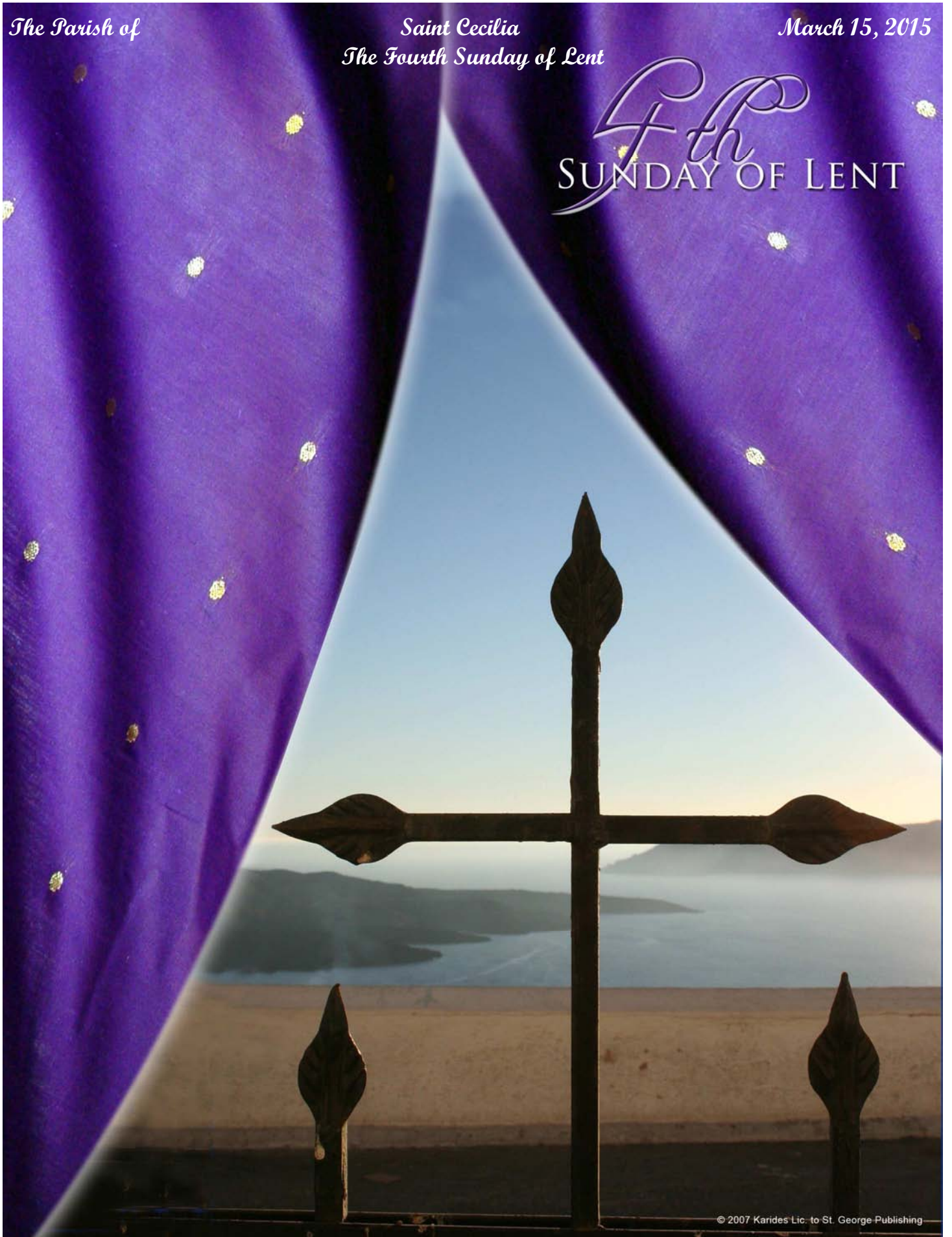


The Parish of

*Saint Cecilia
The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

March 15, 2015

4th
SUNDAY OF LENT



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke Him,
we humbly pray;
and do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -
cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout
the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

**Snow Fund**

The recent record snowfalls have battered the parish snow removal budget, including roof clearing to protect our buildings.

If you are not able to attend the St. Joseph and St. Patrick Day Pot-Luck Dinner on March 14th following the 4:30 p.m. Mass and would like to donate towards the extraordinary winter expenses we have added a SNOW fund to the online donations or you may send your donation to the rectory with SNOW noted in the memo.

