



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Psalm 100:2

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Dear Parish Family,

I greet you with great joy as I introduce this edition of our stewardship newsletter. It is said that Socrates once stated, “an unexamined life is not worth living.” This is why we pause at this time to reflect on all the blessings bestowed upon us during our last academic year; and as we do so, we also look forward with great hope to the many amazing things that the Lord will continue to do as we cooperate with his grace.

We are the Body of Christ, and each one of us plays a pivotal role in the life of our parish. I rejoice greatly at seeing your generosity and the many sacrifices which make us who we are. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do. We all help out in big and small ways. When we give the Lord our time through prayer, he rewards our faithfulness. When we serve others with our talents, we glorify the one who gave us such gifts. When we are generous with our financial resources, we realize that only when we share, do we truly become rich because everything that we share is multiplied.

As you take a look at this newsletter, let us celebrate what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst. Let’s never stop dreaming big, because God has awesome plans for our personal lives and for the life of our parish community. Please pray daily for Blessed Trinity Church and School and let us invite the Lord to always be at the very center of our lives.

With love and gratitude,

Fr. José N. Alfaro

*Cover photo: Celebrating Mass in Lanciano, Italy,
site of the Miracle of the Eucharist*

“¡Aclama al Señor, tierra entera; servid al Señor con alegría, ilégaos a él con júbilo!” (Salmo 100:2)

Querida familia parroquial:

Los saludo con alegría al presentarles esta edición de nuestro boletín anual de discipulado. Socrates una vez dijo, “una vida que no ha sido examinada no merece ser vivida.” Es por eso que, en esta época del año, hacemos una pausa para reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado en este último año académico; a la vez que miramos hacia atrás, también miramos hacia el futuro con gran esperanza sabiendo que si cooperamos con la gracia de Dios, Él nos depara cosas extraordinarias.

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo, y cada uno de nosotros juega un papel fundamental en la vida de nuestra parroquia. Me lleno de gozo al ver la generosidad de Uds. Sus muchos sacrificios nos hacen quienes somos. Todos ayudamos, de maneras grandes y pequeñas. Cuando le damos al Señor nuestro tiempo en oración, Él recompensa nuestra fidelidad. Cuando servimos a los demás con nuestros talentos, glorificamos al que nos ha dado estos dones. Cuando somos generosos con nuestros recursos financieros, nos damos cuenta de que es solo cuando compartimos que nos hacemos verdaderamente ricos, porque todo lo que compartimos siempre se multiplica.

Los invito a leer este boletín y a celebrar lo que el Espíritu Santo está haciendo entre nosotros. Nunca paremos de soñar en grande porque Dios tiene planes estupendos para nuestras vidas personales y para nuestra comunidad parroquial. Por favor, oren diariamente por Blessed Trinity y por nuestra escuela e invitemos al Señor a que sea siempre el centro de nuestras vidas.

Con cariño y gratitud,

P. José N. Alfaro



STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Pastor along with some staff members have attended a few conferences in an effort to gain insights on organizational structuring and clarity. The workshops have provided vast avenues for continued growth.

We implemented a **Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)** which is comprised of a small group of people (mostly staff members) who assist the Pastor in the day-to-day operations of the parish. Every Pastor needs a team, a special group of leaders who are collectively committed to helping him make the parish amazing and bring more souls to Christ and his church. Our SLT is made up of Fr. Alfaro, Fr. Pawel, Terry Perez, Helen Lopez, Olga Venegas and Ernie Sosa.

One of the initiatives that the team took on was the reading of a book by the name of *Divine Renovation* written by Fr. James Mallon. In this book, Fr. Mallon recounts his own experience of parish renewal (Father Alfaro highly recommends everyone to purchase and read this book). The Parish Council has also been reading the book together. In one of his chapters, the author speaks of 10 values that are essential to transform the culture of the parish, e.g., giving priority to the weekend, hospitality, uplifting music, inspiring homilies, meaningful community, etc. This past year, our ministry heads met with our Pastor who introduced these values. The ministry leaders then met for five weeks to go in depth into all these values and bring them to their ministries.

Our SLT has been working on a Mission and a Vision Statement with feedback from the Parish Council and the

ministry heads. The SLT participated in coaching sessions with The Amazing Parish team (www.amazingparish.org). During brainstorming sessions, it was clear that we exist to bring Christ to others for the salvation of souls. With that purpose we would focus on becoming mission reliable, while being joyfully inviting as we become discerning disciples. Implementing these values will help us grow individually, as a community, and grow closer to God and each other. Stay tuned for more on the SLT in the future!

