



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 18, 2011

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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 Life Teen

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

DECEMBER 18, 2011~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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Jeff Wright	Secretary	x201
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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 first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

PRAYING TO MARY

Some people have the impression that in praying to Mary we are making her God-like. Actually, when we pray to Mary, we are asking her to pray for us. It's not as though she has her own special power to help us directly apart from God. Recall the familiar phrase we say in the Creed: "We believe in... the *communion of saints*." What is the "communion of saints"?

It's the realization that the ties that connect us to one another don't end at death. We're all in this together, and it goes on past death.

In the communion of saints we count on one another, support one another. It can be quite comforting. It's not the *patronage* model - knowing people in high places who wield particular powers. It's the *family* model - brothers and sisters helping one another. Mary holds a special place in the family, but she is still part of the family.

We help one another this side of death, and the relationship continues after death. We pray to and for those who have died, and they pray for us. It's really not all that complicated.

Sometimes the truest words we can say are "I need some help." We should ask for the help we need from those on earth and from those who have died. And we should respond to those who ask us for help.

We can always say those words to Mary, too.

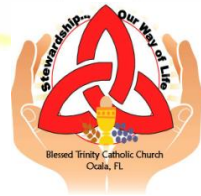
THE CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

RED & WHITE BANQUET

Blessed Trinity Red and White Night is a formal dinner-auction fundraiser for Blessed Trinity School. The silent auction is made up of fabulous items donated by area business, national chains and school families. This is followed by an elegant seated dinner and live auction.

For more information, please contact Stacey Shoemaker at 854.2920.



STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

BRETT ELLIS

Brett planned the booth and cooked the chili for the chili cook-off and Brothers Keeper won the Grand Champion award for small organizations. Brett also cooks on Tuesdays at the Soup Kitchen and twice a week empties the donation box from Blessed Trinity. He is also on Team 18 for Christ Renews His Parish.

Thank you, Brett for being a faithful Steward!

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Jose Rojas
John and Elsa Dowd and Omar Diaz
Christy and Logan Jergens
Kerry, Casey, Dillon and Bailey Austin
Kevin and Shannon Mathew
Mary Ellen Logsdon
Frances, Urbano, Yakira and Antonio Santiago



NEW PARISHIONERS:

Gustavo, Virginia, Jeniffer and Viviana Cevallos Burgos
Jeremy, Lizabeth, Kevin Jones, Jonathon and Jeremy Jr. Gennaro
Timothy, Cynthia, Brianna and Sabrina Gennaro
Marge, Lorgh and Christopher Felix

* In today's Gospel, Mary finds out she will conceive Jesus. Christmas is right
* around the corner, but, much like Mary in today's Gospel, we are still in waiting.
* A young Jewish girl, Mary would have been very familiar with the expectant hope
* for a Messiah. So, you can imagine how flustered, fearful, and even a bit
* confused she might have been when the angel Gabriel appeared to her,
* announcing that she had been chosen to bear the long-awaited Savior.
* Mary exclaimed, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me
* according to your word."
* There is so much we can learn from Mary's response. She recognized her life was
* not truly her own. She surrendered to God's will. What a powerful witness of the
* amazing things God can accomplish through us as stewards, when we give
* ourselves to Him in service, when we surrender our lives to Him.
* Because of Mary's "yes" to God, the Lord will continue the good work He begun in
* her. The reading from 2 Samuel today communicates this same message. The
* Lord has done great things for King David - protecting him from his enemies, and
* more, and, when David sets out to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant,
* the Lord reminds him that He is source of all good things, He is the giver of all good gifts, and He promises to care for His
* people.
* Much like David and Mary, we all play a role in Salvation History. We are God's instruments, His disciples through whom
* many will come to know Him. He has given us so many good gifts, and it is our responsibility, as stewards, to make a free
* -will decision, much like Mary did, and allow Him to work through us, to use the gifts He has given us to show forth His
* glory, living lives that bear witness to His goodness.
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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

674 families have responded to date.

We Thank you. Time & Talent and Treasure pledge cards are available in the vestibule. Ministry booklets are also available. Keep one of these in your home for handy reference.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Our Advent Communal Penance, 15+ priests present for confessions will be on:

THIS Monday,

December 19th at 7:00pm

Other opportunities for confession are listed in this bulletin for December 21, 22 and 23th. But do your best to come on December 19th.

MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Another pilgrimage is being planned with Fr. Pat. The present plan is to depart from Orlando on Monday, April 9, 2012, the day after Easter Sunday and return on either April 16th or 17th. The airfare will be approximately \$1,390.00 per person. The hotel, breakfast and dinner will be \$40 x 7 = \$280.00. The transportation to and from the airport will be \$50.00 (approximately). Total \$1,720.00 (approximately). (Not including insurance) If you wish to reserve your place, you need to make a \$125.00 deposit, which is non-refundable and provide the exact name(s) from your passport if your are booking a reservation.

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The light of the Christmas star to you,
The warmth of home and hearth to you,
The cheer and good will of friends to you,
The hope of a childlike heart to you,
The joy of a thousand angels to you,
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19	7:10 am	Frederick Wisneski+
	5:15 pm	Gordon Jacupke+
Tuesday, December 20	7:10 am	L/D Andrew & Teresa Semudo Families
	5:15 pm	Wanda & Frank Bilyeu+
Wed., December 21	7:10 am	William & Roseann O'Brien+
	5:15 pm	Lucretia Miller+
Thurs., December 22	7:10 am	Teresa Nalule+
	5:15 pm	Danny Grape & Jorge Grape+
Friday, December 23	7:10 am	May Lynch+
	5:15 pm	Vivian Calise+
Saturday, December 24	8:00 am	Bernie Young+
	3:00 pm	Patrick Cooney+
	5:00 pm	Gladys Burleson+
	6:30 pm	Charles & Julia Glanzer+
	12:00pm	Donald McIntosh+ Sophia Bunting+
Sunday, December 25	7:15 am	Helen & Fred Wisneski+
	8:45 am	Leroy Theriault+
	11:00 am	Dominic Marino+
	12:30pm	Spanish Community
	5:00 pm	Carlos E. Lopez & Tammy G. Lopez+

Your prayers are requested for Wayne C. Boyle, Bernie Young and Beatrice Jensen who have recently died.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
There is a box in the vestibule where you can place your donations for our Christmas flowers. Please help us "pull out all the stops" in decorating our Church home for the coming of the Messiah!

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.



RETRouvaille

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; **even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it**, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped thousands of others. Our next program begins **January 27-29, 2012**. For more information call (407) 977-8136. **All calls and names held in strictest confidence**. Not counseling or group therapy. **And visit our website at Retrouvaille.org**.

Fr. Pat’s 3rd Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat’s 3rd Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, January 8th, at 9:55 AM in the Gym. The make up for this class is Saturday, January 21, at 9 AM, in the chapel of the church. This 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.

“LAST SUPPER” PIECE ON LOAN TO CHURCH IN VESTIBULE

This carving of the Da Vinci painting is on a piece of “Bald Cypress” approximately 700-800 years old. It has been in my shop for 20 years. Leonardo began work on “The Last Supper” in 1495 and completed it in 1498. The “Last Supper” specifically portrays the reaction given by each apostle when Jesus said one of them would betray him. All twelve of the Apostles have different reactions to the news, with various degrees of anger and shock. This piece of wood measures 130” long x 32” wide x 4” thick. Started the carving in March and completed the piece in September. The carving is both computer generated with routers and handwork. My hopes are that while the piece is on loan to the Church, someone will want to purchase it and donate the piece to Blessed Trinity. Serious inquiries need to contact 352.239.3012. Thank you and I hope you enjoy the piece.

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, December 18th: Join us for Mass, and then our big Christmas party & dinner! Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with your Life Teen family. And if you haven’t ever come to a Life Night before, we’d love for you to join us, and become part of the family. Bring some friends along for a great night!

FUDGE SALE: Life Teen will be selling homemade fudge after the weekend Masses on 12/17-12/18. All proceeds will help fund next summer’s Steubenville/ Mountain Trip. Fudge will be sold in baggies for \$1. We thank you in advance for your support!

Sunday, December 25th: Join us for Mass, but no Life Night. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas!

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Don’t Go It Alone!**

Meetings of Blessed Trinity Breast Cancer support group will take place on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

On the first Thursday, we will meet at the 5:15 Mass – the St. Peregrine cancer Mass - and have a brief meeting following, in the Parish Hall until 6:30. The third Thursday of the month we will meet from 7 PM until 8:30 PM, in the Parish Hall. This will be a full support meeting with guest speakers on a variety of subjects. Topics will be chosen based upon need/interest of the group i.e. nutrition, stress reduction techniques, update on advancement in treatment, yoga, etc. This group is open to women of all ages and you do not have to be a member of Blessed Trinity to attend.

So please join us Thursday, January 5th, at the 5:15 Mass.

For more information please call Anissa Brescia at (352) 854-8609 or Ro Lipari at (353) 629-8093 ext 207)

OUR MISSION TO THE “POOR”

**Blessed Trinity’s outreach to “local” poor and
Blessed Trinity’s outreach to our Sister Parish in Nalweyo, Uganda**

Blessed Trinity Parish has always had a huge outreach ministry, especially to the poor.

Most, not all, of the parish outreach ministry to local poor is carried out under the umbrella of Brother’s Keeper, which is 100% a parish-sponsored ministry.

The current financial budget for Brother’s Keeper is just short of \$500,000.00. There are four envelopes a year for Brother’s Keeper given to each family who uses envelopes. All proceeds from the poor box go to Brother’s Keeper. Each week, for the last 20+ years, at least \$700.00 per week goes to Brother’s Keeper from our Sunday collection. A great number of parishioners give special donations to Brother’s Keeper over and above their weekly offering to the parish.

Apart from financial gifts, hundreds (yes hundreds) of volunteers give their service to the Soup Kitchen (365 days a year) feeding close to 200 per day; to the Brother’s Keeper furniture store and thrift store; to meeting with people in need one on one each day, six days a week; to picking up furniture, etc on the Brother’s Keeper truck; etc., etc. The financial value to all these hours, if possible to calculate, would be a huge figure.

Countless businesses and individuals give in-kind donations such as food, furniture, shoes, clothing, household utensils, cars, bikes, etc.

All of these finances, in-kind donations and volunteer hours go to provide the following services to local poor: shelter, food, clothing, medicine and transportation.

The parish also is a major player in the establishment and the running of Project Hope a non-profit charity whose sole purpose is to shelter homeless families with little children. Over the past year our parishioners gave almost \$200,000.00 to Project Hope. If you are interested in helping homeless children please spread the word – we will have a parish-wide financial drive on January 21/22 to support Project Hope.

On the other hand our parish outreach to our Sister Parish in Nalweyo, Uganda is not about feeding, clothing and sheltering the poor in Uganda.

They have their own food which they grow themselves, they have their little houses which are mostly mud/stick buildings, and they have clothes.

Our work in Uganda is primarily involved in three areas:

- 1) Spreading the Gospel to 25,000+ people.
- 2) Providing a decent education for 500+ students.
- 3) Paying for a medical clinic to provide the minimum amount of medical care to one whole district.

The 500+ students are sponsored mostly by individual families in our parish. There are about 20 sponsors from outside the parish.

We have had no parish-wide collections for our Sister Parish so far. We mostly depend on special donations from individual parishioners. Apart from sponsors, the number of parishioners donating time to our Sister Parish, is about 20 (not 100s).

The Catholic Church, since the time of Christ has always had a mandate to go out to all the world, preach the Gospel, baptize, etc., etc. That is primarily what we do in Uganda through building 25 village Churches, building and maintaining a Catholic school, paying for seminarians and local priests and running a Catholic clinic.

Why do I give you all these facts?

- 1) First of all we think you need to know what your parish is involved in. Some people are not even aware of the fact that Brother’s Keeper is a ministry of Blessed Trinity.
- 2) We hear it sometimes said by a few why do we have a Uganda mission when there are homeless children here in Marion County who should get that help?

The Church must be (it is not a choice) fully involved in alleviating the plight of the poor and spreading the Gospel. Blessed Trinity makes a huge effort in both of those areas. Anyone who reads and accepts the Gospel of Jesus Christ will immediately see that the Church must be committed to the poor and the spread of the Gospel.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 18, 2011 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

TRINITY CATHOLIC VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

January 10	6:00pm	Weeki Wachee
January 12	6:00pm	Mount Dora
January 21	6:00pm	Lake Mary Prep
January 24	6:00pm	St John Lutheran

TRINITY CATHOLIC VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

January 6	7:00pm	South Sumter
January 7	7:00pm	Bishop Moore
January 19	7:00pm	Umatilla
January 20	7:00pm	Clearwater Central
January 24	7:30pm	St John Lutheran
January 26	7:00pm	St Francis
February 4	6:00pm	Vince Murray

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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 December 28.

Knights of Columbus Hall Rentals. Weddings, Birthdays, Retirements, Graduations, Free WI-Fl. Hall rental is available for daytime and evening Competitive Rates Contact Joe Ivaskewitz (352) 368-5960

BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR CRAFTERS

Our meetings are on Thursdays at 10:00am to noon in Bldg "F". We will be working on sewing projects and various crafts. Come join and share our ideas with yours!



BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Come join us at the Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, January 3rd, 12 noon, in the Community Center, Bldg F. This month our guest speaker will be Tim Fischer, a Lawyer and parishioner to discuss Wills and Testaments. Baked Ziti will be served. Please bring a side dish to share that serves 8.

SAVE THE DATE.....SATURDAY, January 7, 2012

TCHS CELTIC VARSITY CHEERLEADERS NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE LADIES WILL COMPETE AT FLAGLER PALM COAST HIGH SCHOOL (MATANZAS)

IN HOPES OF WINNING THE 2011-12 REGIONAL TITLE AS THEY DID LAST YEAR!

This will also serve as the regional bid to attend the 2011-12 FHSAA state competitive Cheerleading Championship in Kissimmee on THURSDAY, February 2, 2012.

MORE DETAILS SUCH AS-MORNING START TIME AND PERFORMANCE ORDER FOR JANUARY 7, 2012, WILL BE ANNOUNCED ASAP.....

LET'S SHOW THEM THAT CELTICS HAVE THE BEST SCHOOL SPIRIT-WE NEED YOU!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BLOOD DRIVE

Florida's Blood Centers will be in the Parking Lot **THIS** Sunday, December 18th from 8:30am to 2:00pm for your blood donations.

Donate & receive:

Free Movie Ticket from Fandango

Brusters Ice Cream Coupon

Free Game of AMF Bowling.

Make time to SAVE a Life!

Online appointments at www.fbcdonor.org
(use Acct. #M2JP)



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Blessed Trinity will be ringing the bell as part of our parish stewardship for the Salvation Army at Publix in Churchhill Square (right across from us) on Thursday, December 22 from 10 to 4. This is a great opportunity to get service hours or for a girl scout or boy scout troop as a holiday project. We need six people to do a one hour shift. Call Steve at 622-3846 to reserve your slot.

Food & Toys

This is the big weekend. Brothers Keeper will be collecting your toys and your food this weekend. Look out for the shopping cart maniacs who will be cruising the parking lot to collect your "gifts to the needy". If you want to see how generous our parish is, come by on Sunday afternoon and see a stewardship parish in action. Thank you for all you do for those in need. Have a Holy Christmas.

INFORMAL 'SIDEWALK COUNSELING' TRAINING MEET

What do you say to a young woman about to have an abortion? How do you react to an obscene gesture? How do you respond to foul language directed at you from a passing car?

These are some of the challenges faced every day by "sidewalk counselors" who work outside abortion facilities as they appeal to pregnant women, and give them alternatives to abortion. Sidewalk counseling is a skill that almost everyone can develop. Everyone benefits when sidewalk counselors do their jobs well.

If you are considering becoming involved with this important mission of the Church, you should attend our training session. We have good advice for addressing these questions and other issues women face as they open the door to have an abortion.

Come to an Informal Sidewalk Counseling Training Meet.

At Queen of Peace Church Hall in Ocala

January 5, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served after the presentation.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We are excited to celebrate Christ's birth with garland, ribbon, trees and more, but we need your help. There is a decorated box in the vestibule of the Church to place monetary donations. Every little bit helps to brighten the season with decor that captures the beauty of our celebration. Also, if you have an idea/suggestion for decor and design, or want to help put it all together, please call Danielle Marciano at 352-512-0760. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

GIFT SHOP

Four styles of small Irish plaques with lovely spiritual messages. Beautiful light up nativity's. Two styles of Blessed Trinity Christmas cards. Our Lady of Grace outdoor statues. New Missals.

Books: The Dilemma of Divorced Catholics – Where Do You Stand with the Church? What is the Internal Forum? “If for some reason you cannot obtain an annulment through no fault of your own, then learn more about the internal forum solution. It may be a viable option in your situation.” **The Handbook for Catholic Moms** “Drawing from the deep tradition of the Catholic faith....coaches Catholic moms in caring for themselves—heart, mind, body, and soul—so that they can better love and care for their families neighborhoods, and their Church”

Blessed Trinity Gift Store Hours:

Wednesdays: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and 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

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Attention Students! Another opportunity for Service Hours

Attention Everybody! Another opportunity to give of your Time & Talent!

We are looking for more people to be trained as video operators for the weekend and holy day Masses. Now that we no longer have hymnals in all the pews, it is vital that we have trained video operators to help our community fully participate in the Mass. And with the Thanksgiving / Christmas / New Year's holidays upon us, family schedules change, people travel out of town; so we need reliable backup personnel. We have new prayers to learn and new songs to sing! And students can get credit for service hours. **A Win / Win Situation!** If you are interested in being trained and scheduled, please contact Mr. Saalfeld (629-8092x202, RSaalfeld@blessedtrinity.org) this week!

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant!

The last rehearsal for the pageant is **Thursday, Dec 22, 10:00am-12noon** in the church. The Children's Choir is rehearsing with them. ***If you have any questions, call Charlene Knight at 236-4679.***

First Time Ever: Catholic Ads Airing Nationally on Prime-Time Network TV

Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church. Help now to usher in the largest family reunion in Church history! Pray and spread the word by sharing this link with all Catholics you know: www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

WORD OF LIFE

In the eyes of the world those who are in the last stages of life are somehow diminished in their humanity and should be eliminated. We must see them through God's eyes and recognize that each and every person is created in his image and likeness and that we are all connected to God and to each other. We are our brother's keeper and our sister's helper. Cain who forgot he was his brother's keeper ended up becoming his executioner. 'Thou shall not kill' is God's law and it is written in our hearts by our Creator. ~Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, Homily, Red Mass, Sept. 19, 2011

ADS OF THE WEEK

John T. Driscoll, P.A.
Certified Public Accountant
Individuals, Corporations, Partnerships,
Estates and Trusts
352.622.5664

James B. Duke, M.D., P.A.
Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon
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Anthroscopy & Sports Medicine
352.867.0444

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

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.



**STEWARD SAINTS OF THE WEEK
Week of December 18-December 24**

**December 21—Peter Canisius
December 23—John of Kanty**

St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597)

Sometimes called the "second apostle of Germany" (the first being St. Boniface), St. Peter Canisius was a Jesuit scholar who preached and wrote in defense of the faith during the Catholic Counter-Reformation. He began his career as a teacher in Sicily and then was sent to Germany where he eventually became Provincial of his order. He also founded a number of college and seminaries and wrote a very popular catechism that was translated into nine languages. His expertise in Scripture and early Church history, his facility with words, and his natural diplomacy were just the combination of gifts the Church needed in the years following the Protestant Reformation, and this steward saint used them tirelessly to renew the Church. Asked if he felt overworked, St. Peter Canisius answered, "If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all." That sounds very much like St. Paul's assurance that "... the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil 1:6). We need only offer our gifts in love and trust.