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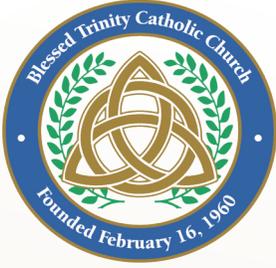
Prayer For the Nation

“Almighty God, you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor.

Endow with the Spirit of Wisdom those to whom in your name we entrust the authority of the government.

In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in you to fail.”

- Thomas Jefferson

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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 & 7 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

3:00 -3:45 pm

or by Appointment

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5 Times the 4th of July has been an important date in America

July 4th has been meaningful for us more than once.

By Tom Hoopes

July Fourth is a defining date in America — for more reasons than you think. Here are five July Fourth events that demanded our nation decide who it is.

After July 4, 1776, we have had to decide what freedom would mean.

That was, of course, the day a group of British citizens signed the Declaration of Independence pledging “our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor” to an act of insurrection. If they won, they would be the first citizens of a new nation. If they lost, they would hang as traitors, leaving their descendants destitute and shamed.

Why did they sign? To declare that everyone was “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

But those founding principles have been disputed ever since. Does the right to life include the unborn? Does the right to liberty include dissent from marriage laws? And the pursuit of happiness — is that the classical definition of happiness, the virtuous life? Or does it mean “follow your bliss”?

After July 4, 1803 (and July 4, 1804) America had to decide if we are an empire.

On July 4, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson completed the Louisiana Purchase, and bought a large swath of the American continent from Napoleon, who had recently won it from Spain. By July 4, 1804, Lewis and Clark were already out in the middle of it, shooting off a celebratory cannon in what would be Atchison, Kansas.

Clearly, we thought a bigger America was a better America. But we also first faced the question we still have to ask today: When is it okay to force our culture on other cultures, at home and abroad?

After July 4, 1817, we had to decide to what extent money makes us great.

That’s the day construction began on “Clinton’s Folly,” as critics of New York’s governor called the Erie Canal. It would run 363 miles from Albany, on the Hudson River, to Buffalo, at Lake Erie. It started a pre-railroad train of goods from the continent to coast, and it made New York City one of the wealthiest cities in the world.

But by putting America’s ingenuity and can-do spirit at the service of wealth it raised a question we have not yet answered: How do you keep money from becoming the highest value? Because when money is the highest value, consumerism wrecks families, companies move overseas, and pornography proliferates.

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What's Better Than A FREE Summer Retreat?

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Summer Retreat

Yours, Mine and Ours

Presented By: Brittany Conley

Wednesday, July 17th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
@ The Parish Center

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

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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After July 4, 1855, we had to decide if the individual or the family was primary.

That was the day Walt Whitman published *Leaves of Grass*, the strange book of verse that was critically panned before becoming an American classic. "One's-self I sing, a simple separate person," it begins. "Of Life immense in passion, pulse, and power ... The Modern Man I sing."

Whitman was giving artistic and cultural expression to an idea that was already embedded in philosophy and would soon dominate politics, redefine marriage, and make abortion a right. Self-expression, freedom of conscience, and appreciation of each person's gifts are all a great thing. Radical individualism, which places the autonomous self at the pinnacle of importance, is not.

On July 4, 1863, we decided that Democracy itself makes us great.

That was the day General Robert E. Lee retreated in a heavy rain following the heavy losses of the three-day-long Battle of Gettysburg on the same day confederate troops surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant in Vicksburg, Miss.

The battle was a turning point in Abraham Lincoln's project of "proving that popular government is not an absurdity" — and he said so on the battlefield four months later: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Democracy has been a magic word in America ever since, resulting in the liberation of people worldwide. But we have also learned the hard way that the magic of democracy only works when it is "of, by, and for" people of strong moral commitment. Without that, Democracy becomes a "dictatorship of relativism."

Which brings us to July 4, 2012.

That was the date seven years ago that the U.S. bishops began trying with all their might to use the "Fortnight for Freedom" to convince Catholics to engage in public life.

Because of our rich heritage of social thought, Catholics uniquely have the right answers to each of these Fourth of July questions. The question is whether or not we will fight for America's soul.

