Blessed Trinity
Catholic Church
Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina

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Word of the Day

Nothing is more hazardous for us human beings than to pass judgment on the relationship of any individual with God. Even in cases of fairly obvious wrongdoing we cannot always know about special circumstances that may affect final judgment on that person's behavior. Since one cannot sin without freedom, and since many have been loved so little that their freedom is minimal, it follows that the degree of their culpability may be greatly reduced. Many of us prefer not to listen to such reasoning because we want a simplistic solution to crime, which ignores the deeper question about who have been loved and are therefore free enough to accept full responsibility for their actions. As a consequence, it is quite likely that many of us more or less free and privileged people will be judged harshly because we did not love and help those who are living in psychic or spiritual bondage. No doubt Jesus has the judgmental tendencies of the Scribes and Pharisees in mind when he uses this parable. Such smugly "orthodox" members of the church are often very impatient with church authorities who do not condemn and reject less "observant" members. They want the "weeds" torn out of the ground; and the sooner, the better. In fact, however, it is not all so clear who are the "wheat" and who are the "weeds." And those who are sure they know the difference may, like the Scribes and Pharisees, discover at harvest-time that they too are totally mistaken. The conclusion is clear: rash judgment is a very dangerous spiritual disease. The short parables about the mustard seed and the leaven are used to illustrate the surprising growth of the church in spite of small and unpromising beginnings. The point is that God can work through small and ordinary agents (like ourselves) to achieve surprising and significant results. We should find this truth encouraging and allow it to free us from a sense of helplessness. With God we can do more than we could ever imagine.

Sunday, July 20th, 2014

Eucharistic Liturgy Schedule

Saturday ..... 5pm (English)
..... 7pm (Spanish)
Sunday ..... 9:30am (English)
..... 12pm (Spanish)
Monday, Tuesday & Friday .... 9am (English)
Thursdays 11:30am
1st Fridays..... 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm; 6:15pm-6:45pm
Sunday ..... 8:30am-9:15am (or by appointment)

Sacrament of Baptism

Attendance at a Baptismal Workshop is required. Parents must be registered, active members of the parish. Please call the office for details.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is hospitalized or homebound and wishes to receive the sacraments or simply a pastoral visit, please have an immediate family member contact the parish office or please speak directly with the priest.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition ..... Thursday, 12pm—7pm
Benediction ..... Thursday, 7pm

Rosary Recitation

Sunday 9am

Our Mission

We are a vibrant, growing Catholic community in Greer, SC seeking to reflect unity in our diversity: an image of the communion between Father, Son & Holy Spirit. We are a family of believers striving to live a sacramental life according to the Word of God in our thoughts, actions & interactions with others, not only in our community but throughout the world.

«Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity»....*Athanasian Creed*

Contact Information

Administrator:
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Medical Emergencies: 864.909.2435

Parochial Secretary/DRE:
Jeff P. Lawrence

Pastoral Council:
José Ruiz
Trish Klimbal
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Finance Council:
Becky Crabtree, Miguel Angel Cuesta, David Pacheco, Jim Popp, Doug Ruedinger, John Heberger

Holy Communion to the Sick & Elderly:
Doug Ruedinger (879.7333)

Choir Director:
Peter Kutt

Maintenance:
Joseph Treacy (303.5636)

Building Committee:
Clair Paul Altenhofen, Jim Popp & Tony Sesny

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-1:30pm
BTOffice@blessedtrinitysc.net

Offertory Information

Offering: 13 June: $3,557.00
Weekly Annual Budget: $3850
Difference: -$293
Infirm Priests: $905.20

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

That we may fulfill our call to be just and kind by building a society that shows mercy to the criminal, welcome to the stranger, and protection to the unborn, *we pray to the Lord...*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please submit *by email* items for bulletin announcements by **Tuesday** 10am for the upcoming weekend. Thank you for your collaboration.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS available upon request for those with Celiac Sprue disease. Please notify the sacristan or usher before Mass.

Please remember in your prayers:

For the Eternal Rest of:

James Rathbun (son of James & Marjorie Slicker), Nicholas Romano, Ann Sesny, Olga Dentler, Rev. Michael J.Polewczak, Edna Demary, Dolores Mankowski, Joseph A. Williams, Jr., Bill Roberts, Jim Miszcak, Joseph McCollum, Frances Kenny, Joseph DiMatteo, Mike Buckley, María Santana, Elizabeth Begnoche, Jim Rhodes, Jacobus VanDenMeiracker, Ed Godleski, Ann Koch, Cecilia Vásquez, Antoinette Coniglio, Elizabeth Hamilton, Edward Gallagher, George Carpenter, Helen Bies, Patricia Wall, Robert Siegel, Michael Kaufman, Elmo Neal

Those who are ill or have special needs:

Pat Godleske, Julia Humphries, Sesny Family, Ken Jadlowiec, Madison Sirowich, Tim Emery & Dearson Isias Allen, Becky Watkins, Joan Crouch, Keith Joseph, William Miller Family, Gedenberg Family, Jacala Family, Paul Lanphear, Johnson Family, Karen García del Río, Virginia Joyce, Clare Sarbacker, Betsy Rei, Paul Eraca, Josephine Romeo, Laurette Saffy, David Gawlick, Johnny Scaback, Marisa Covello, Chad DesMarteau, Betsy Reis

PLEASE NOTE that names for the beloved deceased will remain on the prayer list for **six months** after passing, for the sick **three months.** If you wish to have someone´s name placed back on the list, please contact the parish office. Also, consider the traditional practice of having a Mass offered for the departed. Thank you.

PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER:

for medical emergencies only:
864.909.2435

This number is to be used only by parishioners in the case of a **real medical emergency**. Non-medical emergency calls will not be returned. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, please contact the Parish Office prior to the preferred date.

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Sun, July 20th: (9:30am): Fr. Gillespie
Sun, July 20th(12pm): Bishop Guglielimone
Mon, July 21st (9am): Discalced Carmelites
Tues, July 22nd (9am): Michael Forbes
Thur., July 24th (11:30): Mechensky sisters
Fri., July 25th (9am): Robert García, jr.(†)
Sat., July 26th (5pm): Daniel Ogas
Sat., July 26th (7pm): Bishop Guglielimone
Sun, July 27th (9:30am): *Pro Populo*
Sun, July 27th (12pm): Bishop Guglielimone

ROSARY FOR LIFE:

Saturdays, 8am-9am, the Rosary is prayed in front of the Greenville Women's Clinic (1142 Grove Rd., Greenville, SC 29605) to help bring an end to the evil of abortion. Come & pray for the conversion of hearts & help form a culture rooted in the Gospel of Life.

PRAYER GROUP FOR PRIESTS meets at the Catholic Radio Station in Greer on the last Saturday of each month from 11am-1pm. All are invited. For questions please contact Shirley Ruedinger (201.4783).

HOME VISITS: The Pastor & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are always willing to serve the spiritual well-being of the parish family. When homebound, a family member should bring to our attention the desire for a visit or for the Eucharist. Once contact is made, arrangements should be determined between the involved parties. Inviting the Eucharistic Lord to one´s home should involve deep spiritual preparation.

CATECHESIS: *2014-15 Catechetical Journey*

Registrations for the 2014-15 Catechetical Journey are open during regular Office Hours as well as **Mon. & Thurs. 4.30-6pm**
Please contact the Office for more inforamtion: 879.4225
Classes are offered on **Monday evenings, 5.45pm-6pm**
Children for 1st Communion are accepted at 6 yrs. of age by September. For Confirmation, 12 yrs old. by September.

«...***In the Church*** there is no "do it yourself", there are no "free agents". How many times did Pope Benedict "describe the Church as an ecclesial 'we'"! At times one hears someone say: "I believe in God, I believe in Jesus, but I don't care about the Church...". How many times have we heard this? And this is not good. There are those who believe they can maintain a personal, direct and immediate relationship with Jesus Christ outside the communion and the mediation of the Church....».

Pope Francis, ***Wednesday Audience***, 25.VI.2014

Announcements

Blessed Trinity Parish Bulletin available online at our website: www.blessedtrinitysc.net

FRIDAY, 25th JULY: 6pm-9pm Farewell reception for our humble yet lovable priest. Pizza, sandwiches and cake. All are welcome to stop by & wish Fr. Gillespie well at his new assignment as well as thank him for his wonderful work at Blessed Trinity.

ATTENTION! NOW IS THE TIME: If you are a Business Owner or a Business Professional who would like to advertise in our weekly Parish Bulletin, we are putting together the new one for this year. Ads will run for 52 weeks & reach 400 households for a year! Please contact the *Messner Publications* representative Jenny Lusk at 913-205-6387 if you are interested in purchasing ads in our bulletin.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Put a little fireworks into your marriage! Take time to reflect, renew & re-energize your marriage on the next *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.* Next in SC is **Oct.3rd-5th in Myrtle Beach**. Please apply early. For more information, go to scmarriagematters.org or call 803.810.9602.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY FORMING: Parish is looking for women to help volunteer to keep fresh flowers at the altar. Please contact the Office if you would like to participate.

RACHEL´S VINEYARD RETREATS acknowledge & work through unresolved feelings that individuals struggle with after abortion, Our next retreat will be in **Greenville, August 15-17, 2014.** For registration & questions, please call Christy (803.554.6088) or grace4healing@gmail.com

CATHOLIC BIOETHICS & END-OF-LIFE WORKSHOPS: Next workshop to be held at St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken on **Saturday, August 16th, from 9am-12pm. No Cost.** To register, please contact Michael Acquilano (843.853.2130, ext 231).

