

St. Gertrude

Holy Trinity - June 3, 2007



NCA students Angelica Ketcham, Elizabeth Dwyer, and Sam Guenette show us what they've learned this year, marking themselves in a uniquely Catholic way with the sign of the Trinity.

A Community of Love: God as Trinity

Should we care if Angelica, Elizabeth and Sam actually "get" the Trinity? Yes! At the heart of the Trinity is God as Love. If love is what God IS and not something that God has or does, then it follows that in God there is a lover (Father), a beloved (Son) and the love shared between them (Holy Spirit). The love that exists between the "persons" of the Godhead is so intense that it spills over and becomes creation. We "live, breathe and have our being" within God, which means that our relationship with the rest of creation is meant to reflect the divine love within which we exist. Thus the injunctions - "love your neighbor as yourself," "love your enemies," "forgive seventy times seven times." We belong to the Community of Love which is in fact God, unchanging yet ever new. Learning to share and do nice things for others [resisting all inclinations to resort to violence], this is what it means to believe in the Christian, Triune God. And like our prayers, it all begins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ... Amen.

Ministry Spotlight



Social Life ... I like being on the committee for Social Life of Saint Gertrude church. It gives me an opportunity to meet and work with so many different people and I really like the sense of community and the satisfaction of putting together fun events.

When I was a boy I used to go to Katharine House, a settlement house in East Chicago Indiana, where I would play games and join clubs with other city children. I always loved my time there. Over the entrance doorway was the saying "NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO BUT TO MINISTER". I guess I have carried that saying in my heart all these years.

Joe Glueckert

If you would like to join the social life committee, either to help plan and organize events or to do some of the much needed, and always fun, manual labor involved, please call the rectory ~ 764-3621.



... and speaking of social life, what better example than the **The St. Gertrude Parish Block Party**

Save the date, June 30, for a rollicking good time.

We are looking for volunteers to help with grilling the brats, dishing up the burgers, organizing the games and of course, helping with the clean up.

Please call Joe Glueckert at 743-1475 if you would like to help out.



Maybe others have felt as I have when intricate Theological and Philosophical explanations of the Trinity conclude, and I feel more distant from God than I did before. It can sound like the most involved Math! But the readings of today's liturgy, and in particular, the Gospel of John, while indicating the separateness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, emphasize the union of focus in love for us. This is the message the Jesus of this gospel intends today.

Actually, when we think about it, the particular aspects of love we ordinarily associate individually with Father, Son and Holy Spirit are ones we ourselves express, in our own human way. There is an aspect of our love that is protective, provident and parenting in its character, and another which we express to others as we work together on a project, stand together in solidarity against social oppression, or when we look after the sick or volunteer to help the needy.

And there is that Love which we discover results in our transforming the heart of another, inspiring and supporting someone's dreams for their life journey, lifting their hopes, and encouraging others. The Bible teaches us that we are made in the image and likeness of God...so, on this Trinity Sunday, when we consider the fullness of God in Love, Father Son and Holy Spirit, our own experience of love can bring us to realize that we are much closer to understand our God than we thought!

Wendy Cotter c.s.j., Ph.D, for **Growing in Faith**.



**St. Gertrude
Balance the Budget**



Please consider giving an extra donation next weekend to help us balance the budget. We are projecting a budget deficit of about \$30,000 by the close of our fiscal year, June 30, 2007. We are a spirited and generous community. Please help keep us strong. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Walter Pophin, our business manager at 764-3621 or wpgert@juno.com

What's Happening? Take A Look!

Good Books - The selection for Monday, June 11, is Mansfield Park by Jane Austen. The group meets in the rectory parlor at 7:30pm and all are welcome. For information contact Mary Grover at 338-3546.

All are Welcome - The Catholic Campaign for Immigration invites all to a Mass on Sunday, June 10, at St. Stanislaus Kostka (1300 N. Noble) to *Welcome the Stranger* - immigrants past and present united as one Body of Christ. Information: Joyana Jacoby ~ 312-751-7991.

Annual Hunger Walk - Saturday, June 16, the Greater Food Depository will hold their annual walk-a-thon which provides for much of the food provided by Care for Real, our neighborhood food panty. The walk begins at Montrose Harbor at 9:30am For information on how to participate please contact Tom Robb ~ 769-6182.

Senior Connection - The next meeting is Thursday, June 14 at 1pm in the social hall. This month the gathering will feature a speaker and a white elephant exchange. Please bring a white wrapped white elephant gift.

Poetry Pilgrimage - This month's gathering, Monday, June 18, at 7:30 in the rectory dining room, will feature the works of Gerard Manley Hopkins. All are welcome. For information contact Mary Grover at 338-3546.

Retired Men's Group - The retired men's group meets from 9:30 to noon Thursday, June 28. Meetings are held in the ministry center and all retired men who live in or near the parish are welcome. For further information contact Wally Bradford at 761-1912.

Take Charge of your Health - White Crane Wellness Center will host a six-week program on how to manage your health and well-being beginning Tuesday, June 26, from 1:30 to 4pm in the social hall. Topics include nutrition, coping with pain, use of medications and much more. To sign up call 271-9001.

Anointing Mass - St. Ita will be having an anointing Mass on Saturday, June 30 at 11am. All are welcome. The Mass will be followed by a light luncheon. To rRSVP please contact Sr. Mary Jeanne at 561-5343.

It's June, which means it is time to clean out the rectory closets! Over the next few weeks, you will find at the doors of the church extra copies of a terrific newsletter called *Finding God* published by Loyola Press that is given to our Religious Education (CCD) families throughout the year. Pick up a couple and read some great ideas for family faith formation, a bit of church history, and an interesting anecdote or two.



You are the light of the world so eliminate incandescent light bulbs (90% of their energy is given off as heat), turn off lights and use compact fluorescent bulbs. Lighting accounts for 20-25% of electricity usage and conventional electricity generation is a leading contributor to smog, water pollution, global warming, poor air quality and the childhood asthma epidemic in our inner cities

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, JUNE 4

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †
 9:00am Victor James Vallely 10th anniversary †

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

7:00am Anna White †
 9:00am zMarion White †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00am Michael White †
 9:00am Jack Hallinan †

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

7:00am Bernie Biritz 1st anniversary †
 9:00am Stefan Wasyluk †

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

7:00am Samuel and Margaret Maranto †
 9:00am Lillian McCall 24th anniversary †

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

8:00am Eleanor Pannier
 5:00pm Deceased of Strubbe Galoney Family †

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am James Hosna †
 9:30am *Held at St. Gertrude East*
 Paul Depondt †
 10:00am Anthony Nguyen †
 10:30am *Gym Mass in Kealy Center*
 Loretta Kator †
 11:30am Seamus O'Toole †

† Indicates the Mass is being said in memory of an individual

Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Wedding Banns

I Kate Buesser and Reginald Odimer
 I Morgan Paulus and Benjamin Gonzalez



Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

5:00pm Luke O'Connor, Josh Ortiz, Rob Weber

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

10:00am Katya and Sasha Simon, Kaylene Champagne
 11:30am Jennie O'Donoghue, Erika Medina,
 Steven Guardino Hasbrook

Lectors

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Joan Steinbrecher

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am Kathy Kollar, Sr. Kathryn Stimac
 10:00am Barbara Zeman, Rafael Melendez
 11:30am DeLaina Ellis, Steve Monti

Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;
 Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44
 Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Lk 9:11b-17

Sunday Offering

May 27, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (170)	\$ 5,139.13
Loose Checks (24)	\$ 605.00
Loose Cash	\$ 741.21
Total Collected	\$ 6,485.34
Budget *	\$ 9735.00

Difference **\$ - 2,889.66**

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 591,670.00

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 568,192.06

Difference **\$ - 23,477.94**

* Does not include parish pay budgeted amount

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Kathleen Dawson, Pat Mann
 Pat Norcik, Peggy Dawson

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am Mary Stachura, Jay Cook, Judy Coswell,
 Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Rodolfo Magadan
 10:00am Cathy Chester, Kathy Dunne, Fran Glowinski
 Kevin Kaufmann, Nancy Merrill
 Dana Sullivan, Rosita Nordgren
 10:30am Judy Diaz, Madeleine Fister
 11:30am Steve Monti, Mary Pat Hartung,
 Dave Kasten, Anthony Long, Chioma Okoli

Greeters

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

5:00pm Eileen Schraeger, Cathie Moorhous

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ona Kozar,
 Pamela Sherrod Anderson
 10:00am Jessie North, Maria Vallely, May Lauricella
 11:30am Paul Elue, Melinda Banahene



New Parishioners

Michael and Michelle O'Sullivan
Michael and Mangioi Pickens
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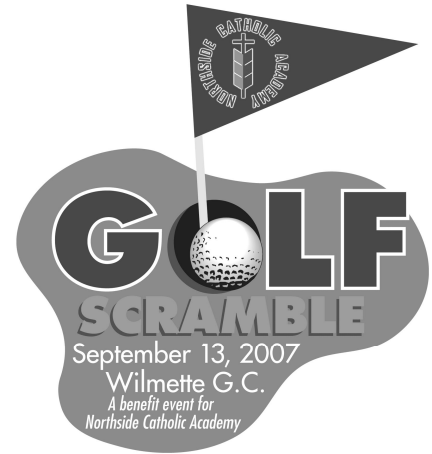
Baptisms

Francesca Dorina Battalora-Vallera, daughter of Jacqueline Battalora and Diana Vallera
James Dayton Bond, son of James Bond and Emilee Betz
Colin Burke Kelly, son of Ed Kelly and Ann Burke

Introducing NCA'S Wildcat Golf Scramble

Mark your calendars for a Fun Fundraiser this fall, Thursday, September 13 at Wilmette Golf Club. Registration and lunch begins at 12 noon and tee off is at 1pm. The cost, \$150 per person or \$550 per foursome, includes golf fees, cart, range balls, lunch, and post-game party with hors d'oeuvres, drinks (beer and wine) and prizes. **If you register by June 6th we will take an extra \$20 off the above prices.** We already have 15 people signed up!

So, contact Leigh Holzman 773-743-6277, register this week, save some money and support a great school.



Primary School Campus
Preschool - 5th grade
6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago



Middle School Campus
6th - 8th Grade
5525 N. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

call 773.271.4310 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
Walter Pophin, Business Manager
Marge Butzen, Parish Secretary

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)
10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

RECTORY HOURS

Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Drop off/pick up: Weekdays, 4:30pm to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday, 9am to 1pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:30-4:45 PM and by request
Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor or associate. According to diocesan policy, preparations are to begin at least four (4) months prior to the desired date.

LOCATIONS:

RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. (60660)- Phone 773/764-3621
Fax 761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood — 973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the rectory for details.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy or spiritual direction, leave a confidential message.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY - 338-4334

John Neafsey

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION—764-8884

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center
Pregnancy Support — Free pregnancy tests, post-abortion help, Caris Pregnancy Center, 773-338-8311.
Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.

