 4131 Central Ave., just a short drive from Blessed Trinity Church, right here in St. Petersburg, **#101**.

Experience has shown that Moms and Dads have Chosen Life for their babies when they see people like you and us praying peacefully at abortion clinics worldwide.

Please join us and other Blessed Trinity Parishioners in this life saving effort by praying for a few minutes at the abortion clinic at 4131 Central Ave.

Need a ride or more information? See the contact card below:



Your 40 Days for Life contact:
Rich & Linda Maloney
727-258-7406
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Preparing for Severe Weather

Hurricane season is here and continues until November 30. This year, weather experts predict 9 to 15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 2 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). We have information to help you prepare! For preparation tips, including prayers for protection, visit www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season.

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, our Father, Creator of the Universe, You have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey Your command. We humbly beseech You to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storms which may threaten us. May we be secure in Your loving protection and serve You always with grateful hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Healing for a Suffering 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, July 5th

"How I Spent My Summer"

We are in need of willing parishioners to visit and bring communion to our Homebound on Sundays. For more information, please contact:



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Native American Retreat



Beginning Tuesday, June 25th, 10:00 to 3:00 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Ruskin

All are welcome to come and share the spiritual aspect of our Native Catholic faith. Teachings, prayers, Mass and lunch. Cost is \$5.00

Car pooling from Blessed Trinity will be available.

Contact Marilyn Cisek for additional information and to register.

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Need Something Put in the Bulletin?

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Brown, Dorothy
Brown, Buck
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
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