

# Blessed Trinity

#### Weekend Magazine

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October 16, 2022 • The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

40 Days for Life

## 100 Words of Hope

Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP



#### God's Presence protects our own individuality ...

Fr. Basil Maturin (+1915):

When hope begins to get clouded it is because contrition begins to fail. God's Presence protects our own individuality so that we do not lose ourselves and become, as we are apt to do, a mechanical part of the world and the society in which we live, sinking into a routine in which we lose more and more the sense of responsibility. The first thing that the realization of God's Presence does for any person is to deepen this sense of their own personality and responsibility. They live in a Presence that is stronger than all the influences around them.



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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

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Deacon Bill Lovelace Deacon Lionel Roberts, Deacon Emeritus

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 9:30 Am & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, **btsp.org**.

Confessions will be held Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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#### Saint Luke | October 18

Saint Luke, sometimes called The Evangelist, is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and a physician. There is some debate about how he came to Christianity, though many believe he was a gentile convert. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, Syria, possibly a slave. Most of what we know of Luke comes from Scripture, he was an eloquent and proficient writer, penning with accuracy the events he recounted. He is viewed as one of the best historical sources of the time.

Luke was a close companion of Paul's, joining him at Troas about year 51 and going with him to Macedonia and Philippi. Their paths diverged and met again as they journeyed to spread the Good News. Luke remained with Paul until the latter was martyred in Rome.

Saint Luke's Gospel is viewed as one of social justice, giving special attention to the poor. He also emphasizes gentiles hearing the message of Christ. It is the only Gospel with Mary's Magnificat, and spends the most time illuminating the lives of the other women around Jesus.

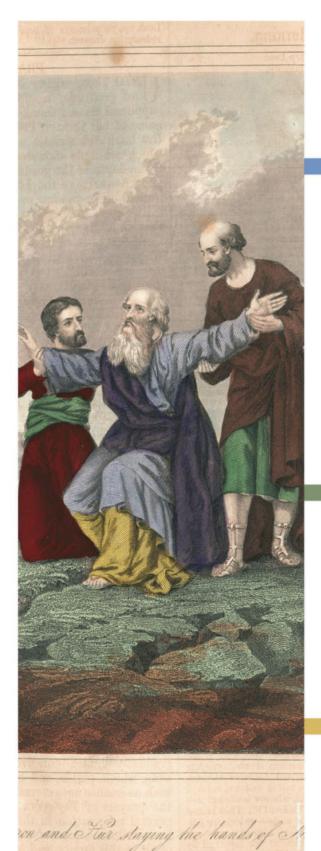
Accounts of Luke's death are conflicting, some say he was martyred shortly after Paul others that he lived a long life completing his Gospel in Greece and dying at 84. He is the patron saint of physicians.

#### **Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes**

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes resumed on September 20. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 11:00am in the courtyard hall and will continue with the series 'Our Catholic Life, Drawing Closer to Christ.'

For more information call Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605

#### Thoughts Worth Sharing



October 16, 2022

Written by THE FAITHFUL

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply do, it is something we live.

PRAY Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray – something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.)" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" – and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.



Are You Hoping 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**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



#### **Special Mass Times**

All Souls Day, November 2 and on Thanksgiving, November 24, Mass will be at 9:00am and there will be no 8:00am Mass.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, October 15, Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin

and Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, October 16, The Twenty-nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, October 17, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop

and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Charles Fegley (Dec)

Tuesday, October 18, Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Harriet Antczak (Dec)

Wednesday, October 19, Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and

Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions,

Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 20, Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:00 a.m. Christine Noel Mirek (Dec)

Friday, October 21, Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Saturday, October 22, Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope

8:00 a.m. Howard Young (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Many Nations St. Kateri Circle

Sunday, October 23, The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Leonard Moore (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

### Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

10/16 • Rev. Allan C. Tupa

10/17 • Rev. Garry A. Welsh

10/18 • Msgr. Dennis E. Hughes

10/19 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

10/20 • Roberto Cartaya, Seminarian

10/21 • Rev. Henry K. Sebastian, IC

10/22 • Rev. Tamil Selvan

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **Sparking Holiness**

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

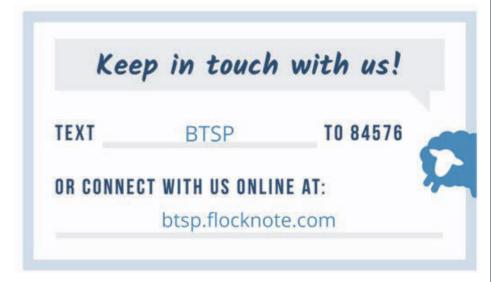
The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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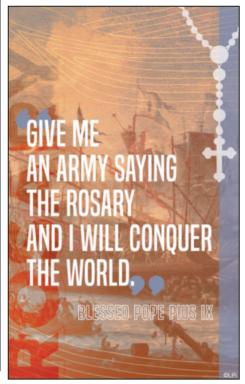




#### **Calling All Singers!**

The Blessed Trinity Choir has begun rehearsals! Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for new members to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered singing in the church choir, NOW is the time!

Rehearsal for Adult Choir will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Music Room in the Ministries Center, and the Contemporary Group will meet in the church on Fridays at 3:00pm.



#### Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and Lord 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 storm that threatens us.

May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### **Prayer for Victims of Disaster**

Loving God, we pray for those who have been affected by recent disasters especially the hurricane that ravaged part of Southwest Florida. We also pray for all those around the world who suffer from floods, droughts and disasters. Break open our hearts to allow the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters to move us to bold, prophetic action so that all victims will know of your great love, mercy and compassion.

Amen.



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#### Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel, Cathedral of St. Jude 5815 - 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL

October 23rd, 2022 at 4:00pm

Please come to pray and sing in ITALIANO Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, O. de M.



Our Goal \$74,741



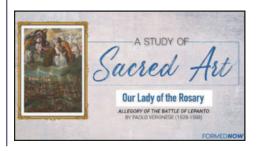
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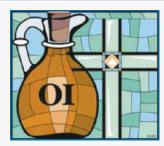
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#### **Anointing of the Sick**

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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