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MASS**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 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** - 13th 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)
- Mon., July 1**
 8:00 a.m. Msgr. Anton Dechering (liv)
- Tues., July 2**
 8:00 a.m. Ernest & Sylvia Lawrence (dec)
- Wed., July 3** - Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
 8:00 a.m. Vocations
- Thurs., July 4**
 8:00 a.m. Donald Domanski (dec)
- Fri., July 5**
 8:00 a.m. Chantilly Casas (dec)
- Sat., July 6**
 8:00 a.m. Leonard Fron (dec)
 4:00 p.m. Donna Jubert-Peays (dec)
- Sun., July 7** - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Jeanne LaDuke (dec)
 9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
 11:30 a.m. Charles Parsons (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

Do you make lists? Groceries, errands, to do lists are all very common. I am a list creator. With so many distractions, I find a list to be a very helpful tool to help stay on track. Writing a shopping list is really important for me because when I get in the store I see things on sale and start to fill my basket, but without a list I forget things I went to the store to buy. I have a check list for chores to be done or items to be purchased after guests check out of our BnB. The list motivates us to get the job done. Checking off the list as we go, Bill and I can see what still needs to be done and we move forward until all the boxes are ticked. We are a team. It is our business and we are our own bosses! We schedule painting or remodeling in between guests. We do things as we can afford them.

The business of the parish is not as smooth as a running private a BnB. The expenses tumble in at the church, especially with the age of the buildings. At times we don't have a choice to repair or replace something. Like a BnB, a church must be welcoming, clean, comfortable, and look nice. As I write this article, Greg, our head of maintenance, is over in the Courtyard Hall cleaning up a falling ceiling in one of the classrooms that got wet because of a rusted out air conditioner. We cannot let that go. I don't know what the cost of replacement will be but it must be done. We can't afford to allow mold to grow or bring down a ceiling because it is too rotted out. How ironic that we just spent the money to replace the roof so we don't get wet ceilings from leaks and the leak comes from within. If you own a home that is 60 years old you probably experience some of the challenges the church is dealing with.

My husband and I have no one but ourselves to call upon to fix damaged or worn out things in our BnB, but here in the church, we call upon you for help. You have a vested interest in what condition the church property is in. This is your church home. We are in it together. Your sacrificial giving is what supports the parish **and its property**. You make the choice about how much you will give. God honors that sacrifice. Please pray that as administrators of the parish we make the wisest decisions for the whole of the church. Put the support of the parish on your list of important things you want to accomplish. Thank you.



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Donations 06/23/2019

Offertory Collection	\$5,878
Gift shop	<u>\$161</u>
TOTAL:	\$5,012.30
St. Vincent dePaul	\$725

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Christian Journey Online Roundtable

Join Saint Leo faculty member Dr. Steve Okey for an online Theology Roundtable session with author Matthew Kelly about the Christian journey on Wednesday, July 10, from 7 to 8 p.m., Eastern Time. Kelly regularly writes and speaks to lay Catholic audiences and wants to promote vibrant Catholic communities. There is no fee to participate, but those interested must RSVP to Dr. Randall Woodard at Saint Leo University to receive the digital link to the session. Contact him at:
randall.woodard@saintleo.edu

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	5:00 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	

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 5th.

This Weekend, the 2nd Collection is for Peter's Pence - What Exactly is That?

The Peter's Pence collection is taken up across the globe around the time of the June 29 Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Most dioceses in the United States will have the collection this weekend. The proceeds from this collection are placed in the hands of the pope, and he's able to use it for the needs he sees most pressing, from his vantage point as the leader of the Universal Church. In order to make things easier for those willing to contribute, internet payment options were created in 2003. In November 2016, Pope Francis requested the activation of a new website devoted to Peter's Pence, with its own Facebook, Twitter and Instagram profiles. A tremendous variety of causes have benefited from the Peter's Pence collection.

Thanks to these donations in recent years, for example, the sisters of the Sacred Heart have been able to build a school for the deaf and mute in Rwanda, while in the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, young people are receiving scholarships that will enable them to rebuild their country. Food will also be distributed in Ethiopia thanks to these donations. By uniting in this way with the pope and the pontifical works, Catholics manifest concretely the Church's charitable mission. This is why, for John Paul II, St. Peter's Pence was not a simple gift but "a true participation in evangelization."

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Congratulations to Our Blessed Trinity Award Recipients!



Annual Trinity Sunday Awards

Congratulations to Our Medal of Honor Recipients

Thomas Schier
Bob and Judith Hettinger
Jonna Kehoe

Photos courtesy of Dr. Jack Sanderson



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
Fr. Jim Klima
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
Infant Ursa
Irvin, Victoria

Kantowicz, Jan
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
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina
Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Sclafani, Francesco

Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
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
Zmuda, Ed