



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

February 26, 2017

Lenten Reflections on Love: Week One

For some of us, these are upsetting and unsettling times. We may be aware that our feelings and daily activities are colored by a pervasive sense of foreboding.

In this malaise, our first impulse is to do something—anything. We suggest taking a deep breath and inviting God (in the person of Jesus) to be with us and from that relationship discern our next steps. In the First Letter of John, we are told that “God is love” (1 John 4:8). Is it possible that abiding in God’s love, and coming to know better the person of Jesus, we could be helped with our pain and learn to walk more closely with the individuals who are most vulnerable in our world? For some, that may seem on the surface to be a superficial and inadequate response.

Lent is a time for almsgiving, fasting and prayer. It is also a time when we remember God’s great love for us in the person of Jesus Christ. This Lenten season, we invite you to explore with us, “God is love” and how God invites each of us to love. St. Paul writes in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

Love is patient, love is kind; love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

We are not suggesting an exploration of a saccharine kind of love. Rather, a love that “believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:7). This is the love God has for each of us. This is the love Jesus expressed in his public ministry, on the road to Calvary and as he hung on the cross.

We know that Jesus showed us how to love in a very



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chaotic time. The land where Jesus walked, taught, healed and preached was in many ways as it still is today. Jesus saw the most vulnerable in society abused and marginalized. In the midst of the Roman occupation, Jesus joined in the people’s struggles and invited them to turn to him: “all you who are weary and find life burdensome, come to me.” (Matthew 11:28)

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Refugee Family Lands at Dulles

The Cheikho family safely landed at Dulles the night of February 16 and were met by Chris Crawford, Cayce and Lauren Roy and Kathleen Wach. Lauren Roy writes, “The furnishings our parish provided not only brought them comfort and a sense of home, but also helped them financially” as nothing will be deducted from their one-time allowance granted by the government.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

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Why Catholics Are Called to Care for Creation

February 26, 10:10am, Trinity Hall

Presented by William Dinges, Ph.D.

Exploring the connection of the Church's Social Justice teachings as it pertains to our care for our common home

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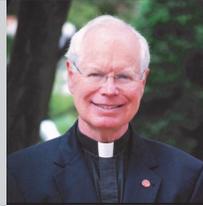
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 Accompany one another in Christ
 Celebrate God's love
 Transform lives

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From the Pastor's Desk

Inspired by watching the Oscar-nominated movie *Hidden Figures*, I have spent much of February discovering and exploring some of the "hidden figures" of our parish and our nation.

Through the collaboration of a committee of parishioners, who have begun to prepare for the 200th anniversary of Holy Trinity School in 2018 and the 225th anniversary of the parish in 2019, I have become more cognizant of the many triumphs and some of the tragedies of our parish's history.

For instance, in reading Father Cyprian Davis's enlightening book, *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*, I came upon a host of hidden figures. They include the work and witness of Maria Becraft (1805-33), who in 1827 was encouraged by Holy Trinity pastor, Father John Van Lommel, S.J., to open a school for African American girls. As some of you may know, this spring Georgetown University will rededicate a building in Maria Becraft's name.

I made further discoveries of hidden figures in addition to well-known figures by visiting the Smithsonian's recently-opened National Museum of African American History and Culture. Following up on a tip from Fr. Bill Kelley that weekday afternoons are the best entrance time, I took a bike trip on a Thursday afternoon to visit this amazing museum. There I encountered a wide array of objects and images brilliantly assembled.

Having just two hours to explore the museum on this trip, I only managed to visit the third and fourth floors. These two upper floors displayed sights and sounds of African American heritage in education, entertainment, music, sports and, most prominently, civil rights. In the near future, I intend to explore the tragic as well as triumphant "hidden figures" of our nation's slave history.

The overall experience was provocative and I came away resonating with the words of one of the museum's founding directors, Lonnie Bunch: "The African American experience is the lens through which we understand what it is to be an American."

