



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 2, 2011

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	Misioneras Catequistas	622.4500

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:15 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,
12:30 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm LifeTeen

DAILY

Mon—Fri 7:10 am and 5:15 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday 8:00 am

Reconciliation Saturday 2:45—3:30 pm
5:00—5:30 pm
Thursday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm at Christ the King
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadaluana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadaluana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 5:00 pm at Christ the King

PARISH LIFE

OCTOBER 2, 2011 ~ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT: *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.*

PARISH STAFF - 629.8092

Sr. Juliet Ateenyi	Ministry to Sick	x211
Katherine Baker	Secretary	x201
Jeff Wright	Secretary	x201
Colleen Halstead	Business Manager	x218
Jason Halstead	Blessed Trinity School	622.5808
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Fran Harwas	Human Resources	x212
Steve Hoesterey	Brother's Keeper	622.3846
Ro Lipari	Religious Education	x207
Jan Martin	Angels in Arms	622.6167
Julie Martin	Youth Minister	x222
Mollie Miranda	Stewardship	x208
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Richard Saalfeld	Music Ministry	x202

Trinity Catholic High School		622.9025
Br. Daniel Aubin	President	
Jacquelyn Gehrsitz	Principal	

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or stop by the Parish Hall the first Sunday of each month following the 8:45 am and 11:00 am Masses.

BAPTISM: We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00 am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	September 25, 2011		Year to Date—Week 13	
Envelope Total:	1,024	\$ 46,871.38	Year to date collection:	\$1,138,978.81
Electronic Offering Total:	124	\$ 14,314.58		
Total Children's Offering:		\$ 110.61	Year to date budget:	\$1,313,806.00
Non-Sunday	155	\$ 16,067.74	Year to date deficit	(\$174,827.19)
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 77,364.31		
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 101,062.00	Sister Diocese	\$ 1,938.50
Difference		(\$ 23,697.69)	Brother's Keeper TOTAL	\$ 4,413.00

REMINDERS: Please put your envelope number on the "memo" line of your check.

Please **DO NOT** post date your checks, we are unable to hold them.

Please do not write notes on post-it notes, please use a full sheet of paper.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

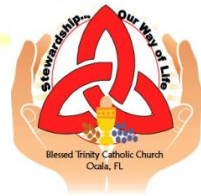
SACRISTANS

The sacristans at Blessed Trinity Parish prepare the altar and all items needed for all liturgical celebrations. The sacristans coordinate with other worship ministries and priests at all Masses.

For more information, please contact Peggy McClaskey at 694.2978 or email: peggymcclaskey@aol.com

NEW PARISHIONERS:

- John and Martha Rohen
- Sharon and George Mandris
- James and Susan Church
- Steven, Juanita, Adrian, Mia and Julian Mendez
- Alec, Priscilla, Allen and Kelly Chan-Pong
- Judith Zeek



STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Blessed Trinity Islanders

Thank you **Atkinson Family**, Ralph, Maria, Celine and Kyra for sharing your gardening talents and “beautifying Blessed Trinity, one island at a time.”

Your faithful Stewardship is greatly appreciated!



BAPTISMS:

- Ariana Sophia Covo
- Emily Ann Loucraft
- Madeline Alicia Hernandez



 * As we enter the Fall, we realize it's the season for harvest, not only for
 * agricultural crops, but also for the spiritual fruit we should have produced
 * during the liturgical year nearing completion. God's people have often failed
 * to produce the harvest they should.
 * Such is the case with the ancient Israelites, whom Isaiah compared with a
 * vineyard which produced only sour, wild grapes. Jesus used the vineyard
 * image, but introduced tenants who refused to turn over his share of the
 * harvest to the landowner. They will be replaced by people who will obey
 * the terms of the agreement, and others will be welcomed into the kingdom
 * of God. How do we measure up with the harvest of spiritual gifts we should develop and turn over to God?
 * Lest we lose heart, St. Paul reminds us that we are to “have no anxiety at all.” Indeed, even our requests should
 * be offered to God “with thanksgiving.” We have a fuller revelation of God's will for us, and a never-ending
 * stream of grace from the sacraments. If we keep our minds on what is true, pure, and excellent, “then the God
 * of peace will be with you.
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WORSHIP

Top Ten Questions Catholics Are Usually Asked

Question 6 Why do you pray to idols (statues)?

No Catholic who knows anything about the Catholic faith has ever worshipped a statue (as in Pagan idolatry). If we cherish the memory of mere political heroes with statues, and that of war heroes with monuments, then there can be no objection to having saints and righteous men and women: “Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the emperor”. (1 Pet 2:17 – see also Rom 12:10; Heb 12:22-23). Statues are simply a visual reminder of great saints and heroes of the faith (Heb 11) who are more alive than we are (2 Cor 3:18) as is evident by their praying: “O Sovereign Lord---how long before thou will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on earth?” (Rev 6:10 – see also Ps 35:17). The saints in heaven were never intended by God to be cut off from the Body of Christ on earth. They are involved in intercession, just as the saints on earth are, and they are our models to imitate and they are described as “so great a cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1).

BLESSING OF ANIMALS—OCTOBER 4

On October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will bless animals, etc at 5:00pm at the outdoor Shrine to Our Lady in front of the church. All animals, fish, birds, etc are welcome. All of these, Gods creatures, must be under your control.

ST. PEREGRINE MASS

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, October 6th, at the 5:15 mass. Medals and holy cards are available before or after mass. Please come and pray with us.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

The Filipino-American Catholic families warmly invite all to the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on October 7, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Blessed Trinity CHAPEL. Mass is in English with Tagalog liturgical songs. Potluck follows immediately in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite dish.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- Is 25:6-10a
- Phil 4:12-14,19-20
- Mt 22:1-14



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday, October 3 | 7:10 am Tony & Isabell Lachermeier+ |
| | 5:15 pm Harry Kilfoile, Jr.+ |
| Tuesday, October 4 | 7:10 am George Paches+ |
| | 5:15 pm Richard Bianculli, Sr.+ |
| Wed., October 5 | 7:10 am James Prince+ |
| | 8:15 am Maria D'Ambrosio+ |
| | 5:15 pm Marcel De Keyser+ |
| Thursday, October 6 | 7:10 am Inocencia Datu+ |
| | 5:15 pm William Stalnakar+ |
| Friday, October 7 | 7:10 am Frederick Wisneski+ |
| | 5:15 pm John & Michael Cusic+ |
| Saturday, October 8 | 8:00 am L/D Benvenuto Families |
| | 4:00 pm Anthony Markowski+ |
| | 6:00pm Bettina Cuomo+ |
| Sunday, October 9 | 7:15 am Dorothy Klaine+ |
| | 8:45 am James W. Rosenhamert+ |
| | 11:00 am Gladys Gomez+ |
| | 12:30 pm Spanish Community |
| | 5:00 pm Elaine Weiss-Ruggiere+ |

Your prayers are requested for Vincent (Vinny) Mazzurco, Gerald Leduc, John Martin Relic and Lorne Stewart who have recently died.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



- October 2nd:** In memory of Harry Kilfoile, Jr.
By Diane Kilfoile
- October 9th:** In honor of Andy Seiler & Lauren Duke
By Dr. & Mrs. James Duke
- October 16:** In memory of Jan Spano
By John & Lynn Knettles

FR. PAT'S 1st SACRAMENT MEETING

Fr. Pat's 1st Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, October 16th, at 9:55am in the Gym. The make-up for this class is Saturday, October 29th, at 9:00am, in the chapel of the church. The meeting is mandatory for parents of students making a sacrament, for the first time, this year and all confirmation students. If you have any questions please call Ro Lipari at 629.8092 x207.

ENROLLMENT OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

There will be an enrollment of all Confirmation students on Sunday, October 16th, at the 11:00am Mass. All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN MAKING A SACRAMENT

Beginning October 15th and 16th, please have your child complete a Mass attendance sheet, found in the vestibule of the church, in a compartment under the bulletins, and have it signed by Fr. Pat or the presiding priest, on the way out of Mass. Your child is to hand it in to their teacher. If you happen to be out of town, on a Sunday, please have a bulletin from the church you attend, signed by their priest. Attendance will be strictly noted. It is imperative that your child participates in Mass each weekend (Saturday evening or Sunday) with his or her family. We encourage all parents to be exemplary role models to their children—at all times—but especially as they prepare to receive a sacrament.

Trinity Catholic High School - Open House

Calling all 7th and 8th grade students and parents. TCHS is holding its annual fall Open House on Sunday, October 16th from 1:00 - 4:00. Come see why it's great to be a Celtic. Please contact Mrs. Linda Steer, Admissions Director, at 622-9025 ext. 1113 or via email at lsteer@tchs.us for further information.



TRINITY CATHOLIC FOOTBALL 2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
10/14	VANGUARD	AWAY	7:30
11/4	FORT WHITE(HOMECOMING)	HOME	7:30
11/11	PALMETTO (SENIOR NIGHT)	HOME	7:30

LIFE TEEN NEWS

EMAIL ALERTS! If you would like to receive emails regarding all upcoming Life Teen events, news and updates, please email Julie: jmartin@blessedtrinity.org
Sunday, October 2nd: Life Chain Sunday! Meet us at 1:30pm at the Community Center, and we will walk over together to Pine Ave., where we will peacefully pray for all unborn babies and their mothers, from 2-3pm. Following the Life Chain, we will gather back in the Community Center for some fun & snacks until Mass. There will be no Life Night, since having met before Mass.

Sunday, October 9th: Join us for Mass, dinner & Life Night, concluding at 8:00pm. The goal of this night is to help the teens understand why Christ set up a hierarchical structure within the Church. We will also look at the importance of the role of the laity within the mission of the Church. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH LIFE RALLY: The youth of the Orlando Diocese are gathering on Saturday, October 8th, at Holy Family Catholic Church (Orlando). We will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Noonan, who will also be the keynote speaker that evening on "Making Moral Decisions." The band "Making Faces" will be there as well. It's going to be such a great night, be sure to mark your calendars now!! We need to pre-register our group, so please email Julie if you will be joining us.

YOUNG ADULTS

"Like" us on Facebook! Search for Blessed Trinity Young Adults. It's a great way to keep up with the latest news and activities.

MARRIED COUPLES

"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." Is the peace of God in your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 4-6, 2011. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information and to register visit our website at: www.wwme.org or contact Walt & Marilyn Young at 407.489.3754 or email: Myoung1004@aol.com

GIFT SHOP

Four styles of small Irish plaques with lovely spiritual messages. Expectant mothers, we have a kit for you that includes a small statue of St. Gerard (patron saint of expectant mothers), St. Gerard medal, prayer card and pocket token. We also have holy cards with prayers for expectant mothers, families, teens, parents & grandparents.

Books: When a Loved One Leaves the Church—"You may be carrying your pain silently, you may have questions and concerns but don't know where to turn. You can find comfort, understanding and the strength to go on. This book is a practical guide to living with, loving and praying for those you deeply love." **Brother Andre, Friend of the Suffering, Apostle of St. Joseph**- More than seventy years after his death, Brother Andre remains beloved for his mercy to the sick, for his devotion to St. Joseph, and for his role in the construction of the majestic Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, which continues to be visited by millions of pilgrims each year.

Blessed Trinity Gift Store Hours:

Wednesdays: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm & the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm.
***10% off everything in the store on Wednesday**
Saturdays: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am to 8:45 am ~ 9:45am to 11:00 am ~ 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Family Life Ministry coordinators will meet TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, AT 6:00 P.M. in Room 201. **Bereavement, MOMS, Pre-Cana, Natural Family Planning, Blessing of Homes, Respite, Senior Adult Ministry, Separated and Divorced, Welcome Home, Library, Brunch with the Bunny, Family Weekend, All Hallows Eve.**

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are all well aware that Perpetual Adoration is a really great Blessing to our Parish. Sunday at 1:00PM definitely needs another adorer. We need to have someone else to adore at that hour. **Please** the Lord is calling a Blessed Trinity parishioner to spend this hour with him. Call Mary Ann Haggerty at 861-8313 to reserve this hour. Thank you and God bless you.

ATTENTION VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you wish to register with us, please stop by the Church Office weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or stop by the Parish Hall following the 8:45 am or 11:00 am Mass the first Sunday of the month.



BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR CRAFTERS

Our crafters meet on Thursdays at 10:00am to noon in Bldg "F". We hope to finish our projects from last month and plan on working on a variety of beaded jewelry accessories. Come and join us and bring your ideas to share!

BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR LUNCHEON

The fun and fellowship begins. On October 4th, Tuesday, NOON, in the Community Center, Bldg. F. Our opening program will feature parishioner, Robyn Raftis who will speak on the benefits of Acupuncture. Don't forget to bring a dish for 6 plus a friend or two. We will be serving rotisserie chicken to add to the buffet.

BELL CHOIR

This is an "intergenerational" group. Open to Middle School and older students and adults. **Attention Middle School Students: this is an opportunity to get service hours!** Sometimes a parent will join along with his/her child. Music reading ability is not required, but it is helpful. **Rehearsals** are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm. **We are in need of some new members. If you are interested please contact Dr. Saalfeld (629-8092x202, RSaalfeld@blessedtrinity.org) as soon as possible.**

MINISTRY TO THE SICK—MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:30am-12 noon at Christ the King Mission Church will be the morning of reflection for all ministers to the sick. It will begin with Mass by Fr. Joseph Maniangat. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information call Sr. Juliet at 629.8092 x211.

LIFE CHAIN—TODAY OCTOBER 2nd, 2:00pm
Gather on Pine Ave-between 17th and 10th. Both sides of the road. It is a peaceful, prayerful public witness—praying for our nation to bring an end to Abortion. The Respect Life Ministry will hand out signs. Bring water, chairs, umbrellas, sunscreen and your rosary beads. Thanks.

WALK FOR LIFE

The Women's Pregnancy Center needs YOUR help to raise funds for women in unplanned pregnancies! Please plan to join us for our 8th annual **Walk for Life** on **Saturday, November 5th**, at Tuscawilla Park (registration begins at 8:15am). To find out how you can be a part of **Blessed Trinity Catholic Church's** team, please contact **Peggy at 812.1429** or **Tammy at 615.5138**. If you need additional information or extra forms, you can also call Kristi at the Women's Pregnancy Center at 351.1294. Thanks so much for "walking for life!"

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

FREE Blood Pressure Screening in the Parish Nurse's office in the Parish Hall opposite the Library from 8:00am-1:00pm, **TODAY, October 2, 2011**.

ORGANIC FAIRTRADE

Organic Fair-Trade coffees-\$7-\$9, teas-\$4 and cocoa-\$6 available **next weekend** after masses. These make nice gifts while helping our brothers and sisters in developing countries—giving hope to a world of need. Thank you for your support.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

By **AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA**

October 15, 2011

2:00pm—3:00pm

Please join us to pray the Rosary for America

At Blessed Trinity Parking Gym area

For more info please call

Mhel Tapanan at 352.216.9834 or

Vicki Bush at 352.687.1666

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Please be sure to return your filled baby bottle today. Because of your donations, the ministry of Alpha Center will continue to help save unborn babies and provide emotional, spiritual and material support to moms and dads in need. Last year we provided nearly 5,600 infant clothing items! Thanks so much for helping us help others. If you forgot your bottle, you may turn it in to the Church office.

CCW FALL SOCIAL

Don't forget all women of the parish are invited to a fall social **THIS Sunday**, featuring dynamic guest speaker, Rosie Schumacher.



Time: Sunday afternoon 2:00-4:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Monthly Parish Breakfast at the K of C Hall

THIS Sunday Morning

Serving after 7:15 AM and 8:45 AM Mass

Still only \$5.00

Featuring Jack's Biscuits and Gravy

You're Invited to the Grand Opening/Open House

Helping Hands Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of Sunbrite apartments, an 8 unit (16 bedrooms) home for women and children in need. The apartments are located at 612 N.E. 26th avenue, Ocala, about one block from the Elk's Club. **We will be having the Grand Opening and Open House on Saturday, October 15th..... from 11:00 to 2:00pm (the ribbon cutting will be at 12:00)**. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and more will be served. Come and enjoy a tour of the facilities, meet the women and children we are serving, enjoy a good time of food and fellowship, and meet the leadership of Helping Hands. We hope to see you at this exciting event. The ministry of Helping Hands provides housing for men, women, and children who are homeless or in difficult situations, and assists with food, clothing, medical, dental, transportation, and jobs. For more details about Helping Hands their website is www.helpinghandsocala.org. Helping Hands, 101 NE 16th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470, 352-732-4464 <http://helpinghandsocala.org>

Blessed Trinity's Annual Carnival is right around the corner!

October 20-23, 2011

There are many exciting, **family fun** events to look forward to.

Take advantage of our VIP armband Voucher Presale after Mass **today!**

VIP armband Vouchers **save you 33%** off of our regular armbands, and are redeemable for any day of carnival!

Carnival Includes:

24 Dreamland Amusement Rides

Tons of Games, Food, Face Painting, and Fun Prizes

Dinner Nights Sponsored by: Carrabbas, Horse & Hound, and Ocala Ale House

Raffle Prizes! \$5 donation for one ticket, \$20 for 6 tickets!

VIP Armband Vouchers for \$20 (Vouchers redeemable Thursday, Friday, Saturday *OR* Sunday!)

limited quantities available, **presale ONLY**

Thursday/Sunday Unlimited Ride Armbands (\$30) and \$5 off coupons

Dinner Night tickets and VIP armband Vouchers are available after Mass, at the BT School Office, at our Carnival

Booth in the parking lot every Friday and on our website.

For sponsor information or questions please call 622-5808 ext 356 or check our website:

www.btcarnival.org

Blessed Trinity Carnival's Friday Rib Sale!

Our Friday BBQ Rib Sale is every Friday, now through October 14th. Ribs are available beginning at 3:00pm until they sell out each Friday in the BT parking lot. Grab some yummy Friday night dinner as you grab your kids from school! All proceeds go towards Blessed Trinity School. Any questions please call Nicki Hannon, 622-5808 ext 356.



Carnival Yard Signs

Carnival Committee is looking for businesses or homes interested in displaying our Carnival Yard signs in their yards to advertise carnival dates, website and armband information. If you are interested, simply pick up a sign after Mass at the carnival table and then return it to church the weekend after carnival is done. Any questions please email Becky Westgate at mommawestgate@cox.net.

Attention ALL Baker's!

BT Carnival is gearing up for another great Bake Sale and we need **your** help to make it a success! Please drop off your *individually wrapped* baked goods at the Community Center on Wed., October 19th, *after 11 a.m.*, or during carnival hours at the Bake Sale Tent near the soccer field. We will be moving our Bake Sale outside of church for our Saturday and Sunday Masses as well. If you have any Bake Sale questions please contact Angie Federico at btcarnival@gmail.com Thank you for your support!



The Annual Raffle

Attached to your bulletin today you will find just one book of tickets. More are available in the Vestibule. This saves us the expense of mailing them to your homes. We expect each family to buy or sell just one book. Drawing is on October 23rd at 6:30pm. All the prizes are donated. We want to thank all our donors.

STEWARD SAINTS OF THE WEEK
Week of October 1-7

October 1—Theresa of the Child Jesus

October 2—Guardian Angels

October 4—Francis of Assisi

October 6—Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

Francis of Assisi (1181?-1226)
October 4

“Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is falling down.” St. Francis of Assisi heard the Lord say these words in a vision in the crumbling chapel of San Damiano and set to work at once. Renouncing his father’s wealth and privilege, St. Francis embraced a life of radical poverty that found him begging, door to door, for the means to rebuild the church and assist the poor. Friends thought he was mad. But before long, his genuine love for the poor led others to join him. These itinerant preachers who followed St. Francis and lived the Gospel with such simplicity and joy became the Order of Friars Minor, or “Franciscans.” The life of poverty and humility to which Christ called St. Francis “built up” the Church in ways he could have never imagined that first day in San Damiano. Few of us will be called to the total poverty of St. Francis of Assisi, but, inspired by his example, we can seek to live more simply and be better stewards of the abundance that is ours to share.

STEWARDSHIP 101

The next presentation of the spirituality of Stewardship in its most basic form will be held Sunday, October 2 at 10:00am in Room 102 of the school. All are welcome, especially new families.

MARIAN CONGRESS

The Marian Congress holds a special place in Bishop Noonan’s heart. During last year’s Congress, the good people of the Diocese of Orlando welcomed him as the fifth Bishop of Orlando. Please join Bishop Noonan for the 2011 Marian Congress to be held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kissimmee on October 22nd.

The theme of the 2011 Marian Congress is: “The Role of Mary in Our Faith.” Presentations in English and Spanish will be offered by Fr. Randy Soto, Associate Professor of New Testament at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, MO, Fr. Esau Garcia of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and Fr. John McCormick of St. James Cathedral. The Congress will nurture our faith and highlight the important role of our Blessed Mother in salvation history.

Join Bishop John Noonan for the celebration of the opening Liturgy on Friday, October 21st at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. It will begin with a multicultural procession at 6:30pm followed by a multilingual recitation of the Rosary. The celebration of Mass will begin at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in attending please contact Sr. Juliet at 629.8092 x211.

WORD OF LIFE

As persons with disabilities share their gifts and needs, they bring out the best in our mutual humanity. They challenge us to live the Gospel precepts of charity in the real world, to sacrifice some of our comfort for others, to take the time to enable them to be full members of society. They need to feel our solidarity with them, and to know their true dignity and worth as fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. Our own future with Christ depends on it. ~”Life Matters: Persons with Disabilities,” Respect Life Program 2011, USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Ladies Auxillary of the Knights of Columbus Council 5960 would like to invite all women in the Parish to an Open House on October 5th, at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions please call our President: Octavia at 854-1703. If there is no answer please leave a message. We look forward to meeting you.

Knights of Columbus Hall Rentals

Call now for Christmas Party bookings. Weddings, Birthdays, Retirements, Graduations, Free WI-FL. Hall rental is available for daytime and evening. Competitive Rates Contact Joe Ivaskewitz (352) 368-5960

Knights of Columbus will be leading Rosary prayers for the Sanctity of Life and the Unborn every Thursday at 6:00 PM after 5:15 PM Mass during the month of October. Join us at Mary’s shrine in the grotto between the church and parish hall.

Knights of Columbus Meetings at 7:30 PM 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the K of C hall. Next meeting is Wednesday October 12.

4th Degree Assembly meeting is the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Next meeting will be October 5 at Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend.

For Life Chain Sunday, October 2nd the Brother Knights will meet by Dunkin Donuts on Pine Avenue at 2:00pm. We will be saying 5 decades of the Rosary. Bring a chair, umbrella, water and a rosary. We will have signs available if you choose.

“I notice that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.”

~President Ronald Reagan

Church “fees” for Sacraments

Sometimes there is confusion amongst some of our people regarding “cost” of Sacraments.

There never was nor can there be a “fee” charged by any priest or deacon for the celebration of any Sacrament. That includes Baptisms, Marriages, First Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick – oh yes, and Confession too! No priest or deacon is ever allowed to charge for the celebration of any Sacrament.

It is true there is an age old tradition of making an offering to the Church on the occasion of the celebration of a Sacrament – especially the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. This is never required. It is an offering. And if one chooses to give an offering on the occasion of Baptism or Marriage, this offering is made out to the Parish and not to the celebrant of the Sacrament. By Diocesan law a priest or deacon is not allowed to keep offerings made on the occasion of Baptism or Marriage.

The Church can, and often does, put a fee on the use of the Church facilities for marriage, etc. Here at Blessed Trinity we do not have an established fee for the use of the Church. We do ‘suggest’ that the families should at least try to cover the utilities. In the Diocese of St. Petersburg they have an established fee of \$600.00 for the use of facilities. The Diocese of Orlando does not have an established fee. It is up to each parish.

It is also a custom to have Masses said for members of one’s family – mostly deceased members. It is an even stronger tradition to give an “offering” (not a fee) when requesting a Mass. Some parishes have a suggested figure but it can never be required. The offerings made for Masses here at Blessed Trinity do not go to the priest. Some years ago our Diocese gave us a say in whether we wanted \$100.00 a month added on to our already “huge!” salary or take the offering instead. Thank God we chose to take the \$100.00. Now there is no confusion. Regardless of who says the Mass or what, if any offering was given, we all get the same. There is no accounting to be done. All Mass offerings go into the parish – primarily for charity.