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Este año se inició un equipo de liderazgo estratégico llamado SLT para ayudar a nuestro párroco en la función diaria de la parroquia. Empezamos leyendo un libro llamado Renovación Divina, donde nos hemos concentrado en el capítulo que habla de los 10 valores esenciales para transformar la cultura de una parroquia. Estos valores han sido estudiados y compartidos con el Consejo Parroquial y todos los ministerios. Las ideas del Consejo Parroquial y de los líderes de los ministerios, fueron discutidas con un grupo del Amazing Parish (www.amazingparish.org). Ellos nos ayudaron a ver cuál es nuestra misión y nuestra visión. Se hizo evidente que nuestra parroquia existe para traer a Cristo a los demás para la salvación de las almas. Queremos que nuestra parroquia se convierta en una parroquia que sea establecida alrededor de nuestra misión, alegramente invitadora, y de discípulos discernientes. La implementación de estos valores nos ayudará a crecer como individuos y como comunidad acercándonos más a Dios y los demás. ¡Estén atentos para más información sobre el SLT en el futuro!



CAMILLUS HOUSE CASSEROLE MEALS

We collect approximately 50 casseroles per month.

-50 casseroles feed 500 people per month.

-Per year our ministry feeds 6,000 people.



ADOM LAY MINISTRY COURSE

-12 more parishioners completed the course.



TIME AND TALENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Lord Jesus says, “the harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few” (Luke 10:2). Every week at the 10:30 am and the 12:30 pm Masses a different family takes the Vocation Chalice home to pray for vocations. We thank God for allowing us to see the fruits of our prayers as we have 3 parishioners currently in the seminary, one for Priesthood and two for Diaconate. It’s easy to sign-up, and we encourage all families to take the chalice home.

Another initiative in order to respond to Pope Francis’ appeal for evangelization outside of the parish, Blessed Trinity hosted two events at local community businesses. Our two priests, Fr. Alfaro and Fr. Pawel, made themselves available to answer questions about life and the faith at the Tank Brewery. In the fall, we had our “Beer, Bible and Bros” event for men; and in the spring, our “Wine and Wisdom” brought together about 25 couples. The focus of these events was to welcome back those that may not be currently practicing as well as the unchurched. We look forward to hosting more events in varied settings around the community.

This past year, we also inaugurated our Life Teen High School Ministry, whose Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings. The group averages 20-25 young people every week. As they learn about the faith, they also have fun. One of the highlights of this past year was to attend the Steubenville Conference in Orlando with 17 teens! We thank Jenny De La Cruz, one of our newest staff team members, for all the hard work and accomplishments

which include putting together two concerts where we had “Communion” and “Brother Mike” as



guests. Jenny along with her team of adults are doing amazing things to inspire our young people in the faith.

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El año pasado, comenzamos un grupo de jóvenes llamado Life Teen. Todas las semanas tenemos un promedio de 20 a 25 muchachos de la escuela secundaria que se reúnen



para aprender más de su fe católica y a la vez divertirse. Uno de los logros más destacados de Life Teen fue poder asistir a la conferencia para adolescentes de Steubenville en Orlando. Fueron 17 de nuestro grupo. También se han hecho dos conciertos para los jóvenes. Estamos muy agradecidos a Jenny de la Cruz, la nueva líder del ministerio de los jóvenes por todo el trabajo que ella y su equipo ha realizado organizando estos eventos e inspirando a los jóvenes en la fe.

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A new Charismatic group in Spanish was created and is led by Jairo Florez. The group meets every Tuesday to praise and worship our Lord and pray for a renewed infusion of the Holy Spirit in our parish.

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A pesar de que hace años se venía hablando de crear un grupo de oración en español, fue este año que por fin “El Hijo del Carpintero” se hizo realidad gracias al liderazgo de Jairo Florez. El grupo se reúne los martes para orar y alabar al Señor y para pedir una nueva efusión del Espíritu Santo en la vida de nuestra parroquia.



A new Pilgrimage Ministry has been inspired by the Holy Spirit in the life of our parish community. Fr. Alfaro took a group of 42 pilgrims to the Holy Land in the spring of 2018. He also took a group of 34 young people and adult chaperones to Panama for World Youth Day to be with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. This is an event for the youth which takes place every three years in a different part of the world (young people, stay tuned... the next one will be in Fatima, Portugal in 2022). 33 pilgrims accompanied Father to pilgrimage sites in Italy this past summer where they learned about the lives of saints such as St. Francis, St. Rita of Cascia, St. Padre Pio, St. Peter, St. Paul and many others. The fruits of these pilgrimages have been so many that Father Alfaro is preparing two next year: one with young adults to Santiago de Compostela in the spring, and one to the Holy Land in the fall.



