

The Most Holy Trinity



*B*ut when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-15

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Prayer Line

This is a phone network of people who pray for special intentions. Call 781-444-5973 and leave a message for whom or for what you would like prayers said.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Monday –Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.
Please call one month ahead
to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made
at least 6 months prior to the wedding.
Please consult the Pastor.

Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Cluster
gathers every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 pm in
St. Joseph’s Lower Church.

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following
9:00 am weekday Mass
(except when we have a 10 am Funeral Mass)

Mission Statement

Our Mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
- To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.



Reflection on Trinity Sunday: What is our image of God and the Trinity? What characteristics of the Trinity do we ever consider? The Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith. The Trinity is the perfect expression of love. God is a mystery of unity and trinity. God loves us enough to share divine life and glory with us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each the reflection of the eternal love of God for us. The doctrine on the Trinity is rooted in the lived experience of God in early Christians like Paul and John. Each being (person) of the Blessed Trinity, the perfect community of God's love, gives much to all who truly seek God. St. Augustine said the following: "To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances - to seek Him the greatest adventure - to find Him the greatest human achievement." It is important to know about the doctrine on God, but more important to know God. God knows us, loves us, and wishes us to know this. God is love and we can know this. Do we notice how God restores nature and life? What have we shared with others about our experience of the Blessed Trinity?

Bible Classes will meet on **Monday, June 7th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. Please pray and reflect on Psalms 30-32.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 60.5% of its goal. St. Bartholomew's has had 149 families pledge for a total of \$53,928 which is 59.9% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this important appeal. This is one of the ways that we can help others - both inside and outside the parish. Thank you for all you are doing.

Recommended Readings:

Sacred Passages Bringing the Sacraments to Life by Bert Ghezzi, Doubleday, New York, 2003.

The Walk by Richard Paul Evans, Simon the Schuster, New York, 2010.

Please Volunteer: At the present time there is a need for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. These ministries are vital to the celebration of Mass. There are a number of people who are away all summer which makes the need even greater. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to this call. You may contact Fr. Phil if interested.

Baskets for Haiti Silent Auction

The Silent Auction of Baskets for Haiti begins this weekend after all the Masses in Ward Hall. The themed baskets have been donated by parishioners and families in our religious education program. Come down and bid a basket or two using the bid sheet for that basket. Whether it be the gardening basket, movie basket, stationary basket, basket of home-made chocolates, basket of books, baby basket, sundae basket, baking basket, party basket, hummingbird basket, Italian basket, "New England" basket or the "pamper-yourself" basket, there is a basket sure to be your favorite.

After the initial bidding this weekend, you may call the rectory to enter a new bid on any of the baskets. **Be sure you know the name of the basket on which you want to bid.** Bidding will be open after all the Masses on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Bidding will close at 12:45pm on Sunday, June 6th. The highest bidder will win the basket. You do not have to be present to win.

50/50 raffle: Tickets for the June 50/50 raffle will be on sale before and after all the masses the weekend of June 5th and 6th. The winning ticket will be drawn just before the close of the silent auction bidding.

Congratulations to Cheryl Brown,
the winner of the May 50/50 raffle!



Bill Whitney is back in Needham!!! He reports that the trip to Haiti was highly successful!!!

More details to follow.

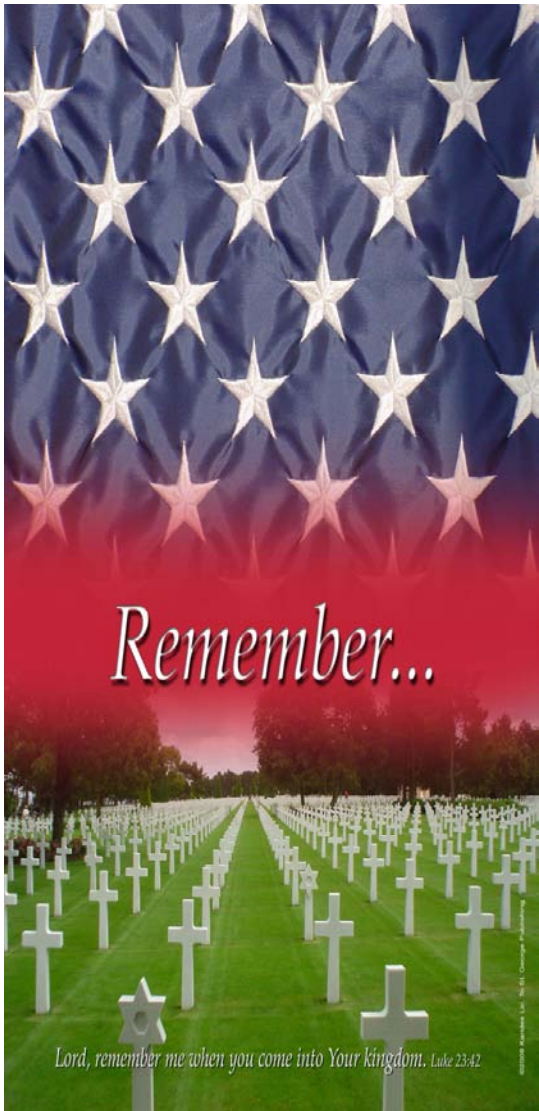
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Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 29	4:00 pm	Richard T. Foley
Monday	May 31	9:00 am	For those who served our country to bring freedom to this land
Tuesday	June 1	9:00 am	Leo Casey
Thursday	June 3	9:00 am	Mass will be in the school chapel because of graduation
Friday	June 4	9:00 am	Edward Murphy
Saturday	June 5	4:00 pm	Paul Crowley
Sunday	June 6	8:00 am	Raymond F. Hall, Jr.
		9:45 am	Katherine Duncan-Wands
		11:30 am	Charles & Alice Barnes

Youth Choir

There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, May 30th. Youth Choir will sing at the 9:45 AM Mass on June 6th.



**St. Bartholomew Soccer
Fall/Spring 2010/2011 Registration:**

For 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls:
 Saturday, June 5, 9:00 am to 11:00 pm
 Outside, next to St. Bart's soccer fields (corner of Greendale Ave. and Great Plain Ave.)
 (rain location - St. Sebastian's cafeteria)
 Applications will be available at Town Hall beginning June 7.

More info online www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_and_youth/sports
 or call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline with questions at 781-444-6559.

STEWARDSHIP: “ DO JUST ONE THING”

Memorial Day Weekend!!! Can summer be far behind? The arrival of the warm weather seems to bring with it a more leisurely pace of life. Summer is a time for vacation and relaxation, cookouts and picnics, lazy days at the beach or pool, swimming, summer camp and family gatherings, perhaps even time to finally read that book you got for Christmas. It is also a time when many of you are away from Needham on the weekends.

If you are lucky enough to be away from the parish during the summer, please don't forget about us. The parish, although it is somewhat quieter during the summer, still needs your regular financial support. The work of the parish continues as does the cost of sustaining it. Because we rely almost exclusively on the monies collected in the offertory collection to pay the operating costs of the parish, the summer is always a difficult time for us financially; the costs of running the parish are the same, if not more, than every other time of year; we still have salaries to pay, routine building maintenance to perform, bills to pay.

We thank you for your support. Many of you “make up” for the weeks you are away. Others use automatic bill payment or ParishPay to support the parish on weekly or monthly basis throughout the year. We are most grateful. Being able to count on your support, especially during the summer months, is an important part continuing the work of the parish in a fiscally responsible manner.

If you are not now using automatic bill payment or ParishPay to support the offertory may I encourage you to do so. They are fast and easy to set up. For automatic bill payment contact your financial institution. Instructions for signing up to use ParishPay can be found on our website. If you would like help, please contact Barbara at the rectory.

Thank you once again for your financial support of our parish. We are most blessed to have such faithful and generous parishioners.

~Barbara Dury

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My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

**Bulletin Discount
COUPON**

To help you with First Communion and Confirmation gifts, **Pauline Books & Media** on Route 1 in Dedham is offering a 15% discount on a purchase of \$40.00 or more between April 24 and May 29. A copy of this coupon must be presented to receive the discount. Discount applies only to items not already discounted, or to dated material and is not good in conjunction with any other discount. This offer is valid only at this location. Limit on coupon per customer. Feel free to make copies of this coupon and give to your friends. For more information call 781-326-5385.

Irish-American Pilgrimage Day: Rediscovering the Treasure of Our Irish Family Roots

This day will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA on **Sunday, June 13th, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm—rain or shine.** The day will consist of presentations, Irish singers, the Noel Henry Show Band, Family Rosary Procession, rosary-making for the children, Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, and outdoor Mass. A light lunch will be available to purchase or bring a brown bag lunch. If you have any questions, please call the Shrine at 508-222-5410.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Registration: Don't forget...registration forms are available in the back of the Church and online!

Catechists: As our program continues to grow, we need more catechists to teach our children about their faith. You do not need to be an expert, only willing to learn and grow in your own faith and share it with others. For information on what it takes to be a catechist, speak to someone who is a catechist or to Maryellen Jennings (K-6) at mej161@comcast.net, or to Melisa Hughes (7th-10th grades) at: melisahughes@comcast.net.

Parent Advisory Task Force: As we plan events and activities for families and youth, it would be invaluable to have a group of parents to discuss with. If you would be interested in working with us, please speak to Fr. Phil or Melisa.

Middle School Leadership Institute:

"Witness to Hope" is an exciting overnight leadership institute specially designed for Roman Catholic Middle Schoolers who have just completed grades 6, 7 or 8. The result is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a more effective leader and witness to hope. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.

