



# Blessed Trinity

Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

Corpus Christi



## Juliana of Liege, the 13th-century religious woman who brought us Corpus Christi

*How she helped the Church focus on unity in the Body and Blood of Christ*

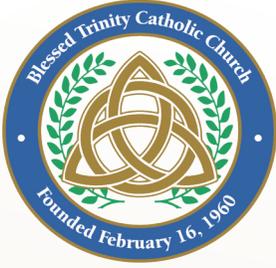
*By Joan McPortland*

This weekend Catholics in the United States and many other regions around the world celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the feast more familiarly known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi. Rome, and some regions that still follow the traditional calendar, celebrated on Thursday. The Feast of Corpus Christi is itself a transfer that hopped around a lot before settling into the Church's universal calendar, so the timing of the feast is not something to argue about.

We owe this feast — and, by extension, Thomas Aquinas's stunningly beautiful Office celebrating it — to a 13th-century Belgian nun named Juliana. Orphaned at the age of 5, she and her sister were housed on a small farm belonging to a double monastery of Norbertines (the French Augustinian canons known as Premonstratensians).

Juliana, who had a lifelong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, entered religious life at the age of 13, serving in a hospice for lepers run by her community. From the age of 16 on she had a series of visions of the full moon obscured by a dark spot. At first fearing that her visions were of demonic origin, Juliana came to discern that instead the moon represented the Church's liturgical year, and the dark spot a missing feast in honor of Christ present in the Sacrament. While Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist, the joyful mystery of the transubstantiation was, Juliana believed, overshadowed by the solemn events of Holy Week. Juliana thought her visions were telling her to promote such a feast, to be celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

**HOLY DAYS**

8, 9:30 am &amp; 7 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays

3:00 -3:45 pm

or by Appointment

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Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Summer Retreat

**Yours, Mine and Ours**

Presented By: Brittany Conley

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
@ The Parish Center**Introduction**

Come and explore your relationship with God and those around you through The Bible, fun videos, and Christian authors such as C.S. Lewis.

Journey with the community around you through three sessions on the self, close relationships, and society promoting growth and knowledge of the the faith.

What will I get out of it?

- Tools and opportunities for self-reflection
- Knowledge about different forms of relationships within your life and how to balance them and your faith
- Tools on how to carry out our mission as Catholics to share God's word and love and how to do so in today's society

**TO REGISTER for this FREE retreat that  
INCLUDES lunch:**

Please call the parish office at 727-867-3663

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long"  
Psalm 25:5

There being no blogosphere or Twitter, of course, she had no real means by which to do the promoting, so at first Juliana shared her ideas only with a few sympathetic sisters and a holy anchoress named Eve who lived nearby. Eventually, after having been named prioress of the monastery, she told her confessor, who told his superior, who told a bishop, who told a cardinal, and so on up the line to the Holy Father. Everybody agreed it would be no problem to celebrate such a feast, at least on the local level. So Juliana and her confessor composed the first Office for the feast.

But it wasn't smooth sailing for Juliana. She lived in a time of political and religious turmoil. The same Church-and-State, Guelph-and-Ghibelline squabbles that were giving Dante fits also reached Juliana's convent. She had instituted reforms to bring the monastery back to its strict Augustinian rule, but the male cleric appointed to oversee her — a corrupt politician who had obtained his position by bribery — made her life so miserable with constant harassment and trumped-up charges of financial mismanagement that Juliana twice fled her convent. The first time she found shelter in her friend Eve's anchorhold. Later, she found a home among the Cistercians, with whom she lived until her death.

It was the anchoress Eve who continued to push for a universal celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, and Pope Urban IV finally relented, commissioning his friend Thomas Aquinas to write the Office we know so well.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum / Veneremur cernui: / Et antiquum documentum / Novo cedat ritui: / Praestet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.

Approved first only for clergy, the Feast of Corpus Christi was later extended to the universal Church. Juliana was canonized in 1869, largely on the basis of the virtues recounted in the biography composed by her friend, the anchoress Eve. With all Juliana's and her feast's perambulations, it's only fitting that the Eucharistic processions that once marked the celebration of Corpus Christi are coming back into fashion.