El nuevo Ministerio de Peregrinaciones, formado en nuestra comunidad parroquial, inspirado por el Espíritu Santo, y dirigido por el Padre Alfaro, llevó en la primavera del 2018 a 42 peregrinos a Tierra Santa. También llevó a 34 jóvenes y chaperones adultos a Panamá para la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud para escuchar y estar en presencia del Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Este verano nuestro párroco llevó a 33 peregrinos a Italia donde visitaron y aprendieron sobre la vida de varios santos. Los frutos de estas peregrinaciones han sido tantos que el Padre Alfaro está preparando dos para el año que viene. Una para los jóvenes adultos en la primavera a Santiago de Compostela y otra a Tierra Santa en el otoño.

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Fr. Alfaro was named Dean of the Northwest Deanery by the Archbishop. A deanery is a geographical subdivision of parishes aimed at helping the Bishop manage his diocese. Periodically the dean makes a report to the Bishop on conditions in the deanery." Blessed Trinity is part of the Northwest Dade Deanery along with 10 other Catholic Churches in the area. As we rejoice with this assignment, let us pray for our Pastor now more than ever as his responsibilities have increased.

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Nuestro Padre Alfaro fue nombrado por el Arzobispo, Decano del Decanato del noroeste. Un decanato es una subdivisión geográfica de parroquias destinada a ayudar al obispo a administrar la Diócesis. Cada decanato (el nuestro consiste de 10 parroquias) está encabezado por un decano, el cual le reporta al arzobispo periodicamente. Por favor mantengan en sus oraciones al Padre Alfaro ya que esto traerá nuevas responsabilidades para él.



MY STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

In awareness of my responsibility as a member of the body of Christ and in gratitude to a loving and generous God for all his blessings, I/we wish to make the following commitment in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure for 2019-2020:

PERSONAL INFORMATION/ INFORMACION PERSONAL

Last name
Apellido _____ First name
Nombre _____

Street address / Dirección _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone / Teléfono _____

Email / Correo electrónico _____

Envelope number / Número del sobre _____

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, each household is asked to work toward giving a consistent percent of income to Blessed Trinity to support our parish.

The contribution goal for a person who tithes in the traditional manner is 10% of his/her household income to support our church and our community. A preferred allocation of the contribution is 5% to Blessed Trinity parish and 5% to the Archdiocese of Miami and other community charities.

Thank you for your continued support.

A cada familia, en acción de gracias por las bendiciones recibidas, se le pide que trate de dar un porcentaje fijo de ingreso para apoyar a nuestra parroquia de Blessed Trinity.

Tradicionalmente se da un 10% de diezmo para ayudar a la parroquia y a la comunidad. Es preferible que la contribución sea 5% para la parroquia y 5% para la Arquidiócesis y otras obras benéficas de la comunidad.

Gracias por su apoyo.

Annual Income <i>Salario Anual</i>	% to Blessed Trinity	Weekly Contribution <i>Contribución Semanal</i>
\$14,000	5%	\$13
\$26,000	5%	\$25
\$52,000	5%	\$50
\$78,000	5%	\$75
\$104,000	5%	\$100
\$130,000	5%	\$125

After completing BOTH SIDES of this form, please detach and place in the collection basket at any time.

TIME AND TALENT / TIEMPO Y TALENTO

Please list the current ministries in which you participate and those ministries in which you have an interest. A list of current ministries can be found in the Parish Newsletter.

Por favor enumere los ministerios en los que Ud. participa ahora y en los que le interesaría participar. En el folleto de la parroquia puede encontrar una lista de ministerios.

Current ministries / Ministerios ahora

New interests / Nuevo interés

I will commit to praying daily for the Parish.

Me comprometo a orar todos los días para la parroquia.

TREASURE / TESORO

OFFERTORY PLEDGE AMOUNT / CANTIDAD DE COMPROMISO OFERTORIO

(Effective November 2019)

My offertory pledge will be a total of:
Mi compromiso ofertorio total será:

\$ _____

To be paid in installments of
Pagadero en cuotas de:

\$ _____

Weekly/Semanal Monthly/Mensual Annually/Anual

PAYMENT OPTIONS/OPCIONES DE PAGO

PLEASE CHECK ONE / FAVOR ELIJA UNO

OPTION 1: Envelope / Sobre Semanales

OPTION 2: Credit Card / Tarjeta de Crédito

Credit card number / Número de tarjeta

Expiration date / Fecha de
expiración

Signature/Firma

OPTION 3: Automatic offering / Donación automática

I authorize Blessed Trinity to withdraw automatically my offertory pledge amount from:

Yo autorizo a Blessed Trinity para que gire automáticamente mi donación de:

Bank name / Nombre del banco

Routing number / Identificación bancaria

Account number / Número
de cuenta

Last 4 digits of Social Security / Ultimos 4 números del Seguro Social

Signature/Firma

OPTION 4: Online giving / Donación en linea

For more information visit / Para más información visite:
www.blessed-trinity.org

TREASURE HIGHLIGHTS

Blessed Trinity has always been recognized by the Archdiocese for its generosity. We have an amazing group of professionals in the finance council who assist the pastor (who is accountable to the Archbishop) in the administration and stewardship of temporal matters. They meet at least every other month, and Fr. Alfaro consults them in financial matters, shares information, listens and promotes consensus among them. Every financial decision made is always done prayerfully and cognizant that our highest priority is evangelization and the salvation of souls.

