Blessed Trinity Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Oct.13, 2026
6 pm - Adoration Chapel then Father Pat's Porch

In Attendance: Fr. Pat, John Lann, Bill Kennedy, Rodney Gutierrez, Emily Vey, Felipe Torres Baissel, Paul Miller, Aracelis Collado, Angie Shelton, Sister Juliet, Judith Cespedes

Absent- Gisela Salas, Liz Egan

I. Reflection – Bill Kennedy

II. Approval of minutes from Sept ,2026 Rodney approved, Bill 2nd

III. Staff Representative – Sister Juliet – Ministry to the Sick -Ministers of the sick there are 98 ministers, 92 active both English and Spanish the ministers visit all shut INS - homebound they're visited once a month, they also visit nursing homes weekly, hospitals three times a week and Hospice when called or monthly. The core members meet first Thursday of the month in the King of King buildings at 11 AM to plan, they send out their newsletter in March, June, September, and December. In their general meetings they invite doctor Barry Meehan he gives information, spiritual talks and devotion to the ministry. They were made aware of the coming consecration of our Diocese and country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by the bishops of the United States, they participated in Diocesan Novena and other devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May 23rd had a training for new ministers to the sick 3 new ministers were trained for the parish, 2 seminarians were assigned to our parish they were very helpful. They celebrated Father Leo's 80th birthday. August 26th the diocesan meeting for parish leaders the Diocese updated our ministry prayer book and they purchased new ones for the ministers, they have a new chaplain at HCA Chaplain Tim who replaces Jim Riley, and they are working on the recertification for ministers who have expiring mandates upcoming events Ministry fair on the 17th and 18th, they have Thanksgiving plans to help Brothers Keeper give homebound families dinner, the advent season, Christmas season, Christmas party on December 5th.

Our Lady's Rosery Makers They have over 300 trained members, 56 active members, they meet ever 3months on the first Saturday. They go to mass pray the Rosery, make the roseries then the priest blesses they roseries. They distribute they roseries to over 25 different places. Next meeting Dec 5th, parish council members are requested to attend any meeting.

Legion of Mary Meetings are held every Monday 6:30 in the BT community hall. (they are zoom and in person meetings) active members 19, auxiliary members 79. They are recruiting in many different places. They are very busy with ministry to the sick, hospital/home visits, calls to auxiliary members, public rosery, and many other things. They received a donation of 750,000 Miraculous medals, please let Sister know if you need any.

IV. Stewardship
   a. Angie Shelton – Reminded Parish Council to start our meetings with our mission statement. Revisit it once a year to see if it needs to be updated.
   b. Church Tour went well. Ministry Fair was Oct 17th & 18th
   c. Parish Clean-up Day – where are we on planning? Get with Mo on what needs to be done around the church, put a blurb in the bulletin for volunteers they will need their own equipment, decide on a date.

V. Commission Reports:

Social Committee -Felipe Torres Baissel - **Gift Shop Ministry Summary for Parish Council (October 2026)**

The Gift Shop continues its mission of promoting Catholic doctrine and devotion by providing religious articles, books in English and Spanish, faith formation materials, and gifts that support parishioners in their spiritual growth. Key updates include ongoing data entry and system updates within the new computer system. The ministry is also exploring the feasibility of a Christmas Shopping for Kids event in December by assessing possible locations and coordinating with school administration. A primary challenge remains volunteer staffing. Additional fingerprinted volunteers are needed to cover hours before the LifeTeen Mass and other weekend Masses. Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed for Thursday evening hours. The Gift Shop remains open at various times throughout the week based on volunteer availability and continues working to expand service opportunities.

The Welcome (formerly known as CRHP) women's team meets twice a month to prepare for the retreat which will be held February 2027. There are 16 members of the team. We have our Ministry Weekend in January 2027.for the parish community while maintaining regular operations.

BTCCW continues to strengthen its ministry through leadership, service, and outreach. The Executive Board met with Fr. Pat in May to plan for the year and has held three meetings to date. Budget and By-Law Committees met in July, and four board members attended the Leadership Symposium. Highlights from recent activities include Fr. Pat 's presentation on his Uganda mission trip at the September meeting and the successful annual Bake Sale fundraiser held September 19-20.Upcoming October initiatives include a domestic violence awareness presentation by Lotus Marion, participation in Domestic Violence Awareness Month, preparation of food collection bags for the Brother's Keeper holiday food drive, and leading the Rosary for world peace during Perpetual Adoration on October 6.The council voted to support several important projects this year, including: Continued support of a student in Uganda, The Life Teen Taco Dinner, Recognition of First Communicants, SOZO Kids, an organization serving children living in crisis. BTCCW members also actively volunteer throughout the parish in ministries such as Brother's Keeper, Bereavement Ministry, the Prayer Rock Garden, the Religious Article Store, Church Decoration, and as Eucharistic Ministers, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to serving both the parish and the community.

Hispanic Ministry – Judith Cespedes: ***CHIST THE KING MISSION***

Altar Servers

Coordinador**:** María y Felipe Torres
Active members:1 2 Altar servers
This group is distinguished by its punctuality, dedication, and desire to serve during the celebration of the Eucharist.

We hold our meetings twice a month, offering religious, liturgical, and practical formation. Educational materials and guides are provided so that each member not only serves but also understands the meaning and purpose of what they are doing. Our future gatherings will focus on fostering integration, providing ongoing formation, and strengthening bonds of fraternity, helping each member grow in their vocation of service and persevere faithfully in their ministry. Among our most pressing needs is the acquisition of new albs, chest crosses, and cinctures appropriate for the various liturgical seasons. We currently do not have enough of these items, and many of those we do have are worn and in poor condition.

