

Practice of Hope

The Trinity is a God of relationship. One person who discovered this in a delightful way was St. Catherine of Siena (14th century). A dynamic, creative woman, she tended plague victims, fought corruption in church and state, and worked tirelessly for peace. People so desired Catherine's guidance and practical wisdom that, once when she visited Rome, people from all over Tuscany followed her there. At any given time, up to thirty of them might be staying in her lodgings. So her life was busy and active, often full of uproar. However, Catherine was also a mystic who reveled in the prayer of quiet. Sometimes she grieved because she could not find enough time to dwell on the mystery of the Trinity, the delight of her heart. "Oh, where were you, Lord?" she burst out once. The answer came: "There was I, daughter, in the midst of them."

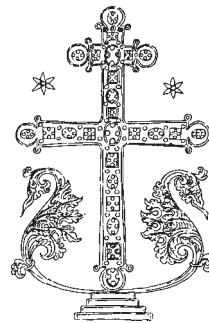
Scripture Insights

The Catholic doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity received a definitive description at the Council of Nicea in 325. In less than a generation, Christians had exchanged periodic persecution for the protection and patronage of Emperor Constantine. At Nicea, bishops and theologians now met in full safety to debate the relationship among the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The great legacy of that council is the Nicene Creed.

One reason for the council was that Scripture did not clearly answer some pressing questions some Christians had about the Trinity. When did the Father beget Jesus? Were Jesus and the Father of the same nature? Reread the selections for today. Does Proverbs, Romans, or John offer clear answers to these questions? Is the Wisdom of God in Proverbs the same as the Advocate in John? If so, are they to be identified with the Holy Spirit?

The work of Nicea and of subsequent ecumenical councils was in part to explain scriptural truths not immediately apparent. The doctrine of the Trinity painstakingly crafted in the early centuries of the church affirms, above all, the unity of the three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As is clearly apparent in the second and third readings, the Trinity is the pulse of the common life of the Church. May the unity of the persons of the Trinity replace our strife and division with reconciliation in anticipation of "the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 259).

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Access for the Disabled

Both the church and parish hall are accessible by elevator.

Parking

Two hours of free parking for parishioners is available before 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Fitz-Inn Auto Park at Belvidere and Dalton Streets. Reduced rate parking is available with validation on Sundays in the Prudential Center Garage.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30-4:50 p.m., and by appt.

Christian Initiation

Infant Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday Masses and should be scheduled one month in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. Classes run from September to May. Contact the rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples preparing for marriage should contact the rectory at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Classes are held after the 9:30 Mass.

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Trinity Sunday

June 3, 2007



Ministers of the Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, presider
Matthieu Biger, lector
Richard Barry, eucharistic minister

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Rev. David Beauregard, OMV, presider
Mike Mulka, lector

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider
Moiria Macdonald & Kurt Cerulli, lectors

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, presider
Joe Bordieri & Sabrina Gillan, lectors

The gospel illuminates two aspects of the Trinity. First, that everything the Father has be- longs also to the Son and Spirit. Second, all that God has is given to us through Jesus who sends us the Spirit. Here is the great mystery and grace of Trinity: the riches of God's own life are given to us, empowering us to take up the divine saving mission. But Jesus does not leave us alone – he sends the Spirit to be with us and through the Spirit God's very triune Life dwells within us.

Living Liturgy™, Trinity Sunday 2007

Holy Family Shelter Meal

The next Holy Family Shelter Meal will be served on Tuesday, June 19. To help cook please meet in the rectory after the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, June 17. To help serve, please meet at the rectory by 4:30 p.m., or come an hour earlier and help prepare the meal. We also need desserts, so please drop those off at the rectory before 4:30 p.m. Please contact Jenny Jones at 617-283-7927 if you have any questions.

St. Cecilia Parish Retreat

Please keep in your prayers the St. Cecilia parishioners who are at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham this weekend.

Pennies from Heaven!

At the end of this month a group of high school students from our parish will spend one week in Gallup, New Mexico, as participants in the Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) program. To help defray the cost of this trip, we invite you to bring your pennies and other spare change to church. There is a Poland Spring 5-gallon bottle at the back of the church. Every penny counts!

Give Blood!

The American Red Cross is currently facing a critical blood shortage. Across the Northeast, supplies are down by almost 2700 units, and summer is always a challenging time for recruiting donors. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to give of yourself in the most concrete of ways. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.newenglandblood.org today. Thank you!

2007 Catholic Appeal

The 2007 Catholic Appeal is underway. The Catholic Appeal is a once-a-year fundraiser to benefit the many programs and services of our Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the Offertory is to our parish – so your participation and support are critical. Please see the information packets in the pews to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one in the mail. Cardinal Seán is grateful to all at St. Cecilia's who contributed \$27,332 to the 2006 Catholic Appeal. This year, our target is at least 195 households participating and at least \$29,500 raised. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here at our parish. Thank you in advance for helping to carry on the broader work of our Church.

New Choir Members

We are always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us at the 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Masses. If you have a musical talent to share with the community, we would love to have you join us. Please call Richard Clark at 617-536-4548 or email him at StCeciliaMusic@aol.com. For more info about the music program visit our website and click on "Saint Cecilia Music."

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, or if you are a regular communicant who has never formally registered as a parishioner, there are registration forms at the rear of the church for this purpose. We urge you to take a moment to fill out a form and return it to an usher or drop it in the mail. This parish is only as strong and vital as its members. Take that first step and let us know who you are!

Eucharistic Visitation

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound for any reason who would like to receive the Eucharist, please call Mark at the rectory.

Coffee Hour

Join us after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses for coffee in the parish hall.

Social Justice Committee

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, June 10 at 12:30 p.m. for the next Social Justice Committee meeting.

Special Intention

Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 a.m.

Russell H. Mercier, Memorial