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Blessed Trinity siempre se ha destacado en la arquidiócesis por su generosidad. El Padre Alfaro junto a el comité de finanzas, aseguran que toda decisión financiera se tome siempre con espíritu de oración y consciente de que nuestra máxima prioridad es la evangelización y la salvación de las almas.



The sex abuse scandals have sadly impacted so many and we continue to keep every victim and their families in our prayers. The crisis makes the church lose its credibility, its ability to proclaim the gospel, its attendance and offertory. Our financial statements this year reflect that impact. However, we know that our faith rests in our Lord alone. We trust, that as the church is purified, as if by fire, this roadblock will not stop the momentum that the Holy Spirit has given our parish. This momentum will lead us to continue our mission and grow stronger in the faith, as we begin anew seeking healing and wholeness for all. We continue supporting the platform and directives of our Safe Environment policies and remain vigilant for the safety of all.

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Los escándalos de abuso sexual en la iglesia han afectado a tantos; continuamos orando por todas las víctimas y sus familias. Esta crisis ha hecho que la iglesia pierda credibilidad, su habilidad de proclamar el Evangelio, asistencia y ofertorio (los estados financieros de este año lo demuestran). Sin embargo, sabemos que nuestra fe es basada solo en Dios. Con nuestra fe en Dios confiamos que a medida que la iglesia es purificada como si por el fuego, nuestra parroquia podrá continuar nuestra misión inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y creceremos en la fe al poder comenzar un nuevo capítulo.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to finish the repairs on the first floor of the parish office; we were able to hire a youth minister, we purchased a fan for the Church foyer, and we are increasing the safety of our campus with cameras and defibrillators. New classroom doors for the school were installed, and we were able to replace all the old chairs in the Parish Hall. Needed repairs were made to the Parish Hall roof, the Carney Center elevator and the A/C in several classrooms. We also met and surpassed our ABCD goal in 2018. So far, in 2019 our ABCD goal has been met in pledges. Thank you for your great generosity and for believing in the mission! This past year with your generosity we contributed \$14,570 to support the Archdiocese special second collections and our yearly Missionary Cooperative support in addition to \$4,260 collected for the Respect Life program of the archdiocese.

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Gracias a su generosidad pudimos completar los arreglos del primer piso de las oficinas de la iglesia, instalar un ventilador al frente de la iglesia, instalar un sistema de cámaras para la seguridad de la iglesia y la escuela, y contratar una coordinadora para el grupo juvenil, entre otras cosas. También logramos alcanzar nuestra meta del ABCD. ¡Mil Gracias!

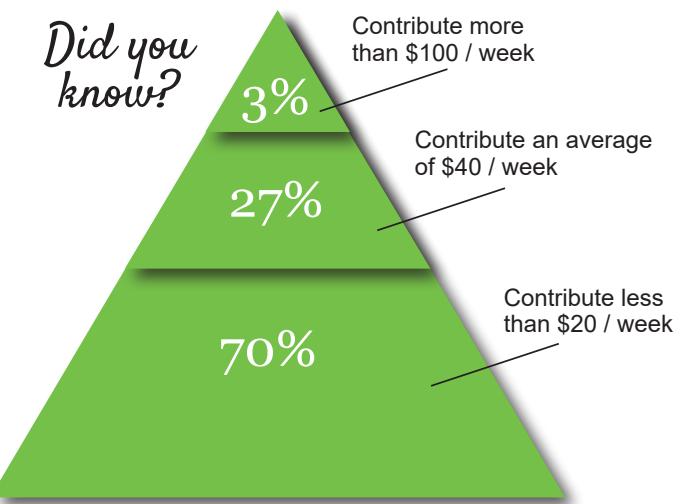
Our Parish

1626 Registered Families

574 Families are contributing

497 Using Envelopes

77 Using Online Giving



Testimony

Steve and Gisel De Renzo:

Mick Jagger can't get no satisfaction and Bruce Springsteen says that everybody's got a hungry heart. For middle-aged Catholic fans of rock-n-roll music, these refrains are not only quite familiar, but they also echo a deeper yearning we all have in our hearts, that is, a hunger for God. How do we quench this desire? St. Thomas Aquinas tells us the world would have us substitute wealth, pleasure, power, and honor for God. But these evanescent things of this world will keep us longing. It is only by emptying out the self, in love, can we make the space for God to fill us. And, St. Augustine tells us that our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord.

