

# GREETINGS FROM ROME

Sunday, May 30, 2010

**Happy Trinity Sunday!** I pray that you all are doing well as you celebrate the patron of your parish, the Most Holy Trinity. What a patron to have! The Holy Trinity is at the core of all things: creation, human life and God himself. When we speak of God's greatest attribute that is love, we are really speaking of the relationships between the three persons of the Trinity, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. In this relationship there is a total abandonment to the other, a total self-gift to one another. Through our baptism we partake in this relationship of love within the trinity and are called to show this love to the world through our relationships with one another. What a gift! It is amazing to think that God has created us to reveal divine love through human love, how awesome!

OK, enough Trinity 101. It has been some time since I last wrote and life here in Rome seems to be as busy as ever. As with all of you back home, our lives here have been shaped by the liturgical year, so you may expect that Lent, Easter and Pentecost have been the focal points of the past few months. During Lent we took part in the ancient Roman tradition of the Station Church Masses. Every morning, for 40 days, we walked to a different church in the city and celebrated Mass. It was a great way to visit different churches in Rome while celebrating Mass at the tombs of many saints and martyrs such as; Peter, Paul, Philip, James, Cosmas and Damien, Agnes, Cecilia (see photo) and Anastasia, just to name a few.

On Good Friday I had the opportunity to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Coliseum led by Pope Benedict XVI, and on Easter Sunday we attended Mass in St. Peter's Square with some 60,000 pilgrims. Too bad it rained cats and dogs that day! Several weeks ago we had the privilege of hosting Archbishop Vlazny and his pilgrim group at the North American College. It was a great joy for me to

be able to meet up with some people from home and even reconnect with a few parishioners from Holy Trinity and St. Juan Diego, my home parish. It was truly a blessing to see their joy and excitement while visiting some of the sites here in Rome, especially the tomb of St. Peter and praying with the Pope at his general audience.

Last Sunday, for the feast of Pentecost, I attended Mass at the Pantheon and took part in another ancient Roman tradition that dates back 1400 years



*This statue of St. Cecilia was sculpted by Maderno in 1600. It sits above her tomb in the Church of Santa Cecilia in Rome and was sculpted as she was found in her tomb when she was exhumed. The cut on her neck is a remnant of her failed execution and her hands were found as shown above, giving witness to the Trinity.*

where they drop rose petals from the hole in the center of the dome. It was an amazing sight to see. Thousands of rose petals fell from the sky symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles as tongues of fire.

The year is coming to a close much faster than I expected. Finals are approaching and in two weeks I will be back in Oregon. This summer I will study Spanish in Mexico for two months then return to Rome for three weeks of workshops followed by my diaconate ordination on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Shortly after ordination, I will return home and begin my pastoral year assignment at the Cathedral. I will be close by this summer and next year so I hope to stop by and pray with you all once again.

I ask for your continued prayers especially during these last few weeks of exams and in the months to follow as I continue to prepare for diaconate ordination. Pray that the Lord will give me the strength to be a faithful deacon and God willing, one day, a priest.

God Bless,  
Jeff Eirvin, Seminarian (jmeirvin@yahoo.com)

Congratulations to Kyle Knox and Kim Schibles who were married this weekend!

## BRETT'S TWO-CENTS

Hello, everyone! Continuing our look at the destinies (and destinations) of the 12 Apostles after Pentecost, we turn to John, Phillip, Bartholomew and the Jameses.

**James the Greater:** Called "the Greater" simply because he became a disciple before the other apostle of the same name, James was the brother of John and son of Zebedee. One of the three apostles present for the Transfiguration of Jesus, James preached in Judea, Samaria, and possibly even Spain after the Ascension. James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem in 44 AD, and tradition holds that his body was eventually transferred to Spain. The city of his burial, Santiago de Compostela, became one of the four major pilgrimage destinations of the Middle Ages, the other three being Jerusalem, Rome, and Canterbury. Today that pilgrimage route has enjoyed a remarkable resurgence.

**James the Lesser:** The son of Alphaeus and cousin/brother of the Lord, James became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem after the departure of the other Apostles, and is also quite possibly the author of the Letter of James. James was martyred around 62 AD by being thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple, and then being beaten to death with clubs and fuller's mallets. It is said that he prayed for his attackers all the while.

**John:** The other son of Zebedee, John, was the only one of the Twelve to die a natural death. He is said to have founded churches in Asia Minor (Turkey) and Samaria, and is traditionally acknowledged as the author of the fourth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. After surviving being immersed in boiling oil (apparently without harm) under the Emperor Domitian, John was exiled to the island of Patmos where he received the Book of Revelation. He later died in Ephesus around the year 101 AD.