Finally, as a way to memorialize the hidden figures of our parish and our school, this past Wednesday our HTS students began to prepare for the commemoration of the school's bicentennial when they raised a flag from 1817, which then contained 15 stars and 15 stripes! I invite you to ask one of our students why there were 15 stripes. The numbers of the star and stripes symbolically represent other historical hidden figures. Certainly an exploration into our parish's and our nation's history, their traditions and trajectories, can serve as lenses through which Holy Trinity parishioners can better understand what it is to be a Catholic American.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all of the dead every day at Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners may also request that a specific person be remembered by name at a particular weekday Mass by calling or visiting the receptionist's desk in the Parish Center during normal office hours.

Names must be submitted one week in advance. Persons to be so remembered at weekday Masses this week are:

Week of February 27-March 5, 2017

Monday	7:00am	Joseph Richard Adams+
	8:00am	Paul Ehlers+
	5:30pm	Edward James+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	7:00am	Joseph Richard Adams+
	8:00am	George Clark+
	5:30pm	Mary McGillis Harris+
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Lili Billings+
Saturday	8:00am	John "Jack" Murtha+

Pray for those who are sick:

Sara Kelley Lacopo; Megan Caposel

Pray for those who are dead:

For those we hold in our hearts

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org. You must be an immediate relative of the one to be remembered, or have express permission in order to add a name to these lists. The names on this prayer list will be mentioned aloud at Sunday Mass during the General Intercessions and will be published in the parish eLetter and bulletin.

We also invite parishioners to write the name of deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead, which is kept in the back of the chapel. The parish community remembers these persons each time we gather for Eucharist.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (*Check bulletin or website for Holy Days*)

Weekdays: 7am, 8am & 5:30pm in the Chapel (on N St.)
Note: Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8am — Chapel; 5:30 pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 4:30pm—5:15pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Ignatius Chapel. Call the Parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Helene Flanagan, 202-903-2806 or hflanagan@trinity.org
- To register for the preparation process, see next item.

Sacramental Preparation:

Persons desiring to receive certain sacraments at Holy Trinity need to be registered parishioners and are expected to participate in a preparation program. For more information or to register, contact the appropriate staff person:

- Infant Baptism: readmin@trinity.org, 202-903-2808
- First Reconciliation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, 202-903-2808
- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, 202-337-2840 x128
- Children's Initiation (RCIA): Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Sara Seligmann, 202-903-2814

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org. Parishioner registration forms can be found under the **Participate** tab. Questions about registering can be directed to registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter and website for announcement of dates and times.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester akoester@trinity.org for more information or visit our website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission.

President Kirk Willison ppcpresident@trinity.org

Vice President Cecilia Boudreau parishcouncil@trinity.org

WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday

All liturgies will be celebrated in the Church.



7am—Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
 8am—Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
 10:30am—Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes (HTS)
 5:30pm—Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes
 7:30pm—Evening Prayer with Distribution of Ashes

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Beginning on **March 8**, confessors will be available in the church 6:30-8pm every Wednesday during Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Taize music will be sung from 7-7:30pm each Wednesday. The parish-wide Lenten Penance Service will be on **April 12** from 7-9pm. Visit www.thelightison.org for a refresher on how to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Kenyon College Chambers

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. Benjamin Locke, will be performing on **March 4** at 7:30pm in the Church. The Chamber Singers is Kenyon's premier touring ensemble and will present an eclectic mix of a cappella choral repertoire on their 2017 Spring Tour.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



An Ignatian Journey to **SPAIN** Plus Lourdes

An Ignatian Journey to Spain & Lourdes

Join Fr. George Witt, S.J., Provincial Assistant for Spirituality Ministries, **October 1-11**, for this pilgrimage through southern France and northern Spain in the footsteps of St. Bernadette, St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. For more information, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/NaylorWitt or call group coordinator Joe Naylor at (212) 774-5529.

Lenten Reflections, *continued from page 1*

Jesus was patient and forgiving even when the Roman soldiers were torturing him. He never retaliated. His consciousness was focused on his Abba, and he stayed connected to the love he grew up with from his parents, Mary and Joseph. Jesus never lost sight of his own goodness nor the goodness of those who crucified him. Jesus taught us how to love.

We invite you to spend time this Lent with Jesus. By coming to know him more intimately, we can love him more deeply and desire to be more like him in our daily lives. With and through a more intimate relationship with Christ, we can discern how to bring his truth and love into our broken and suffering world.

As we journey through Lent we will explore descriptions of love with Pope Francis' special insight from his apostolic letter, "The Joy of Love" (*Amoris Laetitia*). Our hope is that each week we will have a deeper experience of how Jesus loves, so that we can grow in loving as God loves.

Let us pray this week as Lent begins for all the refugees and migrants throughout the world who are struggling. May the ashes on our brow be our sign of solidarity with them.

-Written by parishioner Roger Sullivan

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparation Session will be offered **March 6**. Registration forms may be found on our website.

Winter Lecture Series Continues

Does Corporate America Listen to the Expectations/Concerns Held by the Folks that Own the Company?

March 5, 10:10am, Trinity Hall

The presentation by Keith T. Vernon, *Esq.*, explores how to make your voice heard by Corporate America and offers best practices for impacting Corporate America's business decisions on issues critical to people and the planet. For more details, please visit the website.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids

Save the Date! Please join us for a Sunday Morning Religious Education Parent meeting on **March 12** at 10:10am in Trinity Hall. The focus will be on ways RE can serve and engage children and their families. All parents should plan to attend.

Visit our website for more information about all of our Ministries and their programs.

Sign up for our Holy Trinity eLetter for weekly updates at www.trinity.org/e-lettersubscribe

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Documentary Film Screening: *4.1 Miles*

Please join Jesuit Refugee Service/USA and Holy Trinity on **March 7** at 6pm at the Mansion on O Street for a screening of the film *4.1 Miles* followed by hors d'oeuvres and a panel discussion. Proceeds will benefit JRS/USA and Holy Trinity's Good Neighbor Program. Cost is \$25/person. Cash bar available. Purchase tickets at www.jrsusa.org/tickets

Ending Homelessness in a New Administration

Join Housing Up, the recipient of our Social Justice Ministry's Capital Campaign funds, for a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities facing the Bowser administration as they work to end homelessness in DC. The event will feature representatives from the Coalition for Non-Profit Housing and Economic Development, DC Interagency Council on Homelessness, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Somerset Development and CohnReznick. **March 1**, 8am-9:30am, Bank of America Penthouse (730 15th St, NW). The event is free, but please register in advance at www.eventbrite.com (search Housing Up).

Be a Child Advocate for an Unaccompanied Immigrant Child

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights will be hosting a two-day volunteer training on **April 8-9** for anyone interested in serving as a child advocate. The role of an advocate is to meet with the child, learn the child's story over time and advocate for that individual child's best interest. Volunteers must be over 21 and speak Spanish. To register contact Emily Verberg, everburg@theyoungcenter.org or (202) 794-8742.



2017 Cardinal's Appeal

Each year the faithful of the Church of Washington have generously come forward to allow this Church, all of us working together, to do what individually or even as parish we might not be able to do.—Cardinal Wuerl

Help our parish reach our goal of **\$300,000 and 20% participation** by giving to the Cardinal's Appeal at Mass or online. For online giving, go to www.appeal.adw.org and select 'Holy Trinity Washington-118' as your parish.

Your donation supports the formation of over 70 future priests, tuition assistance to hundreds of students in our Catholic schools, Catholic Charities' outreach to over 100,000 people, chaplains at hospitals, detention centers and university campuses, and many other special ministries.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Connections

Saturday, **March 4**, 6:30-8:30pm – Enjoy an adult buffet dinner with Father Campbell at the home of Marianne and Michael Gick in Arlington, VA.

Sunday, **May 7**, 2-4pm – Donut Hour moves to Alexandria! Join Father Gillespie for Sugar Shack Donuts and Coffee Bar at the home of Jodie and Greg Curtis in Alexandria, VA.

For further information and to RSVP, visit the Parish Life webpage. Interested in hosting a Parish Connection event this summer? Contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org.

Grief Support Group Resumes

The Grief Support Group meetings resumed February 25 and will be held on six consecutive Saturdays. All of the meetings will be held in the Upper Room in the Parish Center from 10:30am-12:30pm. If you would like to join the group please contact Richard Shullaw at 703-980-9884 or shullawr@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Annual Shopping Event at Bloomie's!

Join us Thursday, **March 9** from 6:30-9pm at Bloomingdale's Friendship Heights for food, wine and a special Monte Carlo-themed fashion show. Grab a friend and get ready to shop for a cause—10% of all purchases made will be donated back to HTS. Questions? Contact Julie Moellering at juliebmo2@yahoo.com.

Holy Trinity School Gala

Saturday, April 1, Trinity Hall

Become a sponsor, donate, or attend the event! Proceeds benefit need-based scholarships for students and professional development opportunities for our teachers. Guests love to bid on weekend getaways, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, gift certificates and electronics! If you have questions or would like to support the event, email Jennifer Touchette at jennifer.touchette@gmail.com.



Looking for Parishioners in Action!

Do you have photos from a recent Holy Trinity event or service project? Send your pictures as an attachment to

photos@trinity.org

to be featured in an upcoming Bulletin or eLetter

Sunday, February 26, 2017**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 49:14-15/1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Matthew 6:24-34

*Second Collection
Church in the Developing World*

- 10:10 AM Religious Education**
Assigned Classrooms
- 10:10 AM Adult Education: Focus on Ethic Series**
Trinity Hall
- 10:30 AM So Others Might Eat Meal Service**
710 O Street, NW
- 4:00 PM Young Adult Community Retreat Information Meeting**
McKenna Hall

Monday, February 27, 2017**MONDAY OF THE 8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sirach 17:20-24/Mark 10:17-27

- 7:30 PM Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group**
Neale Room

Tuesday, February 28, 2017**TUESDAY OF THE 8TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sirach 35:1-12/Mark 10:28-31

- 6:30 PM Social Justice Book Club**
Parish Center Library
- 7:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**
Faber Room

Wednesday, March 1, 2017**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Joel 2:12-18/2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

- 7:00 AM Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes**
Church
- 8:00 AM Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes**
Church
- 10:30 AM Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes**
Church (with Holy Trinity School)
- 5:30 PM Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes**
Church
- 6:30 PM Koinonia**
Lower School Big Room
- 7:15 PM Book Discussion Group**
McKenna Hall
- 7:30 PM Evening Prayer with Distribution of Ashes**
Church

Thursday, March 2, 2017**THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25

- 6:00 PM Christian Meditation Group**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 6:00 PM Iconography Guild**
Parish Center Library
- 7:00 PM Job Seekers Support Group**
Georgetown Neighborhood Library (R & Wisconsin Ave NW)
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Community Faith Sharing**
Saint Ignatius Chapel

Friday, March 3, 2017**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

Isaiah 58:1-9a/Matthew 9:14-15

- 4:30 PM First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 5:30 PM Simple Supper**
McKenna Hall
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross**
Saint Ignatius Chapel

Saturday, March 4, 2017**SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

Isaiah 58:9b-14/Luke 5:27-32

- 7:30 AM Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room rdruecker@aol.com
- 10:30 AM Grief Support Group**
Upper Room
- 7:30 PM Kenyon College Tour Concert**
Church

Sunday, March 5, 2017**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7/Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Matthew 4:1-11

- 10:10 AM Religious Education**
Assigned Classrooms
- 10:10 AM Adult Education: Focus on Ethic Series**
Trinity Hall

join us for coffee & fellowship every Sunday after the 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses

for texts of daily readings: www.usccb.org/bible/readings and for audio recordings of daily readings: www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfmfor the most complete listing of parish events with event descriptions and contact information: www.trinity.org/calendar

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