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Altar Servers

Coordinator: Magnolia Ortiz, Active members: 40 altar servers (of whom 9 are new members) Requirements in mind on every schedule posted:
• Punctuality: Arrive on time for all scheduled services.
• Dress code: Follow the required liturgical dress standards.
• Albs: Check which altar servers have albs that have become too short and arrange for them to be adjusted or replaced as needed.
Other ministry matters: Keep an eye on any practical requirements that affect the servers' readiness, appearance, and proper participation in the services.
At the last meeting:
• Ledmarie and Raúl Rojas gave a talk on Catholic courtship.
• Mr. Alex Arroyo presented a topic on love through service.
• The Knights of Columbus provided fellowship after the meeting, which everyone enjoyed.
We currently have 40 albs in our inventory. Of these, 34 are in regular use by the altar servers, along with 5 smaller albs for younger servers. The care and maintenance of each alb is the responsibility of the respective server's family. Mr. Carlos Ortiz generously donated the fabric for these albs, and the servers' parents covered the cost of having them made, along with their respective cinctures. When a server leaves the ministry, his or her alb is passed on to a new altar server, allowing these garments to continue serving the ministry. The family chose to keep one alb, as it was considered a donation. However, the family very kindly donated the individual cincture for continued use by the altar servers.

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STEWARDSHIP

Coordinator: Migdalia Crespo

After each Sunday Mass is finished, New Families are invited to register at the Parish. We have a form where they write their names and phone numbers. We follow up from the Hispanic Office by calling and inviting them to complete a registration form. Our Welcome Lunch was a big success. A total of 55 new families, including children, attended. We count on the assistance of Father Zbigniew, Sister Ofelia, and Sister Magali; 14 servers from different ministries helped. A total of 72 participants. The evaluations were excellent, and Ledmarie and Raúl Rojas presented the conference "The Awakening of the Administrator ". We are thankful to Father Pat, Father Zbigniew, and the Staff that supported us in the success of this activity. We are getting ready and looking for candidates for the next Witness Talks in November.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Coordinator: Ana M. Alerquin

Active members: 23, The reflection on our meetings centered on four key themes: formation talks, which encourage ongoing spiritual and pastoral growth; spirituality, which deepens our relationship with God and shapes our vocation; sacred objects, which remind us of the presence of the sacred and the traditions of the Church.

Our last meeting focused on reflecting on the encyclical Dilexit Nos and considering its implications for our spiritual life.

JOHN XXIII PARISH RETREAT MOVEMENT

President**: Reynaldo Perez**

Active members: 60, Meetings every Wednesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

- Mission: To evangelize those furthest from the faith to reintegrate them into the Church.

• Twelve ladies and 23 gentlemen have attended the retreat since the last report. Participation at Blessed Trinity

• Representation at the Leadership Committee meeting.
• Serving as ushers and Eucharistic ministers at Spanish Masses.
• Participation in Community Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday on an individual basis.
• On June 27, **a Liturgical Servers' Retreat was held**. The Blessed Trinity Ocala Juan XXIII Movement served at the event and provided breakfast and lunch for 124 people.
• Serving as ushers at Masses and other parish celebrations.
• On July 16, a celebration honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel was held. The entire community was invited, scapulars were distributed, and food was provided and served to more than 100 people

Prison Ministry: Coordinator Samuel Rodriguez reported that a two-day retreat was held at Ocala Prison on September 26-27, 2026, with approximately 20 Blessed Trinity volunteers serving 50 incarcerated men. The retreat included faith-based talks, personal testimonies, prayer, music, and shared meals, fostering spiritual renewal and hope among participants. Many expressed gratitude for the respect, compassion, and Christian fellowship they experienced. Appreciation was extended to Fr. Pat, participating ministries, and all volunteers for their support of this outreach ministry.

WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP

A retired professional seamstress is donating her time, money, and talent to run a community sewing group. With the help of those who attend the class, they are reupholstering the pews.

Youth Group – La Guadalupana

Regarding the youth group at La Guadalupana, we have restarted our meetings with a group of dedicated leaders, including Gloria Vera-Salvador, Jaziel Ortiz, Megan Ortiz, and Carol Lopez.

We currently have a total of **12 active members** who regularly participate in the group. We meet **twice a month**:

• The **first Thursday of each month**
• The **third Saturday of each month**

Moving forward, we plan to organize a variety of activities, including **community service projects, social activities, and opportunities for group prayer and spiritual growth**. Our goal is to continue strengthening our youth community while providing opportunities for fellowship, service, and faith development.

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NO ISSUES TO REPORT

- Cursillo
- Readers of the Word. Guadalupana
- Altar Server Group – La Guadalupana

VI. Old Business

Review of Morning Reflection with Father Tony – How many ministries were there? It went really well Fr. Tony is a great speaker

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VII. New Business
New Youth Counselor – Matthew Miller
Ministry Fair Set up – 9am
Communication Breakdown with some ministry leaders. When PC/ Ministry leaders are reaching out to members were are having trouble getting in contact.

VII Upcoming Events

- Blessed Trinity Fall Festival
- Trunk or Treat Oct. 24
- Stewardship Dinner Nov. 15 6:00pm – need to get tickets
- Bishop visiting Nov 22 Guadalupana –
- Relic of St. Carlos Acutis Construction has begun in the church chapel (cry room)

VIII. Closing Prayer

- Next Meeting: Nov. 10, 2026, 6 pm Brother's Keeper
- Reflection/Vespers: John Lann
- Stewardship Representative – Migdalia Crespo
- Commissions Report- Community Outreach – Liz Egan
- Staff Representative: –
- Next Agenda Mtg: October 5th 8:00am

Spanish Festival moved to Nov. 8th
Nov. 17th Blessing of the New Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen