

MASS INTENTIONS: FEB 7 – FEB 15

Feb 7	5:00	Edna DeMary (†)
	7:00	Laurine Wildhaber
Feb 8	9:30	For All Parishioners
	12:00	Cox family members (†)
Feb 9	9:00	Siegel family/friends (†)
Feb 10	9:00	Siegel family/friends (†)
Feb 12	11:30	McNaughton family/friends(†)
Feb 13	9:00	R. Andrés family/friends(†)
Feb 14	5:00	Ryan Barnett
	7:00	Lynn Hebenheimer (†)
Feb 15	9:30	For All Parishioners
	12:00	Sesny family/friends (†)

February 18: Ash Wednesday
9:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word

Parish Offertory: Jan 31-Feb 1

For Our Parish Needs \$3,457

Bishop's Annual Appeal \$596

Pot Luck for All – Feb 15, 4:30

Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of KoC.

Sign up in the vestibule if you plan on bringing something.

February 15th will be my last Sunday at Blessed Trinity. I hope the new priest will be able to begin his service here for Ash Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no Confessions next Thursday, February 12th, from 3pm-4pm. Confession will be available after the 7pm Benediction.

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: **Tuesday, February 17th, at 7pm.** Please note that the Ladies' Auxiliary & the Knights of Columbus are not affiliated either with Blessed Trinity Parish or the Diocese of Charleston.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the 96 parishes, 22 missions, and 33 Catholic schools and agencies throughout the diocese. As stewards of God's gifts, you are asked to support the needs of our diocese through your PRAYERS. You are also asked to share your TALENTS by volunteering for parish or diocesan ministries. Finally, all members of our diocese are asked to make a SACRIFICIAL GIFT through a pledge or a one-time donation.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, parishes, programs of religious education and campus ministry, and initiatives to foster vocations as well as respect for life. Additionally, through its support of Catholic Charities, the Appeal serves people in South Carolina and abroad whose lives are affected by natural disasters, illnesses, hunger, and economic hardship.

Emergency Assistance Fund

Each year a portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) funds are set aside to assist parishes, schools and Catholic organizations that have emergency needs.

This special fund totaling \$100,000 has been set up to provide a direct line of assistance from The Bishop's Annual Appeal to parishes and schools and would include emergency aid for parishes or Catholic organizations. Emergency Assistance funds will focus on parishes with emergency maintenance needs.

While Fr. Dubrouillet was pastor in Orangeburg, the parish received \$17,000 of emergency assistance from this fund.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the Diocese operate and what are its sources of income? The diocese operates on three main sources of funding: 1) Funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2) Funds received from parish assessments 3) Funds from income earned on investments. The Bishop's Annual Appeal makes up approximately one-third of the overall budget for the Diocese of Charleston.

Why does my parish conduct the Bishop's Annual Appeal? All 115 parishes and missions of the diocese partake in this annual appeal. It is through this appeal that many of the programs supported by the Diocese can be offered in our communities today. Without the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thousands of families who rely on support from these programs would go without.

Why has the goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal increased over the last two years? We are a growing diocese: the number of registered families has increased by 25% over the last ten years. This growth presents new challenges and increased needs, particularly in Catholic education and campus ministry. With an increase in funding, we are able to invest substantial resources into programs such as Catholic education and campus ministry, as well as Priest retirement and Catholic Charities.

At Blessed Trinity, the parish provides monthly envelopes for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Because of this, we have high participation among envelope users. This year we received parish donations from 199 different families. We received 122 BAA donations totalling \$1,196 from 87 families this year, 44% participation!

Where does the money go?

\$3,000,000 from the Bishop's Appeal was spent for the following:

Catholic Charities \$850,000, 28.2%

Ministry & Outreach \$575,000, 19.2%

Vocations \$600,000, 20%

Youth & Young Adult \$175,000, 5.8%

Catholic School Grants \$275,000, 9.2%

St. Seton Endowment \$125,000, 4.2%

College Campus Ministry \$275,000, 9.2%

Retired Priests \$125,000, 4.2%

Bishop's Annual Appeal Prayer

Loving and merciful God, You gave us Jesus Your only Son, to be our Savior, Redeemer, Brother and Friend.

Inspire us with the gift of your Holy Spirit, to recall our baptismal promise to be like Christ, by sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our brothers and sisters in need.

As we undertake our annual appeal, "Walk Humbly with Your God", we ask for your guidance as we strive to fulfill these promises that we offer up to you.

Give us the grace and understanding to carry out your will as we faithfully continue Christ's mission here in South Carolina.

With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

