



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

April 2, 2017

PAR Update: The End of a Beginning

Fourteen months ago on an icy February evening, Jesuit Father Tom Sweetser traveled from Milwaukee to kick off our Parish Assessment and Renewal (PAR) project. The project is designed to create a new paradigm for collaboration among parish leaders in order to better identify and address emerging challenges.

A week ago Fr. Sweetser returned to Holy Trinity for a final visit – a session that marked not so much the end of the process as the end of the beginning. In between, under the guidance of Fr. Sweetser’s Parish Evaluation Project (PEP), hundreds of parishioners had been queried, interviewed and summoned to a Town Hall to share hopes and dreams, compliments and criticisms of Holy Trinity parish.

Holy Trinity was Parish #81 for PEP but little could have prepared it for our parishioners’ desire to make their voices heard. While 300 parishioners were surveyed at random, nearly 100 more volunteered to share their thoughts. Their comments numbered hundreds of pages, topping anything PEP had ever seen in its history. From the data gathered we learned that 80 percent of parishioners are extremely likely to recommend Holy Trinity to someone. However, a significant percentage felt the parish could do more to welcome newcomers and involve more and different people as liturgical ministers.

Just as important, we learned our parish mission didn’t resonate with parishioners and that, while we had scores of volunteers serving in leadership roles, our infrastructure wasn’t conducive to working together effectively.

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Cardinal Cláudio Hummes of Brazil, Rev. Tim Kesicki, S.J. (president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States) and church and indigenous community leaders from the Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network visit Holy Trinity last week.



Lenten Reflections on Love Week VI

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”

(1 Corinthians 13:7)

In previous weeks we reflected on the different descriptors that Paul uses to describe love, what it is (patient, kind, etc.) and what it is not (irritable or resentful, rejoicing at wrongs, etc.). In this last series of statements, Paul swings into action using powerful words to describe what love does, how it acts. He emphasizes that love operates this way all the time by the repetitive use of “all things.”

To get some insight in how to interpret these different ways that love acts, we turn to Pope Francis in his apostolic letter, *The Joy of Love*. He notes that a love that *bears all things* is more than simply putting up with what one does not like. The verb “bears” can mean holding one’s peace. It implies limiting judgment and checking the *impulse* to condemn the other.

In looking at love that *believes all things*, Francis suggests that “belief” is not to be taken in its strict theological meaning, but more in a sense of what we mean by “trust”. This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip.

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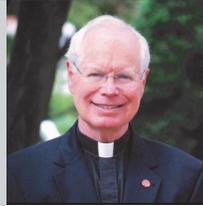
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 Accompany one another in Christ
 Celebrate God's love
 Transform lives



From the Pastor's Desk

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When I arrived at the parish in October 2015, I published my pastoral leadership statement in this column. In it, I emphasized my belief in promoting innovative and sustainable programs that serve not only our parishioners but also the wider church and the world at large. My intention was then, and continues to be, to lead collaboratively by regularly consulting staff members and parish committee leaders on issues of importance to our community.

In order to accomplish this vision, I proposed to the Parish Council that we enlist the help of a program known as the Parish Evaluation Project (PEP), who would launch a Parish Assessment and Renewal Process (PAR). Last week we held our last meeting with the PEP team where the ministries provided updates on their annual goals and discussed their vision for the future. The essay on the cover of this week's bulletin describes some of the PAR process.

There were many components to this process, some of them quite challenging. I am grateful to all the parishioners who engaged so generously in the process. Most especially, I am grateful to Kirk Willison and the Parish Council, to members of the parish staff and their respective parish advisory committees, to Larry Padberg and Tina Namian and other members of the Oversight Committee and to all those who completed the survey.

In addition, Sara DeCarlo, who served as our PAR Coordinator, deserves special recognition as does Fr. Tom Sweetser and his staff. Here are six fruits of the process:

1. Survey of Parish in which several hundred of you participated
2. Meetings among dozens of parish leaders from various ministries
3. A parish-wide Town Hall
4. Vision Statements from various ministerial areas
5. The Launching of discussions around a "Vision 2022" to begin preparations for the bicentennial of Holy Trinity School in 2018 and the bicenquasquigenary—225th anniversary—of the parish. (How is that for a challenging word to say and to spell?!)
6. Last but not least, the PAR process enabled us to develop a new Mission Statement which is:

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The PAR process challenged us to examine who we are and what we do. By establishing goals, we addressed areas where we can improve as a parish. We are now focused on setting our vision for the future and determining the actions to get there. This is a journey. It is not easy, but we are focused on continuing to make Holy Trinity a parish that welcomes, accompanies, celebrates and transforms.

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 April 3-8, 2017

Monday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Judith Dowd
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Ciro Colletta+
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Powell+
Wednesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Denise Catherine Dittrich McGivenn+
	5:30pm	James Courtney+
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Clarence Gilbertson+
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Emmeline Pablo+
Saturday	8:00am	John & Mary McAuliffe+

Pray for those who are sick:

Mark Thessin

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

To Sing is to Pray Twice!

Our liturgical choirs/ensembles are always looking for new members, both singers and instrumentalists, to swell their ranks! We are looking, especially, for basses for the 11:30am choir and altos and basses for the 9am choir. Contact Kathleen DeJardin kdejardin@trinity.org for more information.

Holy Week/Easter Liturgy Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9

Regular Mass Schedule All masses *except* 7:30am & 9am begin in Trinity Hall

Wednesday, April 12

Parish Reconciliation Service 7-8:30pm, Church

Holy Thursday, April 13

Morning Prayer 8am, Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm, Church (*Trinity Hall will remain open for private prayer until 10:30pm*)

Good Friday, April 14

Morning Prayer 8am, Church
Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Service 12pm, St. John's Episcopal Church
Stations of the Cross 4pm, Church
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 8pm, Church

Holy Saturday, April 15

Morning Prayer 8am, Church
Graveside Service 10am, Holy Rood Cemetery
Easter Vigil 8pm, Courtyard outside McKenna Hall

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:30am Mass Church
9:30am Mass Church, Trinity Hall, & Nolan Center at Visitation
11:30am Mass
1:15pm Mass Church

There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Please email David Pennington if you are available to serve as a liturgical minister during the Triduum.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Lenten Reflections on Love *continued from page 1*

According to Francis, love that *hopes all things* is a love that does not despair of the future. It speaks of the hope of one who knows that others can change, mature and radiate unexpected beauty and untold potential.

Love that *endures all things* is a love that faces every trial with a positive attitude. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. Francis explains that this "endurance" involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that *never gives up*, even in the darkest hour.

In the coming week, as we prepare to walk with Christ on the road to Calvary, can we embrace these active forms of love through an interaction or two with a loved one or even someone not so loved? Our approach to them could embody an active connection in which we demonstrate some of the four ways that Paul and Francis suggest how love acts: not judging or possessing, trusting, hoping for change where needed, and enduring—never giving up.

-Written by parishioner Roger Sullivan

Parts of this reflection were excerpted from *Amoris Laetitia, (The Joy of Love), Pope Francis, April 2016, Chapter 4: 111-119*

Young Married Couples Faith Sharing & Fellowship

April 8, 4-5pm, McKenna Hall

Young married couples (married less than 10 years) are warmly invited to an hour of faith sharing and fellowship. We will pray together and share our experience with other young married couples. We'll also discuss next steps for future gatherings. Snacks will be provided. Parallel programming for young children (infant to 6 years) will be provided in the adjacent room. Please RSVP to Catherine Heinhold at iisadmin@trinity.org by **April 5**.



YAC Spring Retreat: For the Least

April 21-23
As young adults in an urban setting, we frequently encounter the reality of poverty, homelessness and other hardships faced by individuals living on the margins of society. Who are the people we have met? How do our prayer and our relationship with Christ and the Christian community inform our response to social injustice? On this retreat, we will reflect on our experiences with individuals on the margins and Christ's invitation in the light of scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and prayer. Register by **April 13** at www.trinity.org/yac-retreat.

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-letterssubscribe

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

From Ashes to the Font: Lent, Baptism & RCIA

Anne Koester, Coordinator for the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will lead a discussion on how Lent is a time of preparation. Today, **April 2** at 10:10am in the Chapel.

Please note!

Sunday Morning Religious Education classes will not be held on Palm Sunday, April 9, or Easter Sunday, April 16. Classes will resume **April 23**.

Rice Bowl Collection

Rice Bowl contributions should be brought to the RE Resource Office in the Upper School Cafeteria. Thank you for your participation!

Marriage Preparation

Registration is available for the May and June sessions. Visit our website for more information and to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed!

Youth Ministry is seeking adult (21+) volunteers for many important activities and tasks including our Confirmation program, summer service trips, Koinonia (small group leader), service organizers and chaperons, office volunteers (workday hours) etc. Please reach out to Sara Seligmann at sseligmann@trinity.org or (202) 903-2814, or visit www.trinity.org/youth-volunteers.

PARISH LIFE

New Parish Data Management System

The Archdiocese of Washington has implemented new, comprehensive data management software in all its parishes. As these new tools and communication platforms come online, we are asking that you serve alongside us as stewards of our parish records. Please contact us with any questions by emailing registration@trinity.org, or by calling **the new parish registration support line at 202-903-2836 on Mondays 10am-4pm, and Thursdays 5pm-7pm**. If you have an urgent issue outside those hours, please call the parish office at 202-337-2840.

Join the Garden Ministry

Holy Trinity's Garden Ministry members are looking forward to getting our hands dirty and sharing time in the gardens. If you would like to join us (no experience necessary!), contact htgardeners@gmail.com. Please join us when you can! We meet at the shed next to the Chapel. Upcoming April dates:

Saturday, **April 8**, 9am

Wednesday, **April 12**, 10am

Saturday, **April 29**, 9am

PAR Update *continued from page 1*

Our PAR process, co-chaired by Larry Padberg and Tina Namian and staffed by PAR Coordinator Sara Decarlo, began to address areas where we could implement improvements.

First, under Pastor Kevin Gillespie, S.J., the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) evolved from an advisory committee to something resembling a board of directors. The Council now regularly consults with leaders, makes decisions together with the pastor, and informs parishioners about its choices. Its initial test was reimagining a parish mission statement that would be meaningful, memorable and livable. Our new mission (found on page 2 of our bulletin) was formed after months of PPC debates, staff suggestions and a leadership meeting that brought together representatives from every parish standing committee.

Second, each of the standing committees was tasked with identifying new priorities to address deficiencies raised in parishioner surveys and interviews. Under the revised structure, the PPC will be working to ensure committees' priorities are met in a timely and effective manner. In addition, all committees and the PPC will meet on the same night several times annually to drive toward common goals.

The PAR process provided the tools and direction to bolster collaboration and streamline decision-making at Holy Trinity. Now, the real work of putting those tools to work begins immediately as we undertake the development of *Holy Trinity's Vision 2022*. This is a five-year strategic plan to chart the parish's course that will build upon our new mission statement. You can be assured we will turn to you for advice. And based on recent history, I am certain you won't be hesitant to share.

-by Kirk Willison, president, Parish Pastoral Council

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Holy Trinity School Alumni

As part of the Parish Assessment & Renewal process, HTS is focused on increasing alumni engagement in the school. We are actively seeking 25 class captains, one for each of the graduating classes from 1991 to 2016. The class captains will help cultivate our contact lists for their graduating class, and then reach out to classmates to share class activities, compile class notes and encourage as many classmates as possible to attend upcoming alumni events. We look forward to an all-class reunion on Friday, **June 16** of this year and hope to lay the groundwork for a celebration in honor of the school's bicentennial in the summer of 2018. Please contact Karelia Pallan kpallan@trinity.org to volunteer to be a class captain and visit www.htsdc.org/alumni to update your information.

Sunday, April 2, 2017**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ezekiel 37:12-14/Romans 8:8-11/John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7. 17, 20-27, 33b-45

- 10:00 AM Kennedy Guild-Christ Child Society Meeting**
Parish Center Library
- 10:10 AM Religious Education**
Assigned Classrooms
- 10:10 AM Adult Faith Formation**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 10:15 AM 6th Grade Parents Meeting- Confirmation Prep**
Lower School Big Room
- 7:15 PM Young Adult Community Mass**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 8:15 PM Young Adult Community Café**
McKenna Hall

Monday, April 3, 2017**MONDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/John 8:1-11

- 7:00 PM Job Seekers Readiness Workshop: Networking**
Georgetown Neighborhood Library/ R & Wisconsin, NW
- 7:30 PM Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group**
Neale Room

Tuesday, April 4, 2017**TUESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30

- 7:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**
Faber Room

Wednesday, April 5, 2017**WEDNESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/John 8:31-42

- 6:30 PM Koinonia**
Lower School Big Room
- 6:30 PM Reconciliation: The Light is On for You**
Church
- 7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting**
Neale Room
- 7:00 PM Taize Prayer with Anointing of the Sick**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:15 PM Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group**
McKenna Hall *grobertstewart1@mac.com*

Thursday, April 6, 2017**THURSDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Genesis 17:3-9/John 8:51-59

- 6:00 PM Christian Meditation Group**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 6:30 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, April 7, 2017**FRIDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42

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

Saturday, April 8, 2017**SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT**

Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56

- 7:30 AM Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room *rdruecker@aol.com*
- 4:00 PM Young Married Couples Prayer & Fellowship**
McKenna Hall

Sunday, April 9, 2017**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**Matthew 21:1-11/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

- 10:15 AM No Religious Education**
St. Jean Baptiste Haiti Meeting
Parish Center Library

At all Masses
Monthly non-perishable food drive for the McKenna Center

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.cfm

for the most complete listing of parish events with event descriptions and contact information: www.trinity.org/calendar

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