There's much worth reflecting on in the story of Juliana at this moment in the Church, when Guelphs and Ghibellines are again fighting the battles of Church v. State, and Catholics on many fronts are in tension about where the line can be drawn between charism and heresy. It is Juliana's vision of the moon, though, that carries the message about what was most important then and is most important now: the presence of Christ in the Eucharist binds us together, without which there is a dark spot, a shadow, on our unity.

Restoring the Eucharist to its central position in our lives is quite simply the only hope we have of getting through this particular dark night. I like to think that Juliana, like St Francis of Assisi, saw the Body of Christ—Corpus Christi—in the twisted and disfigured bodies of the lepers she served, letting faith supply where the senses fall short. If we can look beyond the accidents that divide and distort us and see the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ present in the Church and in one another, with God's grace our light will shine brighter than any super moon.

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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, 50<sup>th</sup> 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  
**WWW.BTSP.ORG**

**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. 727-867-2390

**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  
Rmaloney67@gmail.com

**Pornography Recovery Group**

A confidential support and recovery group is being formed for those that suffer from addiction to pornography, or feel they need help to stop viewing pornography. Meetings will take place monthly, in the early evening in Brandon, beginning in late June. This problem is very common, and will be addressed from a Catholic perspective and a psychological perspective. Separate groups will be formed for men and women. No cost. If you wish to attend, please email Deacon Mark at DcnDrMT@gmail.com. In the subject heading, please indicate "Group."

A list of other counselors can be found here:

<https://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn/resources/>

**MASS****Corpus Christi****Sat., June 22**

8:00 a.m. Francesco Sclafani (liv)  
4:00 p.m. Miriam Durst (dec)

**Sun., June 23 - Corpus Christi**

8:00 a.m. Larry Giorgio (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Stephen Lynch (dec)

**Mon., June 24 - Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

8:00 a.m. Maiya Briggs (dec)

**Tues., June 25**

8:00 a.m. William McCune (dec)

**Wed., June 26**

8:00 a.m. Vocations

**Thurs., June 27**

8:00 a.m. Karl Aselage (dec)

**Fri., June 28 - Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Wayne (liv)

**Sat., June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

8:00 a.m. Bill & Eileen Plasse (liv)  
4:00 p.m. The Bento Family (liv & dec)

**Sun., June 30 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Fred McGuire (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Helen Schmidt (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

If you came to Blessed Trinity in the last week or two, you have seen the orange cones marking the area that is roped off so cars don't pick up a nail from the roofing work. Greg can tell you about nails in your tires! Inside the office the building it sounded like someone would crash through the roof and land on someone's desk. (Kelly and I have jumped out our seats more than once because of loud bangs happening directly over our offices.) Conversations had to start and stop between the sounds of the skill saw. One day in particular every time Fr. Wayne opened his mouth the skill saw ran. We had to laugh because what else could we do?

All the while I am pulling records and receipts for the audit. The auditor sent a list of random checks for me to have ready for him to see to make sure that Fr. Wayne had approved them. All bank statements for the year plus other random months. Tax records, employee files, and the list went on. Heap on top of all that was going on, the regular work still needed to be done. Stressed? Yes!

Low funds make this the time of year of juggling what gets paid. The only thing that slows down in our summer is the income. But! I am seeing a few of you have upped your offertory. As an example a parishioner went from \$30 per week to \$50. That's huge! Thank you.

Soon the campus will be full of German students. The Florida Holiday Course has been renting our classrooms each year to hold classes in English weekday mornings. The students go many places after school on their big Martz bus with their German chaperones. Everything is planned to the minute with this group.

If you see any of them, please say hello and show them we are welcoming and happy to have them here. Forty-one teenagers will live with area families for the three weeks and get a first-hand look at how Americans live. Some previous students have said we live in paradise because of our weather and all the beautiful beaches surrounding us.

The Florida Holiday Course has been coming to St. Petersburg for over 35 years. We are blessed to have them rent our facilities.



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## Need to Put Something in the Bulletin?



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## Donations 06/16/2019

Offertory Collection	\$4,796
Building Fund	\$50
APA 2019	\$234
Father's Day	\$50
Peter's Pence	<u>\$50</u>

TOTAL: \$5,180

St. Vincent dePaul \$74

## Mailed in Donations

Offertory	\$2,201
Building Fund	\$192
APA 2019	\$270

TOTAL: \$2,663

**Want to try Online Giving?**  
Go to our website at [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and  
click the online giving button.



**Thank You for Your  
Continued Generosity!**

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Living the Gospel

## This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun. 6/23	7:00 p.m.	Men's AA	Room 4
Mon. 6/24	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	FFR
Thurs. 6/27	7:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting	Room 4
Sat. 6/29	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	

## Missionary Cooperation Plan Results



In January of this year, we were blessed to have two sisters from the Vietnamese Catholic Religious Women Congregation come and speak to us about their vocations, their ministries, and their plans for their congregation in our Diocese. The following weeks we took donations for the two sisters to take for their mission appeal with great success. We recently received a letter from the Pastoral Center congratulating our Parish on their generous outpouring of donations. We would like to share the following excerpt with you:

"In your Celebration of Holy Mass on your MCP weekend, your parish of Blessed Trinity, St. Petersburg, welcomed the Congregation of the Servants of Jesus the High Priest as part of our Diocese's 2019 Missionary Cooperation Plan. Many thanks to you and your parish family for the kindness shown to them for their mission appeal.

'...In response to their mission appeal, your generous parish family lovingly gave \$2,821.00 for the needs of their Congregation. Much appreciation to you, your staff, and your parish family for this generosity."

Thank you so much, our parishioners, for your generous donations. God Bless you all!

## It's Like Netflix, but Free...and Catholic!

FORMED PICK

## Lectio: Evangelization

Episode 9: Joy in Persecution

### A Model for Us Today

How are we called to respond in the midst of conflict, rejection, and outright persecution? Dr. Mary Healy explores why the Apostles endured beatings, imprisonment, and more for the Gospel.

[Watch on formed.org](http://www.formed.org)


"Inspiring! Dr. Healy spoke with passion, enthusiasm and great knowledge."

—Maria C., Flourtown, PA

## Healing for Our 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 10:00 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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Eucharistic Healing Retreat

"Your Heart's Desire"

Elisheba House invites everyone to attend our annual summer retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Suncoast in Lutz on **June 28-29, (Friday 7 pm – Saturday 5:30 pm)**. There will be Mass, inspirational talks, along with an opportunity for Reconciliation, reflection and overnight Eucharistic Adoration. Cost is \$125 (not including room – must book separately). Commute or stay overnight. Seating is limited. Register today!

To register visit

<https://www.elishebahouse.com/>

For further information, email [info@elishebahouse.com](mailto:info@elishebahouse.com).

## Theology on Tap

Join us each month when 30-40 young adults (post high school to 30's) meet for a brief talk on the faith, lively Q&A, and a great social hour!

The next Theology on Tap will be Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at O'Brien's Irish Pub: 701 W. Lumsden, Brandon. Speaker: Al Larson, "Heaven & God's plan for our life." Gather at 7, start at 7:30 p.m.



Adkins, Chantale  
Albertson, Michelle  
Antczak, Harriet  
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  
D'Agostino, Frances  
Dawson, Anthony Peter  
Deacon Lionel Roberts  
DeLucca, Rosemary  
Detore, Alice  
Devyn & Donna

Drougelis, Nijole  
Favero, Beverly  
Fazio, Mary  
Feehan, Joe  
Feldes, Chuck & Lauren  
Ferero, Antoinette  
Fiedler, Meghan  
Forbes, Monica & Tom  
Forbes, Rahim  
Forbes, Tina May  
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Fraser, Sue Chapman  
Freda, Eileen  
Garcia, Jose M.  
Graeme, Mary  
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Hawkins, Barbara  
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Heylan, Edward H.  
Hildebrand, Bud  
Horne, Francesca  
Huff, Walt & Carole  
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Iglesias, Olivia  
Infant Ursa  
Irvin, Victoria

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Keithly, Claire  
Kincaid, Kevin &  
Tammie  
King, Ada  
Kleinberger, Donovan  
Kline, Irene  
Krieger, Mary  
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  
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