**Philip:** We have little reliable information about Philip other than what we read in the gospels. Legends say that he travelled to Greece, Syria and Turkey to preach the Gospel, and that he was crucified upside down in Hierapolis, a city in southwest Turkey around the year 54 AD. The story goes that Philip's preaching from the cross was so persuasive that the crowd called for his release; Philip insisted that they not do this, and his wishes were honored.

**Bartholomew:** A close friend of Philip's, Bartholomew is said to have preached in what today would be India (where he left a copy of the Gospel of Matthew), Iraq, Iran, and Armenia. According to traditional accounts, he was flayed alive and crucified upside down at Albanopolis, Armenia as punishment for having converted the King of Armenia to the Christian faith.

Next week: Thomas, Matthew, Jude, Simon, and Matthias

## Daily Scripture Readings

### Week of May 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Zep 3:14-18a,17-18; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday 1

2Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday 2

2Tm 1:1-3,6-12; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday 3

2Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

Friday 4

2Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday 5

2Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday 6 ~ Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20; 1Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 29

5:30pm +Varela/Carvalho Relatives

Sunday 30

8:00am

9:30am +James Fernandez

11:15am Holy Trinity Parish

Monday 31 - Memorial Day

8:15am

Tuesday 1

8:15am +Eldon Lukesh

Flowers this week were donated in honor of:  
All Military Men and Women



If you would like to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Memorial Day

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Woman's Retreat is coming up on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am-Noon in the Fireside Rooms. Janice Carleton will be developing the theme: "Strength for the Journey: Joy on the Way." All women are welcome to this event. Childcare will be provided, please call the parish office or email [parish@h-t.org](mailto:parish@h-t.org) by June 1<sup>st</sup> if you are planning on attending, and if you require childcare. If response numbers are low we will reschedule for the fall.

### EXERCISE IS MEDICINE MONTH



"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body," (1 Cor. 6:19-20). By getting and staying physically fit, we are honoring God by taking care of our physical bodies, a temple of the Holy Spirit. In our busy lives we often fail to see the need to care for ourselves on a daily basis when demands for our time are so great. But by caring for ourselves through regular daily physical activities or exercise, we will be taking better care of our temple. Regular physical activity is a necessity if we are to remain healthy and functional well into our advanced years. Regular physical activity increases the ability of our immune system to fight off diseases. The American Heart Association tells us that every 34 seconds someone has a heart attack. About 34 percent (1 out of 3) of people who experience a coronary attack die from it. Most of these coronary attacks and conditions are PREVENTABLE through regular physical activity and proper diet. Today, more than ever before, there is a heightened awareness of the benefits of getting regular exercise. Take care of your temple and include regular physical activity as part of your daily routine.

### PRAYERS FOR LIFE

All are welcome to join in praying for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death at St Agatha Church (7983 SE 15th Ave, Portland). Pray a rosary, and say the Divine Chaplet prayers every first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.

### CAMP HOWARD NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS!

We aspire to build Christian values through the camping experience by creating a unique community that offers campers a fun-filled, challenging week in a safe, natural environment. Visit us online and hold your spot with a \$50 deposit! [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org) Call 503-231-9484 if you have questions.

### LETTING GO CAN LEAD TO NEW LIFE

A morning of reflection for people who have experienced divorce - Join others who have gone through divorce to explore spiritual tools for allowing this experience of pain and loss to become a pathway to healing and growth, and the catalyst for a deeper relationship with God. Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 3:00pm, Cost \$30 per person. To register, call (503) 794-8542 or email [info@francisspctr.com](mailto:info@francisspctr.com).

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Experience God's healing touch in a confidential, supportive, and non-judgmental environment on June 25-27. The retreat will be a confidential, safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The cost is \$150.00. Financial assistance is available! Contact Lori Eckstine at 1-800-249-8074 or [ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org). For more info, go to [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### MOMS HELPING MOMS

Catholic Charities is looking for positive role models to mentor pregnant or newly parenting mothers. With an average of just one hour a week, you can provide friendship, practical experience, emotional support, encouragement, parenting advice or transportation for new moms who may feel isolated or without support. For more info, call Patty Anderson 503-238-5196 ext.225 at Catholic Charities.

### ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

Are you looking for time to refresh, renew, and refocus your life? Join us for Summer Conference 2010- a five day retreat for families and singles at the University of Portland. This year's theme, *Living the Just Word*, will be presented by Fr. Ray Kemp from Georgetown University who will guide us to an understanding and experience of being formed and transformed into a church that opens itself to conversion, reconciliation and justice. Complete details are available online at [www.summerconf.org](http://www.summerconf.org).

### SUMMER CAMP AND EXTENDED CARE

Week-long camps and care for children ages 4-10 from June 21 - September 3, 2010 at St. Cecilia's. Registration forms are available on the school website or in the school office: [www.stcecilia.pvt.k12.or.us](http://www.stcecilia.pvt.k12.or.us). Please call (503)644-2619, ext. 1 for more info. Friends from the community are welcome - Join in the fun!

**FAITH FORMATION**

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Preschool 3yrs - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Sacramental Preparation  
503.643.9528

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School 6-8 Grade High School 9-12 Grade  
Confirmation (grades 9-12)  
Erin Nieves - 503.643.9528 ext 126 or erin@h-t.org

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!!!**

Enjoy being with your family and friends and BE SAFE!  
Weekly Youth Ministry is over for the school year. Coming  
up are some FUN activities this summer to help you stay  
connected to your friends. More information soon . . .

SUMMER FUN - Summer Beach Day!

Sunday night we voted and picked our Summer Fun  
Day....we're going to the beach. Watch the bulletin for the  
date and more information. It's going to be FUN!

YM CORE TEAM

Did you get your invitation to join our HS Leadership  
Team? We are looking for 6 HS Leaders for next year's  
YM. Check out the specifics on the parish website. Applica-  
tions due by 6/1 - team will be announced on June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Here's the link: [http://h-t.org/youth\\_ministry.htm](http://h-t.org/youth_ministry.htm)

"OPERATION MONGOLIA"

The money has been wired to Mongolia and a group of our  
teens are working on the Pen Pal project. Great work teens  
- thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have sent  
our friends in Mongolia \$1,840.58. Great job ALL!

Pray with us....

Heavenly Father, who loves us and created all, we humbly  
ask you to enrich our souls so we may grow as a Catholic  
Youth Community in Oregon, in Mongolia, and around  
the world.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen+

YOUNG ADULTS

Anna & Gerard DeBlois ~ 503.319.1877  
Anna.kathleen.deblois@gmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Brett Edmonson ~ 503.643.9528 Ext 125  
Brett@h-t.org

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic  
faith, receiving First Communion or Confirmation as an  
adult, or even becoming Catholic, I would love to talk with  
you. Our RCIA program begins again in the Fall, but let's  
talk and see what we can do now.

**Holy Trinity Catholic School**

Brenda Martinek ~ Principal  
[www.htsch.org](http://www.htsch.org) ~ 503.644.5748  
Parent's Association ~ Monica Henry 503.641.2706

KINDERGARTEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

We have a few spots still open for Kindergarten for next  
year. If you register by June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will give you \$75.00 off  
your registration fee. Please call Kathy at (503) 644-5748 to  
schedule a tour. If you have considered Holy Trinity for  
your child, this is a great opportunity. Please come and  
check us out!

**Jog a thon Thank you!**

Last week we had our jog a thon Thank You assem-  
bly. Together our students raised \$25,000 for our  
school. We would like to thank all of you who contributed  
your time, your talent, and your treasure. Without you  
(and our wonderful students) this would not have been so  
successful. Next year our jog a thon will be on April  
29th. You are welcome to sponsor a student - just let us  
know if you are interested and we will pair you with a stu-  
dent in need of sponsors.





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Kathy Brasington ~ 503.641.1842

Communityoutreach@h-t.org

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00-12:30

Holy Trinity Food Closet is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

The results are in for the Holy Trinity School "Food Closet Contest". The students' response was amazing. They brought in 1753 food items (about 2000 pounds).

The winners are:

First Place: Kindergarten

Second Place: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Kindergarten will get their choice of a Pizza Party or an Ice Cream Party.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will get an Ice Cream Party.

Thank you to every student in Holy Trinity School. You have helped many, many people with your kindness.

Once again we ask any Parish member who is in need of assistance to please call Kathy for a private and confidential food distribution or other help.

Food Needs:

Oatmeal

Rice (big bags are fine, we will repackage)

Canned or dry beans (any kind)

Tuna

Saltine crackers



## VINCENT'S MOBILE KITCHEN

Have you heard the news? St. Vincent de Paul will be serving a hot meal on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month here at Holy Trinity. Food serving hours will be from 10:00- noon which will coincide with our Food Closet hours. We are in need of a solid team of 8-10 volunteers to support the mobile kitchen. Duties will include set-up, serving and helping with clean-up. Volunteer hours will be 9:00am -1:00pm ONCE PER MONTH and we will need 5-6 people each month to make this work. Contact Dave Judy 503.828.8298 to sign up or for more information.

## HT SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES BLOG

Summer is right around the corner! Looking for ways to spend those long summer evenings? Or those afternoons by the pool? Why not gather with some friends and open the Sunday bulletin? Father Dave and Deacon Brett always provide great conversation starters. Or, if you'd like, contact the parish office or Ron and Jill White, and we can arrange copies of the Sunday by Sunday booklets for you and your group/family. Explore the Christian bookstore...find a great summer read to share and reflect on with your friends/family. Another great way to share in faith is to organize a group of friends/family and volunteer. Living your faith with fellow Christians not only helps others, but you will feel amazing too!

While some groups may take a break for the summer, others continue to meet on a regular basis. Feel free to contact any group and ask about their summer schedule. Then, come on out for the incredible experience that participating in a Small Faith Community will bring. Happy Summer!!!

On-going Small Faith Communities (SFCs) continue to enrich the lives of many at Holy Trinity. Women's Groups, Men's Groups, Mom's Groups, Couple's Groups, Coffee Lovers Groups - we have something for all.

MEN'S GROUP ~ Chris Gniewosz ~ 503.292.4740

Every Tuesday, 7am ~ IHOP, Beaverton

JESUS 'N' JAVA~ Jill White ~ 503.799.3115

1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7pm

Panera Bread, Cedar Hills Crossing

God's Girls ~ Janice ~ 503-347-4079

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7 PM ~ Fireside Room

Walking With the Spirit

Libbie Allen ~ 503.816.6498

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11:00am -12:30 pm ~ Fireside Rm. 4.

Just Living ~ Jill Hertel - [hertelj@juno.com](mailto:hertelj@juno.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm ~ Cedar Hills McMenamins

May 25<sup>th</sup> was the first day the Mobile Kitchen was at Holy Trinity, the kitchen staff and our volunteers served 29 adults and 1 child a hot lunch. The meals are served to anyone who wants to eat, no questions asked. Check out the information page at <http://www.svdppdx.org/results/community-impact/vincent-mobile-kitchen/>

**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Parish Staff

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 frdave@h-t.org or Ext. 204

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 brett@h-t.org or Ext. 125

Administrative Assistant: Melissa Core  
 parish@h-t.org or Ext. 200

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 kenyap@h-t.org or Ext. 202

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 mjo@h-t.org or Ext. 203

Faith Formation Staff

Children: Melissa Core  
 Melissa@h-t.org or Ext 200

Youth Ministry & Confirmation: Erin Nieves  
 erin@h-t.org or Ext 126

Administrative Assistant: Marianne Schuman  
 Marianne@h-t.org or Ext 123

Leadership Councils

Administrative Council: Doug Whitney  
 admin@h-t.org or 503.649.4205

Pastoral Council: Alan Koelling  
 pastoral@h-t.org or 503.626.7985

School Council: Shelly Anderson  
 schooladvisory@h-t.org

Parish Finances Budget Year 2009-2010

Offertory Collection  
 May 23 \$17,917  
 Weekly goal \$16,981



**Are you new to Holy Trinity?**

We want to welcome you to our community. If you are interested in registering here, please ask one of our Greeters for a New Parishioner Packet or you can download a registration form from our website – www.h-t.org. We look forward to celebrating with you.

If you are interested in becoming active in one of our many ministries please contact the coordinator listed for more information or check out the ministry on the website.

**Ministry Coordinators**

Altar Ministry	Joyce Brantley	503.644.1790
Altar Server Coordinator	Donna Wills	503.642.2906
Altar Servers Trainer	Jayne Scott	503.645.3966
Community Outreach	Kathy Brasington	503.641.1842
CYO Director	Christian Cochran	503.649.0892
Director of Music	Mark Nieves	510.301.6569
Engaged Encounter	Mike & Nancy Fisher	503.591.7123
Eucharistic Ministers	Bruce Waldvogel	503.356.5760
Filipino Community	Franz & Monette Mallari	503.848.6919
First Friday Exposition	Mike & Reme Prusynski	503.627.3073
Funeral Planning	Ann Hammond	503.292.0590
Funeral Receptions	Linda DiFalco	503.579.3030
Greeter Ministry	Al Schmitt	503.590.6859
Health Ministry	Peg Wills	503.642.2293
Homebound	Mike Kravetz	503.590.7161
Knights of Columbus	Jim Currie	971.563.3381
Liturgical Arts	Shawn Karakas	503.297.3144
Lectors	Vee Porter	503.516.3140
Marriage Encounter	Dan & Tammy Allison	503.642.5591
Newcomers Welcome	Betty Drilling	503.644.8550
Parish Communications	Steve Karakas	503.297.3144
Parish Social Events	Ray & Julia Lions	503.644.4512
Prayer Requests	Melissa Core	503.643.9528
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Linda Dum	503.642.1168
Respect Life	Erin Dibala	503.646.7615
Scrip	Dawn Scheckla	503.649.5336
Senior Luncheon	Kathy Delach	503.614.9724
Small Faith Communities	Ron & Jill White	503.292.2626
Social Justice	Jerry Osacho	503.520.1638
Stephen Ministry	Marilyn Thomas	503.924.3055
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Wedding Coordinator	Melissa Core	503.643.9528
Young Adult Group	Gerard & Anna DeBlois	503.641.0123