High School Leadership Institute:

"Witness to Truth" is a weeklong overnight leadership for Roman Catholic high schoolers who have just completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. The result of this experience is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a greater leader and witness to truth back in their home, parish, school, and community. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses next **Sunday, June 6th**. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship. We will have our 50/50 Raffle and auction of gift baskets!!

This will be the last Community Sunday and Blood Pressure Screening until they resume in October.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!!



Congratulations To:
 Kesara Frances Luther,
 daughter of Matthew & Jennifer;
 and Kyle Griffin Sudler,
 son of Glenn & Tara,
 as these children are
 claimed by Jesus Christ in
 the Sacrament of Baptism
 this weekend.

Amy's Book Club: The Book Club has ended for now. In September we will meet again and share all the wonderful books that we read during the summer. We hope everyone will have a relaxed and peaceful summer. Come Fall, join us and share your reading adventures. Any questions can be directed to Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862 or email: kreilly15@yahoo.com.

Building Construction and Renovation

Committee: We are in the process of forming a committee to advise the parish and oversee the proposed construction and renovation project. We are looking for parishioners with expertise in project management, project estimating, construction, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and heating, compliance in ADA and computer systems and networking.

If you have experience in any of these areas and would be willing to help, please call the rectory.

Northeast Catholic Family Conference: Please mark your calendars and join us for this Conference on **Sunday, June 27th, from 1:00-8:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Waltham**. The theme of the conference is "Called to Greatness." It will rekindle the Truth in hearts of all ages - that we are "Called to Greatness." The day will feature an event with Cardinal Sean, Mass and Adoration, a Marian Procession, workshops for adults, separate teen and children's programs, a family cookout, and inspiring speakers including Leah Darrow, a former contestant on the reality television show, "America's Next Top Model." You don't want to miss this great event for the family. For more information and registration, please visit www.yHopefamily.org or call Fr. Mike Harrington at 781-956-0548.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY O LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

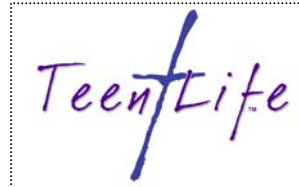
MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

Whether we can believe it or not, another month is over. May has always been the month the Church sets aside to remember and honor Jesus' mother Mary. Her story, as much as we know, we have all heard many times. Additional knowledge has come from her appearances on earth to a chosen few. Her request -- pray the Rosary. This is the prayer for peace. Will we ever achieve peace without this prayer? It doesn't seem that enough Rosaries are being said as evidenced from the state of the world today. "But you say, I don't have time to say a Rosary every day." Maybe you never knew or have forgotten how to say the Rosary. Google it! Every change of behavior or action has to begin with the first step. And that first step is the Hail Mary. Make a promise to Mary that every day you will say ONE Hail Mary. You can do it while you walk, you drive, in bed before you rise or before you go to sleep...any place. JUST DO IT! There can be no excuse worthy of the breath that utters it that says I cannot say one Hail Mary a day. Who knows, you might eventually find time and want to say more than one. Mary's importance cannot be assigned to one month. Make her your friend and confidante for life. She will never fail you. And her Son listens to her requests. This is My Mother, taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her Son for all eternity. Listen to her. Listen to Him.

THE TRINITY

Today is Trinity Sunday. Last week we celebrated the gift of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. Today, we remember our Lord...three persons in One...the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. The Father sent His Son to teach us His ways. Jesus the Son lived and died for us. His death redeemed us and opened the gates of Heaven to us for all eternity. Jesus said: "I will not leave you alone." And He didn't. The Holy Spirit remains with us constantly, given first to His disciples. With the gift and truths of the Holy Spirit we can come to know our Lord more deeply and live more fully in Him. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify Me because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you." (Today's Gospel from John) Thank God, He did not leave it all up to us! It is obvious we need all the help we can get and all the pushes and shoves available to seek the truth.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862.
 Email: kreilly15@yahoo.com



Dear Brooks,

Q. I used to be a happy person. I think my friends are dragging me down. What should I do about it?

Find new friends

Choosing your friends is one of the most important decisions you can make. The people you choose to hang around have a profound influence on who you become. I suggest that you only hang around people that you

admire and aspire to be like. Be with people whom you are proud to call friends. It is important that your friends share a similar worldview and mindset. A friend that shares the Christian faith is worth waiting for.

How people view you is at stake as well. If your friends have a bad reputation, you become guilty by association. It seems foolish to me to risk the reputation that you have worked so hard to uphold.

You can't be friends with everyone. You must choose who you will invest time into and who you are willing to open your life to. This is an important decision. If you make a mistake, it could cost you years of hurtful memories and a domino effect of poor choices.

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