We are the De Renzo family, Gisel and Steve, and this restlessness has been present in us too. Fortunately, however, on our journey back to our Catholic faith, the Holy Spirit blessed us immensely and we now see that by engaging in both spiritual and

corporal works of mercy, we find peace. As parishioners at Blessed Trinity (BT) for over 3 years, we have found a vibrant parish to call home with true and authentic witnesses we now count as friends. Thankfully (if not somewhat reluctantly), we accepted Father Alfaro's invitation to deepen our faith by joining several of BT's sundry ministries. By joining our brothers and sisters in Christ in these ministries, we have been able to teach our young children, by example, how faithful Catholic families live.

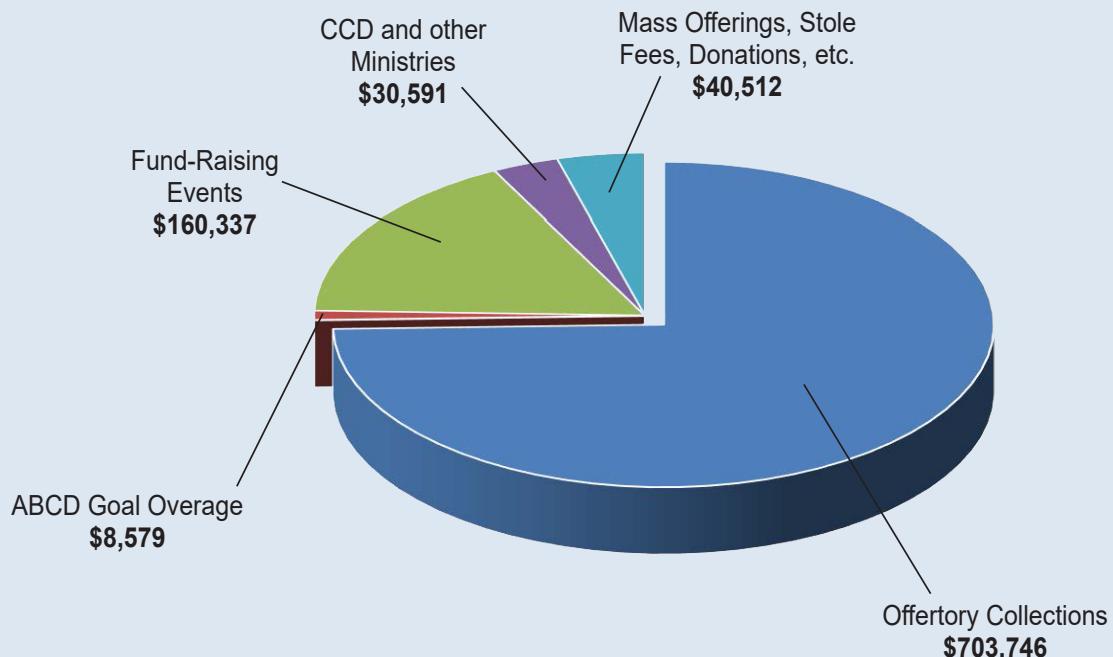


If you have a longing in your heart that the things of this world have been unable to fulfill, we invite you to give your time, talent, or treasure to the Mystical Body of Christ. In doing so, we pray that your faith may be strengthened and that you find peace.

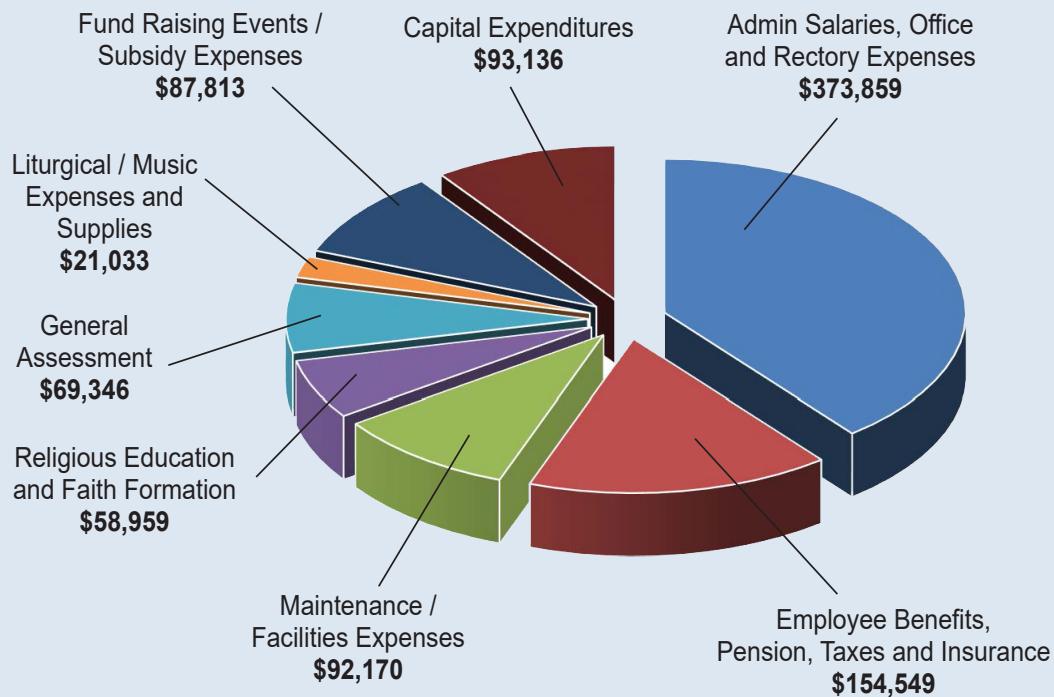
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
July 2018 - June 2019

Revenue Total: \$943,765



Expenses Total: \$950,865

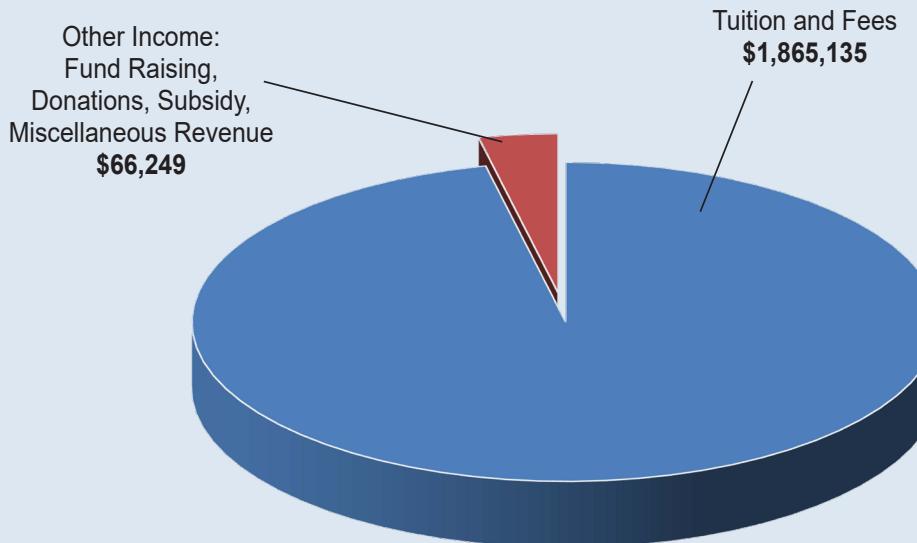


Net Income: (\$7,100)

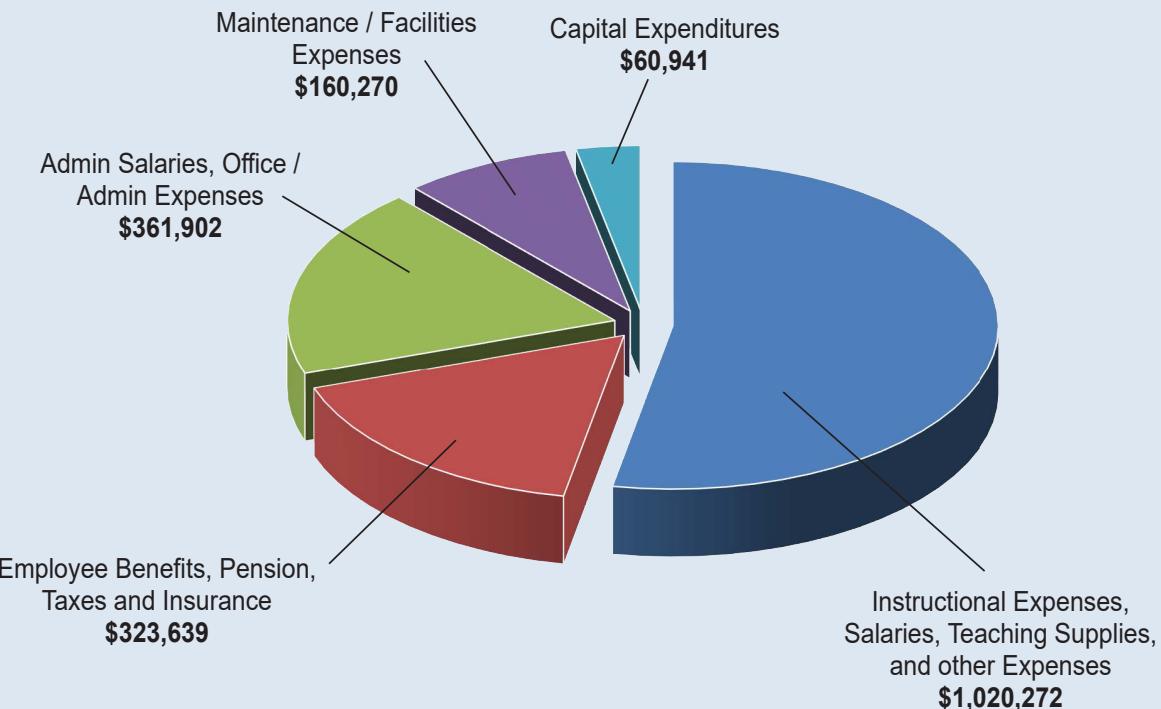
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Blessed Trinity Catholic School
July 2018 - June 2019