BISHOP´S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: As of **30 June**, our Parish has collected $10,496.50 for this year´s *Bishop Appeal.* This represents 96% of our goal of $10,880.00. Once our goal is reached, 50% of all funds over the goal return to our parish. Let us continue to be generous in supporting our bishop in his mission in the Diocese of Charleston.

THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE for the Diocese of Charleston, SC is sponsoring a conference at St.John Neumann Catholic School and gym in Columbia, South Carolina the weekend of **September 19 & 20, 2014.** More details forthcoming!

Knights Corner

Website: www.koc12274.com
GrandKnight: Pat Roberson (864.908.0144); robesp@bellsouth.net
Meetings held on **3rd Tuesday** of every month at **7pm** in the St. John Bosco Room. Council 12274 is looking for a few good men.

Ladies Auxiliary: The Ladies Auxiliary is open to all women of the parish over the age of 18. For any questions, please call Pat Roberts (895.8069).
Upcoming Meetings: TBA

THURSDAY AFTERNOON ADORATION: ***Come spend time with Christ.*** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held at our Parish every Thursday afternoon following the 11:30am Mass up until 7pm. Let us consider spending some quality time in prayer before the Eucharist. ***«He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."» Gospel of Mark 6.31***

HOW TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE: If the alleged abuse involves diocesan personnel (priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers) do the following, after contacting the local police department:
a.) Call the Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services at 1-843-853-2130 ext. 209
b.) Immediately fill out the Sexual Abuse Report Form (this form can be located at, www.catholicdoc.org) Sexual Abuse Policies and Pro-cedures, and fax it to 841-723-1649 (this is a confidential, dedicated fax line).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Become a Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner The Diocese of Charleston is in need of more Natural Family Planning (NFP) instructors! The good news about this rewarding ministry is that the number of couples discovering the joys and freedom of NFP is increasing. The challenge now is that more instructors are needed to meet this demand. The Diocese of Charleston will host its fourth Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program in Greenville, SC for those interested in teaching others how to use the method. Applications are currently being accepted for the 13-month practitioner program. Making it easier for students to leave jobs & families for the training. **Education Phase I** will be conducted over two, 4-day weekends: **Thursday, July 31 - Sunday, August 3, 2014**, and **Thursday, August 21 - Sunday, August 24, 2014. Education Phase II** will be held from **Wednesday, February 25 - Monday, March 2, 2015.** For more information and to request an application, please contact Kelli Ball, Diocesan NFP Coordinator, at kellihball@gmail.com or (803) 807-0158, or Nancy McGrath, Program Director and Educator, at napronurse@aol.com or (864) 292-0475.

ST. JOSEPHS'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS: St. Joseph's Catholic School Summer Camps: St. Joseph's is offering athletic and fine arts camps on campus this summer. Sports camps include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, speed and agility, tennis & volleyball. Fine arts offerings include theatre camp for **grades 3-7** as well as high school & adult improvisation camps. Information and registration are available on the school's website at www.sjcatholicschool.org.

GREENVILLE LITERACY: You have something other people need...your knowledge and time. You can help other adults improve their reading, writing, math or computer skills; or, teach English as a second language to people from all over the world. No prior teaching experience is required. Call now to set up an office visit and register for an Adult Basic Education Workshop. For more information, please call 467-3456 or visit www.greenvilleliteracy.org

CHARITY TO OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS: Through prayer & fasting we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Please consider a gift to **Catholic Charities** to support them in their mission to provide care & services to improve the lives of South Carolinians in need. Catholic Charities assists our Brothers & Sisters through Case Management, Counseling, Senior Services, Financial Assistance, Immigration Services & the Save-a-Smile Denture program. In 2013, 1611 Families received assistance and 5929 individuals received benefits, services & assistance through the programs of Catholic Charities. Due to the generosity of those who share in this mission, Catholic Charities was able to provide these services. Most importantly, 100% of your donations remain in the Upstate and are tax deductable. So let's join Catholic Charities as they love & serve Christ in others. If you would like to help, please contact Catholic Charities (864.242.2233, ext. 2629) or send your contribution to: **Catholic Charities, 204 Douthit Street, Greenville, SC 29601.**

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love & serve Christ." — Pope Francis"

THE CATHOLIC MISCELLANY, the official newspaper for the Diocese of Charleston, is available to registered parishioners who contribute at least $150 per year to the parish. If you are a registered parishioner and are not receiving a copy but would like to receive one through postal mail, please contact the Parish Office. Copies of articles are also available online at: http://www.themiscellany.org/

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Registration has begun for the 2014-2015 school year at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School, Spartanburg. Please call (864)582-6645 or visit www.stpaulschoolsc.com for more information.

House Cleaning Services

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