Thank you.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Gathering: THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME; Hymnal #645
Kyrie: Chant, Hymnal #853
Offertory: THERE IS A LONGING; Hymnal # 406
 Mass Parts: **Chant Mass**
SANCTUS (Holy); Hymnal #855
POST CONSECRATIONEM (Mem. Acc.); Hymnal #856
AMEN; Hymnal #857
AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God); Hymnal #859
Communion: LIKE A SHEPHERD; Hymnal #617
 (9am only)
SHEPHERD ME, O GOD; Hymnal #470
Concluding: IRISH BLESSING Hymnal #390

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

PPC	3rd Monday	7:30 p.m.
FIA Group	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Liturgy	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Finance	2nd Thursday	7:15 p.m.
Stewardship	1st Sunday	12:15 p.m.
Peer Ministry	Last Sunday	7:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday –Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

PARISH SERVICES**Sacrament of Baptism**

Arrangements must be made at least one month prior to the intended date of Baptism so that all requirements can be completed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.— 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Available anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage so that all requirements can be completed.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WELCOME New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourselves to the priest after Mass. We welcome and invite you to become an active member of the St. Cecilia Parish Community. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church and on the Rectory porch.

2015 Catholic Appeal

St. Cecilia Parish Goal is \$38,788

Last weekend, our parish launched the 2015 Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge from the ends of the pews. You can also make a gift or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your support and for helping us reach our parish goal.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday	March 16
6:30 p.m.	Men's AA Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.	RCIA Group Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting
Tuesday	March 17
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	March 18
10:00 a.m.	Faith in Action Group Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Confession—Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation Class
Friday	March 20
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Night - Family Center
7:00 p.m.	Station of the Cross—Church
Saturday	March 21
3:30 p.m.	Teen Choir Rehearsal



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 14
4:30 p.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
Sunday	March 15
7:00 a.m.	Our Youth
9:00 a.m.	Brian Coughlin
11:00 a.m.	Kathleen Brehm
Monday	March 16
9:00 a.m.	Vincent Bengiovanni
Tuesday	March 17
9:00 a.m.	Jeffrey Chase
Wednesday	March 18
9:00 a.m.	Robert Dionne
Thursday	March 19
9:00 a.m.	Theresa Morrissey
Friday	March 20
9:00 a.m.	JohN McLeod (LIVING)
Saturday	March 21
9:00 a.m.	Ellen Brady Giargiari
4:30 p.m.	John O'Neil
Sunday	March 22
7:00 a.m.	Richard Muise (LIVING)
9:00 a.m.	The People of St. Cecilia Parish
11:00 a.m.	Josephine Cornell

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Teresa of Avila: St. Joseph, Wonder-Worker, Is Waiting to Bless You

By Joseph Pronechen

March 19 is a cause for great joy on earth and in heaven, as the Church celebrates the feast of St. Joseph.

One saint who never missed honoring St. Joseph on his feast day and had tremendous devotion to him all year has a big celebration just nine days later this year, as March 28 observes the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Jesus, better known as St. Teresa of Avila.

It's a perfect time to learn why she promoted devotion to St. Joseph during her lifetime.

"Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint," wrote St. Teresa in her autobiography, *The Life of St. Teresa of Jesus of the Order of Our Lady of Carmel*, "for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God."

"It is now very many years since I began asking him for something on his feast, and I always received it," wrote St. Teresa. "If the petition was in any way amiss, he rectified it for my greater good."

Even before that, Teresa had written, "I took for my patron the glorious St. Joseph and recommended myself earnestly to him."

One of her earliest blessings came with a severe illness she suffered.

"She had been healed by St. Joseph, when at the point of death, and she attributed her recovery to him," explained Father Stanley Smolenski, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of South Carolina/Our Lady of Joyful Hope in Kingstree, S.C. (OurLadyofSouthCarolina.net).

Then, when she desired to establish a monastery, "She got direct orders from Our Lord to dedicate her first reformed Carmel to St. Joseph," said Father Smolenski. He noted that two-thirds of her monasteries were dedicated to St. Joseph.

Great Intercessor

St. Teresa heard from the next highest authority too, telling us in her autobiography, "She (our Blessed Mother) said that I pleased her very much by being devout to the glorious St. Joseph.

St. Teresa reminds us why St. Joseph is such a great intercessor. "To other saints, Our Lord seems to have given power to succor us in some special necessity," she wrote, "but to this glorious saint (I know by my experience), he has given the power to help us in all things. Our Lord would have us understand that, as he was subject to Joseph on earth — St. Joseph, bearing the title of His father and being His guardian, could command Him — so now Our Lord in heaven grants all his petitions."

Father Smolenski, who is an expert on St. Joseph and promotes devotion to him, explained: "St. Joseph has this power because of the unique relationship with the hearts of Jesus and Mary as a member of the 'Earthly Trinity.'" He noted how the Holy Family had been acknowledged as the "Earthly Trinity" centuries ago by Jean Gerson, rector of the University of Paris, who gave a paper on St. Joseph and spoke of the Earthly Trinity at the Council of Constance, held 1414-18.

"Because of that union of hearts, St. Joseph has that intercessory power," Father Smolenski explained. "He's so united with the hearts of Jesus and Mary because they lived in the harmony of love and reflected the harmony of love in the Trinity and the harmony of love in creation."

He credited St. Teresa for her unwavering devotion to St. Joseph. "In the development of the appreciation of St. Joseph in the Church, she was, in those Renaissance times, the major promoter of St. Joseph. That's important — a doctor of the Church advanced the devotion to St. Joseph.

PARISH NEWS



You are invited to **Water is Life Kenya Day**

The Confirmation Students will be hosting a *Water is Life Day*, **March 22, 10-11 a.m. in the Family Center** to mark World Water Day 2015 and raise money for *Water is Life*, Kenya, an organization dedicated to bringing sustainable water solutions to needed areas in Kenya.

Families should plan to join us for an hour of fun, games, and education at booths prepared by the Confirmation Students. Your participation will help save many lives by providing access to clean water to many in Kenya, but you will also help reinforce the values of stewardship and service that we expect our Confirmation students to embrace.

Please support the **Dominican Sister Bake Sale** following weekend Masses this weekend.

Today, leprosy still brings incredible suffering to those afflicted with this mysterious disease. Through your generous donations to our Dominican Mission Foundation, you are continuing the witness of Jesus, "to the ends of the earth." Thank you for your continued support.

FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

Lenten Soup 6:00 p.m. in the
Family Center

Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. in the Church
All are welcome!

St. Cecilia Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

is grateful for all the ways you extend your generosity - whether you send a check on a regular basis, drop a few coins or a few twenties in the poor boxes as you visit the church or participate in the special collections that Fr. Cornell allows us to have each fall and spring.

During our last fiscal year (ended Sept 2014) we were able to assist over 125 Ashland individuals with rent, food, medical expenses, furniture, car repair, clothing and utilities. During this same time our receipts were just under \$16,000 and our expenditures just under \$18,000. 96.3% of our receipts went directly to meet the needs of people who needed assistance to get over a rough time. If you have a need please contact us at 508-665-8735 or stvd paulashland@aol.com and a member of our conference will contact you.

If you would like to join us on this journey new members are always welcome. We encourage you to call for more information.



Thank you Scouts of America!

Scout Sunday was celebrated at the 9:00a.m. Mass on March 1st. Thank you to all the scouts who participated. Picture courtesy of Karen Dunn.

Wake Up The World 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has asked us to keep Consecrated Life on the minds and in the hearts of the members of our parish. For information visit VocationNetwork.org.

Religious Life ought to promote growth in the Church by way of attraction. The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living...! It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up.

- Pope Francis, meeting with the Union of Superiors General, Nov. 29, 2013

The Faith in Action Group shares:

A Prayerful Way to Change Your Life

Would you like to learn to pray in a way that can change your life for the better? Then try the following Prayer Process.*

1. **Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful to-day.
2. **Awareness:** Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. **Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. **Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. **Freedom:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be-the-best-version-of-yourself.
6. **Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide him/her.
7. **Finish** by praying the Our Father.

*From "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic," a book by Matthew Kelly

Fasting: is required on Good Friday for those between the ages of 18 and 60. Only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other small, meatless meals may be taken, if needed, but should not equal a full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids including milk and juices are allowed.

Abstinence: is required on all Fridays of Lent. It is compulsory for all over the age of 14. On this day, no meat is allowed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Question of the Week based on the Gospel of John 3: 14-21 (Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus)
For Adults: Do I see the world as evil or good? What difference does it make in the way I live?
For Children: Where do I see goodness in God's world?

First Communion Clothing

We would appreciate the donation of white dresses and white suits for this year's class. You may drop them off in the Family Center.



A note of Appreciation We appreciate the faithful leadership of **Monika Henry** as she welcomes the children at the 9:00am Mass to hear the Liturgy of the Word on their own level. We are looking for additional people to help with this ministry. Join Monika and the children to experience the Liturgy of the Word for children, and let us know if you can occasionally read and discuss the readings for the day. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education Office.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Grade 2 Parent meeting –The week of March 15th during regular class times. Materials will be distributed to assist you in preparation for your child's First Communion.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Attention Women 18-40

St. Scholastica Priory, a monastery of Benedictine nuns located in Petersham, is holding Monastic Experience Weekends so that young women can see life "from the inside" and gain useful knowledge of how to discern a vocation. The weekends offered are: June 19-21 and October 9-11. If interested please call 978-724-3213.

March Healing Service Wednesday, March 18, 6:45 pm at the Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer St. (Rt 126), Holliston. The evening begins with Rosary at 6:45 pm followed by 7:15pm Mass and healing prayer.

Father Polselli will Anoint with St. Joseph Oil and Bless with Saint Andre's Relic. The Vision of Peace Prayer group, which meets at the Shrine each Wednesday, sponsors this evening. The Fatima Shrine is a handicapped accessible facility. Call Mary & Ron at (508)655-1463 additional for information.

**Fatima Shrine
Easter Egg Hunt
&
Spring Craft Sale**

The Xaverian League of Fatima Shrine, Rte 126, Holliston, is holding its 10th annual Easter Egg hunt on Sat. March 28 on the Shrine grounds. In case of a downpour (not "misting" type rain), it will be held on Sun. March 29. Registration is held at 12:30pm for all participants. Prizes and eggs are guaranteed for all children. The cost is \$4.00 per child and includes free refreshments. Bring your camera for a photo-op with the Easter Bunny for only \$1. Prior to the "Hunt", from 10-12 noon, there will be a Spring crafts sale featuring beautiful, reasonably-priced, one-of-a-kind table arrangements, cemetery cones and crosses, Easter baskets and a large variety of basket "stuffers" will also be offered for sale. All are welcome to come and enjoy this fun-filled event!

**Discernment Retreat
Men age 18-35,**

**St. John's Seminary and Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center, Medway, March 27-29,
Friday, 5pm-Sunday 1pm**

Men age 35 and over

**Pope St. John XXIII Seminary, Weston, March 27-28
Friday 10am-Saturday 1pm**

Please contact Fr. Cornell if you would like to attend either retreat.

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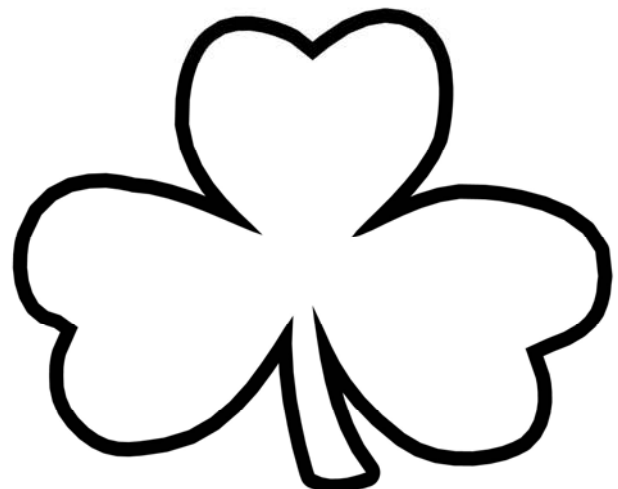
Retrouvaille of New England

marriage renewal weekends will be held: April 10-12 and Sept. 11-13. To register call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

The Story of the Shamrock

The Trinity is difficult for us to understand. St. Patrick would hold up a shamrock and ask, "Is it one leaf or three?" "It is both one leaf and three," was their reply. And so it is with God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one.

Color the Shamrock



Bible Verse
But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. *John 16:13*

THE TRINITY OF THE TRINITY

A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOD

THE FATHER IS GOD
THE SON IS GOD
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

THE FATHER IS NOT THE SON
THE SON IS NOT THE FATHER
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT THE FATHER
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT THE SON

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This is an ancient way of representing the Blessed Trinity

David Haselberg

GOPEL READING: JOHN 16, 12-15
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CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

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Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

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