



TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON NEEDLEPOINT KNEELER INFORMATION

Trinity Church's needlepoint kneelers are a unique part of our space and recall people and events in the life of the church and beyond. For over 35 years parishioners and friends have been stitching kneelers for the church and the tradition continues to this day.

New kneelers are blessed annually, usually in January or February at an 11:15 am service, and then placed in the church. The exact placement of kneelers in the church is at the discretion of the Associate Rector for Worship. Kneeler donors may request a kneeler be placed in a particular pew, in place of an existing plain maroon kneeler, but please note that we will not move other kneelers that have already been blessed and placed.

If you would like to generally support the kneeler program, we welcome donations of any amount earmarked for the Needlepoint Guild. These kind donations are tax-deductible and help cover the costs of creating new kneelers and repairing existing kneelers.

If you would like to support the program by donating a specific kneeler, for example, in honor or memory of a loved one, there are several options:

Option 1: The Trinity Needlepoint Guild designs and stitches the canvas for you. You can work with a member of our Needlepoint Guild to design a canvas and then a member of the guild will stitch it. Please note, the number of guild members is limited, so they take canvas requests on a first come, first serve basis. It could take a year or more to complete your canvas. The requested donation is \$400 (includes all materials, handmade frame, upholstery and donation to the Needlepoint Guild)

Option 2: You design and stitch the canvas. You, or someone you know who stitches, may design and stitch your own canvas. Note, all designs must be approved in advance by the Associate Rector for Worship and must conform to the measurements of our wooden frames. The time frame is up to you or your stitcher. Please see the "Directions for Making Needlepoint Kneelers". The requested donation is \$250 (includes handmade frame, upholstery and donation to the Needlepoint Guild)

Option 3: You hire a needlepoint shop to design and stitch the canvas. We work closely with a local shop, Needlepoint of Back Bay (125 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116, 617-536-7999), which can design and stitch a canvas for you. You may also want to have a local needlepoint shop design and stitch your kneeler. Note, all designs must be approved in advance by the Associate Rector for Worship and must conform to the measurements of our wooden frames. The time frame is approximately one month for design and several months for stitching. The requested donation is \$250 (includes handmade frame, upholstery and donation to the Needlepoint Guild)

Additional out of pocket costs for designing and stitching the canvas (in Options 2 and 3) will vary depending on how you have the canvas prepared. Some of the costs of donating a specific kneeler may be tax-deductible (please consult your tax preparer for details).

If you would like to proceed, please complete the attached form and return it to us with a check or money order (payable to Trinity Church). If you have any questions or concerns, please call, and thank you for your participation!

Attention: Needlepoint Kneelers, Sandra E. Marxen
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I/We would like to donate a kneeler to the church.:

Today's Date:

Name:

Address:

City, State Zip:

Telephone & e-mail

Description:

Please briefly describe who the kneeler is in memory of, or what event the kneeler commemorates.

Design and Stitch:

- Trinity Needlepoint Guild to design and stitch. (A check for \$400 is enclosed.)
- Donor (or donor's contact) to design and stitch. (A check for \$250 is enclosed, along with the design to be approved prior to stitching.)
- Back Bay Needlepoint Shop (or donor's local shop) to design and stitch. (A check for \$250 is enclosed, along with the design to be approved prior to stitching.)

For Office Use:

Date Received:

Amount Received:

Sent to Stitcher:

Received from Stitcher:

Sent to Framer:

Received from Framer:

Donor Notified:

Date Dedicated, Blessed, and Placed:

Placement Location