Revenue Total: \$1,931,384



Expenses Total: \$1,927,024



Net Income: \$4,360

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A major accomplishment for our school this year was the selection of 3 teachers —Gabriel Cambert, Melissa Dietz and Silvia Kenna— as Fellows in the 2019 cohort of the Notre Dame Trustey Family STEM Teaching Fellows. Blessed Trinity is one of 40 schools in the program's fifth cohort. These teachers were selected from across the nation and will join over 120 teachers from the program's first four cohorts. Through this fellowship, our team will create a school-wide blueprint and collaborate with all faculty to promote inquiry and creativity at all levels. We are very proud of our school as it has become a model for individualized instruction and the creation of 21st century learning.

We also welcome 5 highly qualified teachers to our faculty, Ms. Denesse Haber, Ms. Jennifer Durden, Mrs. Elizabeth Malo, Mrs. Maggie Bustamante, and Ms. Susie Carvajal , and a new teacher assistant, Mrs. Veronica Vizcaino. We are proud to say our students performed very well in the nationally normed, standardized achievement test, TerraNova; each class average (K-8) scored above grade level! Our curriculum throughout the elementary and middle school grades will be supplemented by visiting professionals who will offer coding, robotics, musical theatre, and creative art courses. We will continue to offer music appreciation with guitar classes and are working on adding piano and recorder lessons to the lineup. Our middle school students will have the opportunity to enroll in dual enrollment courses in World History and Spanish 1 through our archdiocesan virtual school. Qualified seventh and eighth grade students will be participating in the Algebra 1 Honors Course for high school credit.



Testimony

Luis Diaz (Teenager):

" Steubenville, World Youth Day, and Italy were all life changing experiences. It's amazing to see thousands of people praying together. These experiences really impacted me and I would go again in a heartbeat."





We have had an amazing year with athletics; our little school housed over 21 sports teams and brought home victories all around! Our after-school activities will continue to grow; as we add ballet and flamenco to our repertoire of Broadway Bound and Art Enrichment. This year the BT express will continue to move full STREAM ahead.

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Estamos muy orgullosos de todos los acontecimientos de nuestra escuela. Tres de nuestros maestros fueron escogidos para un programa en la universidad de Notre Dame, donde aprenderán técnicas en la enseñanza de la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas. Nuestra escuela se ha convertido en un modelo para la enseñanza individualizada y la creación del aprendizaje del siglo XXI.



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

Perhaps the biggest blessing that we look forward to with great anticipation is Ernie Sosa's ordination to the diaconate in December. It is always a source of great pride and joy when one of the "sons" of Blessed Trinity is

ordained as a cleric. It is also a sign of fruitfulness and great hope for the church. Let us pray for Ernie and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life.



We look forward to our Parish Festival (November 14-17) with great joy. We thank our new chairpersons Lino and Jenny De La

Cruz as well as their co-chairs Pete and Odalys Perez. They are always looking for volunteers. The festival brings us together for a good common cause; let's support them as best we can!

Fr. Alfaro is looking forward to running the "Spartan Race" in December with some fellow parishioners. Father is offering up his training and sacrifice for those who are sick, hurting and suffering. Would you like to join him? For more information about the race, or to sign up, visit: www.spartan.com/en/race/detail/5134/ overview.



Testimony

Mark Rosario:

In thinking about Stewardship, I suppose things jelled after I completed the Compass program in Spring 2018. It opened my eyes to the simple fact that there is a loving synergy between my God and myself, in which I am called to be his instrument on earth to fulfill His mission and His role is to provide what is needed to make this happen. Under the banner of Stewardship, I have experienced the freedom to give generously of my time, talent and treasure secure in the knowledge that God will take care of my needs. This does not mean that it is easy; it has not come without frustration, doubt

In December, in order to prepare well for Christmas, we will have the blessing of two healing Masses celebrated by Fr. Barbut: one in English and one in Spanish.

Fr. Barbut is a priest from Romania who has the gift of healing. Don't miss it!

Besides the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage which will take place next year, the youth of the parish is excited about attending "Rock the Universe" in January. This is an annual Christian rock festival which takes place at Universal Studios in Orlando.



We have a group of parishioners who have already trained for Prison Ministry. Let's pray that this ministry takes root and bears much fruit! We are also praying for the Lord to open the doors to a young adult ministry in the parish.

We welcome our new Director of Development/Institutional Advancement, Mrs. Terry Perez. After 18 years as a very successful school principal, Terry has changed hats. We know that her enthusiasm, love for our parish and school, resourcefulness and creativity will be a great plus to the life of our parish. We also thank Mrs. Debbie Ayash for accepting the position of interim school principal.

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Lo que mas nos entusiasma para el futuro es la anhelada ordenación de Ernie Sosa como Diácono en diciembre. También esperamos con alegría nuestro festival en noviembre, bajo la nueva dirección de Jenny y Lino de la Cruz y Pedro y Odalys Perez. Siempre estamos buscando voluntarios para este evento, ¡ayúdanos! En diciembre tendremos dos misas de sanación, una en español y una en inglés. El Ministerio de Prisión, al fin comenzara este año, manténgalos en sus oraciones. Le damos la bienvenida a Terry Perez como nuestra nueva Directora de Desarrollo/Avance Institucional. Después de 18 años como directora de nuestra escuela, sabemos que se destacará en su nueva posición. Le damos las gracias a Debbie Ayash por aceptar el cargo de directora provisional de la escuela.



Testimonio

Ana Cadavid:

Mi nombre es Ana Cadavid y pertenezco a Blessed Trinity desde hace 5 años. Aunque vivo en Miami Lakes, no me es impedimento para venir hasta Miami Springs para ser partícipe de esta gran comunidad. Tuve una formación y educación católica, y de igual forma lo hice con mis hijos, aunque cuando fui mayor de edad me alejé mucho de la iglesia. Durante esos años fui practicante para ciertas fechas de guardar o momentos de dificultad en mi vida donde iba en busca de Dios.

Mi vida cambio cuando me reencontré con Dios al participar en el retiro de Emaus para mujeres en español, invitada por una amiga, ahora hermana de Emaus, Liney Misas, por lo cual siempre voy a estar agradecida. Mi vida cambio en 180 grados, volví a nacer en el Espíritu Santo, volví a Dios.

Esta conversión, este nuevo ardor en mi corazón, me ha llevado a un caminar en Dios, a una continua búsqueda de Él en el servicio y amar a mi prójimo. Hoy en día pertenezco a varios ministerios y lidero Alpha en español. En mi empezo un inmenso amor, un ardor en mi corazón, una sed, un deseo de continuar en la búsqueda de Dios, una vida maravillosa en Cristo. Aprendí que había mucho más de mí que tenía para darle a Dios.

Todos los días aprendo más y me acerco a Él, mi vida ha sido muy bendecida, llena de muchas alegrías y del amor de Dios y la Virgen María.

Yo los invito a ser partícipes en cualquiera de los ministerios que tenemos en nuestra iglesia, los invito a dar un poco de nuestro tiempo y talentos para servir a Jesus. ¡¡Nuestras bendiciones siempre van a ser muchas!!



PARISH MINISTRIES

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Introduction of the basics of Christian faith to non-believers or those who have been away from the church.

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Bringing our youth together to build a stronger relationship with God and grow in faith.
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LIVING THE FAITH

Sacraments administered this year:

Baptisms – 64



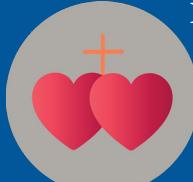
Communions – 71



Confirmation – 48



Holy Matrimony – 8



Funerals – 37



Anointing
of the Sick - 152



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

School Supply Collection

Collected backpacks and school supplies for over 100 students at St. Ann Mission grades K-8.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection

Collected over \$2,100.00 in gift cards from Publix and Wal-Mart to benefit families of St. Ann Mission.

Christmas Toy Drive

Toys and donations to benefit the children of St. Ann Mission were collected. These generous donations were used to organize pizza parties for the children who attend CCD at St. Ann Mission. Over 350 children enjoyed these Pizza parties which were held in 6 different locations in Homestead and Florida City.

Valentines- Act of Love Collection

We collected socks and underwear for the homeless of downtown Miami. We donated 701 items to the ChooseLove Foundation.

Lenten Mission Collection

We collected raincoats, shoes and long sleeve shirts for the poor. 70 raincoats and 30 pairs of shoes were donated to the ChooseLove Foundation, and 10 bags of long sleeve shirts and clothing were donated to St. Ann Mission.

Additionally

Every other week we collect items to donate to the ChooseLove Foundation which provides food and clothing to the homeless of downtown Miami.

We collect over 10-15 bread bags filled with PB&J, Ham/Cheese or Turkey Sandwiches. We donate sliced bread to complement the hot meal that ChooseLove provides. We also donate desserts and snacks.

FOLLOW US



We have increased our presence in Social Media. Currently we have almost 700 followers on Facebook. Please like us and help us reach 1000 followers. We also created an Instagram account; find us and follow us there also.