



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

April 9, 2017

## What Are You Doing for Holy Week?

Most children argue with their parents about eating vegetables or going to bed. I argued with my parents at this time every year, and it always started with the same question: *David, what are you doing for Holy Week?* If I had had my way, my parents would have dropped me off at church on Holy Thursday and picked me up after Mass on Easter Sunday. But my mom had a hard and fast rule: I could only go to church on two nights of the Triduum. And Mom always won that argument.

This week is called “holy” because we are invited to enter into the deepest mysteries of our life and faith. The liturgies this week are full of symbol and movement, prayers, scriptures and music. They engage us in fundamental questions about betrayal and friendship, love and loss, redemption and salvation, death and life and how we fit into the life of Christ.

Triduum can easily translate as “Three Days.” Keeping time by Jewish clocks, the Triduum starts on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends on Easter Sunday night. We mark the Triduum with the Church’s best and fullest liturgies. On Thursday, we call to mind the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and the self-giving love he shows his disciples in the washing of feet. Good Friday is the only day of the year when Catholics do not celebrate Mass. On Friday, we commemorate Jesus’ passion and death on the cross by listening to the Passion from John’s Gospel, praying for the needs of the world, and venerating the cross. On Saturday night, we keep vigil by lighting the new fire, a symbol of Christ’s power over death and processing with lit candles into the darkened church to hear the story of salvation. We call forward our Elect for baptism and confirmation and celebrate the Eucharist with them



for the first time. On Easter Sunday, we continue to sing Alleluia and give thanks for the new life that Christ’s resurrection has won for us by renewing our baptismal promises and celebrating the Eucharist.

It’s going to be a busy week at the parish. Page 4 has a complete list of liturgies, from confessions on Wednesday night, Morning Prayer on the days of Triduum, and other special moments of prayer. Above all, be sure to come to church on one of the nights of Triduum at 8pm. If you can’t make each liturgy, pick one. Or, if you’re Loretta Pennington, pick two. And bring your children or invite a friend. You won’t regret it.— *written by David Pennington*

## The Good Thief

What a curious request the good thief makes as he hangs on his cross there beside Jesus. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” It seems an odd thing to say because the thief is perfectly aware that his fate is sealed: an excruciating death will snuff out his life within a few short hours. He must also realize that Jesus, nailed to a cross himself, is powerless to help either of them. Nevertheless, the thief gently and reverently pleads, “Jesus, remember me.”

To someone without faith, the condemned man’s appeal must have seemed pointless, if not absurd. Nevertheless, anyone steeped in the Hebrew faith would have recognized the request as something profoundly theological. The thief is tapping into a deep vein of Jewish piety. You see, what the thief asked of Jesus -- that Jesus remember him -- is precisely what God is supposed to do. *Remembering* is God’s work. The Old Testament records more than two dozen instances where God is said to do just that; God remembering people, God remembering his promises.

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We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

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

## PARISH CENTER

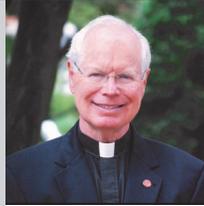
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## From the Pastor's Desk

This past Monday marked the end of the college basketball season and the beginning of another season...baseball! Like countless other fans, I delight in finally leaving the indoor courts and heading once again outside to the fields of spring. Ever since I was six years old, when my father took me to my first Major League Baseball game, I have set out on this journey and begun baseball's rites of spring.

I recall being dazzled by the brilliant lights and absorbed in gazing at the expansive green fields that surrounded the diamond shape infield of Connie Mack Stadium. I relished the father-son bonding of these pilgrimages to the ballpark to see the Phillies, who in those days were as hapless as the Washington Senators (did you ever see the musical *Damn Yankees?*) Even more enjoyable than watching baseball was the ways in which my friends and I played regularly one of the game's derivatives: handball, half ball, step ball, stick ball, wall ball and wiffle ball, not to mention running bases.

But baseball has not only afforded me opportunities of watching and playing its various iterations, but also served as a means of preparing for life's academic and ethical challenges. Through baseball, I learned arithmetic by figuring out batting averages, appropriated algebra by trading baseball card x for card y in order to get card z and even found calculus comparisons when I imagined forming the equation of throwing a curve ball to spin in such a way so as to prevent the ball from engaging the energies emanating from an opponent's bat. And then there are the ways in which the game so often offers humility: errors committed and swings missed as well as the realization that true batting talent is defined as being successful only 30% of the time.

Baseball has even inspired poetry. Like Chaucer's Canterbury characters, fans and teams in April begin a perennial pennant pilgrimage. And so I imagined baseball and Lent's seasonal comparison by writing these words:

*When fanatic followers finish their March madness/  
Of games and brackets/  
And when college athletes of balls and baskets/  
Take their last shots of winter*

*Then on pilgrimage fans desire to start toward stadiums and  
diamonds brown/  
Surrounded in the springing sun by lawns  
glistening and spun.*

*They seek and see their diamond heroes, who despite strikes  
and outs/  
Provide cheers and even some tears/  
And those who set out in DC/  
Wonder when in October/  
There will be hoisted  
The Trophy for the world to see*

*And so when the seasonal disciplines of Lent/  
Are half spent  
Players and Prayers alike again enter/  
A new seasons schedule  
in which to roam/  
With the aim and purpose of Crossing Home*

*Rev. 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 April 10-15, 2017

Monday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Lenny Fox+
	5:30pm	Dikram Haigouni+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Juvenal "Jojo" Villa+
	5:30pm	Jane Spott
Wednesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Kathleen Batcock+
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Kenneth & Delores Bellis+
Saturday	8:00am	Denis & Ellen Moriarty+

### Pray for those who are sick:

*Susan Kennery Quirk*

### Pray for those who are dead:

*Hirut Menkir; Patricia Brodie*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Lisa Dittmeier at [ldittmeier@trinity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:readmin@trinity.org), 202-903-2808
- First Reconciliation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
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- 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](http://www.trinity.org). Parishioner registration forms can be found under the **Participate** tab. Questions about registering can be directed to [registration@trinity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org)

Vice President Cecilia Boudreau [parishcouncil@trinity.org](mailto:parishcouncil@trinity.org)

## WORSHIP

### Holy Week/Easter Liturgy Schedule

#### 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 11:30am, Holy Rood Cemetery  
Easter Vigil 8pm, Courtyard outside McKenna Hall

#### Easter Sunday, April 16

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

*There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

### Easter Decorating

All are invited to help decorate our sacred spaces for Easter. We will begin decorating after Morning Prayer on Saturday, **April 15**. Please RSVP to David Pennington, [dpennington@trinity.org](mailto:dpennington@trinity.org).

### 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](mailto:kdejardin@trinity.org) for more information.

### Morning Prayer & Preparation Rites with the Elect on Holy Saturday

Join us on Holy Saturday at 8am—we will celebrate the preparation rites with our Elect, who will be baptized that night at the Easter Vigil. *Mark 7:31-37* provides the scriptural foundation for this rite: in this passage, people bring a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus. Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears, touches his tongue and says, "ephphetha." The man is able to hear and speak plainly. Early Christians found this account compelling and incorporated it into prebaptismal rituals, and the contemporary Church has preserved this ephphetha ritual. The ears and lips of the Elect will be touched, as these words are prayed: *Ephphetha, that is, be opened, that you may profess the faith you hear, to the praise and glory of God.*

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

### The Good Thief *continued from page 1*

I much prefer the Spanish word for remember, *recordar*. In English, memory seems to be located somewhere up here in the head. "I *call to mind* some person or some event." *Recordar*, on the other hand, situates memory squarely in the heart. Re-cor-dar. Here is the cor—the *corazon*, or heart. In Spanish, memory involves not simply calling to mind some person but holding that person in the deepest recesses of one's heart. That's how God remembers people. That's how God remembers you and me: by cradling us deep within his heart. *That's* what the good thief had in mind when he asked Jesus to remember him. He was saying, *Although I'm a sinner, Jesus, hold me in your heart. And let your heart be moved to help me somehow.* When the good thief pleaded "Jesus remember me," he was saying, *Jesus take me and my pain into your heart and then, somehow, I know I will be at peace.*

In those moments when we realize how half-heartedly we sometimes live as Christian spouses, or parents, or disciples, let the words of that prayer rise to our lips: "Jesus, remember me. Remember how—deep in my heart of hearts—I do want to be good and loving and faithful." When we feel overworked and under-appreciated, let us pray: "Jesus, remember me. Caress my *wounded* heart within your sacred heart, and help me to remember how much you love me." When we are overwhelmed by anxiety or pain: "Jesus remember me. Take my pain into your heart. Ease my fear and let me feel your peace." Why not take a moment today to consider the great love, compassion and understanding in which God is holding you within his heart at this very moment.

- Father Bill Kelley, S.J. (used with permission)

### YAC Spring Retreat: For the Least

**April 21-23.** Register by **April 13** at [www.trinity.org/yac-retreat](http://www.trinity.org/yac-retreat).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Mark Your Calendar! *Power of One*

At Holy Trinity, our faith and our Ignatian tradition call us to build a more just world that upholds dignity, equality and access to social and economic opportunity for all. Our social justice ministry supports and facilitates living a life of justice and peace; providing the tools to answer the call to live our faith in action. We educate, advocate, support service initiatives and provide opportunities to serve. We seek to enhance spiritual life and work in solidarity to build a more just, peaceful and environmentally sustainable world. Once a year we try to do all of this together as a parish. We call it the *Power of One*.

This year we will celebrate and serve together on Saturday, **May 13**. There are a myriad of opportunities to experience the joy of helping others. More details will follow in our eLetter and future bulletins. Register today on our website and please contact Kate Tromble, [ktromble@trinity.org](mailto:ktromble@trinity.org), with any questions.

### Earth Day Trail Cleanup

To celebrate Earth Day, we will be hosting a project to clean the Glover Archibald Trail with the Rock Creek Conservancy. We will meet at the trailhead, which is located on Reservoir Rd just east of Foxhall Rd, at 10am on **April 22**. This is a great way for 7th and 8th graders to get some more service hours. Contact Kate Tromble for more information.



## FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Celebration of First Eucharist Begins

Celebration of First Eucharist begins **April 22** at the Vigil Mass. For the next five weeks First Communions will be celebrated at regularly scheduled Masses. This year 130 children will come to the Table for the first time. The schedule will be posted on page 6 of the bulletin and on the website calendar.

### 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. All donations are due by **April 23**. 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.

## VIRTUS Training

VIRTUS training will be offered at Holy Trinity on **April 30** from 12-3pm in Trinity Hall. This session is for those who wish to volunteer as a coach, chaperone, catechist or serve as a volunteer in any youth programs. Visit [www.VIRTUS.org](http://www.VIRTUS.org) to register for this session.

## PARISH LIFE

### Please note!

The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14, and Monday, April 17.

### Parish Connections

Tuesday, **April 25**, 6:30-8pm: Join the Young Adult Community (YAC) with Father Campbell at James Hoban's Irish Bar in Dupont Circle.

Sunday, **May 7**, 2-4pm: 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.

### 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](mailto:HTgardeners@gmail.com). We meet at the shed next to the Chapel. Upcoming April dates: Wednesday, **April 12** at 10am and Saturday, **April 29** at 9am.

## In Loving Memory of Hirut Selassie Menkir

July 27, 1948 — March 26, 2017



Hirut Menkir was a treasured member of the Holy Trinity community. She served as the receptionist at the Parish Center since 2008 and also worked in the accounting department and Child Development Center at Georgetown Visitation for 11 years.

Her funeral service and burial were held April 1 in Alexandria. Holy Trinity parishioner Aurora Santiago, who attended the service, said, "[Hirut] was described as a woman of character, love, kindness, generosity, humor, and, above all, a woman of faith. Faith was her very breath...She saw her role in life as that of a small needle, mending the holes and tears in the fabric of others' lives, keeping the cloth whole and useful.

"Hirut's quiet life was lived extraordinarily in daily, faithful response to God's love. Hers was truly a heart on fire. May its blaze illumine all of ours."



**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

**No Religious Education**

**10:15 AM St. Jean Baptiste Haiti Meeting**  
 Parish Center Library

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

*11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm Masses begin in Trinity Hall*

**Monday, April 10, 2017**

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
 Isaiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11

**7:00 PM Job Seekers Readiness Workshop: Linked In**  
 Georgetown Neighborhood Library/ R & Wisconsin, NW

**7:00 PM L'Arche Prayer Night**  
 McKenna Hall

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

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
 Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**  
 Isaiah 50:4-9a/Matthew 26:14-25

**6:30 PM Reconciliation: The Light is On for You**  
 Church

**7:15 PM Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group**  
 McKenna Hall *grobertstewart1@mac.com*

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)**  
 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer of Holy Thursday**  
 Church

**6:00 PM Christian Meditation Group**  
 Saint Ignatius Chapel

**7:00 PM Job Seekers Support Group**  
 Georgetown Neighborhood Library (R & Wisconsin Ave NW)

**8:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
 Church, Trinity Hall

*Parish Center Closed*

**Friday, April 14, 2017**

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)**  
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12/ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5-7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer of Good Friday**  
 Church

**12:00 PM Georgetown Ecumenical Service**  
 St. John's Episcopal Church

**4:00 PM Stations of the Cross**  
 Church

**8:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**  
 Church

*Parish Center Closed*

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
 Genesis 1:1-2:2/Genesis 22:1-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/  
 Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4/  
 Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Romans 6:3-11/Matthew 28:1-10

**7:30 AM Zen Meditation**  
 Parish Center Upper Room *rduecker@aol.com*

**8:00 AM Morning Prayer of Holy Saturday**  
 Church

**9:00 AM Easter Decorating**  
 Church

**11:30 AM Holy Rood Graveside Service**  
 Holy Rood Cemetery/2126 Wisconsin Avenue NW

**8:00 PM Easter Vigil**  
 Courtyard outside McKenna Hall

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4/Luke 24:13-35

**No Religious Education**

*No 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday*