



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

April 16, 2017

Please Note: The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, April 17



The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection (1898), Eugène Burnand, Musée d'Orsay, Paris

Easter Sunday!

by James Martin, S.J.

It wasn't until I was a Jesuit novice at age 28 that I even knew there was such a thing as an Easter Vigil. In 1989, I was working in Kingston, Jamaica and went to my first Vigil Mass at a Jesuit-run parish. They had the Paschal candle, the singing of the Exsultet, the baptisms and the marvelous readings. I said to the Jesuit scholastic working there, "That was great! Jamaican culture is so interesting!"

And he said, "What part did you find the most interesting?"

"The whole thing," I said, "especially that song you sang!" It took him a few minutes before it dawned on him that this new cultural event was also a new religious event for me.

Nothing had prepared me for the Vigil. Who knew that the church had this tradition? How was I to know what it would be like?

It must have been the same (but on a colossally different scale) for the disciples on the morning of the first Easter. They had no idea what to expect. They were wholly unprepared for the event that would change their lives—and ours. The Gospel stories show this: everyone is confused on Easter Sunday. Mary mistakes Jesus for the gardener; others doubt her story when she tells it later. Saint Thomas will doubt it even after many of his friends tell it to him.

That's why my favorite painting of the Easter Sunday is this one by Eugène Burnand, of Peter and John running to the tomb, looking both hopeful and confused and worried. How often this is the case for us. We don't fully trust that God will really triumph this time—though God has always done so in the past. We hope, though we're still a little worried.

But we know how it ends. We know what Peter and John are about to see in the tomb.

And more importantly, who they are about to meet.

May your Easter be filled with the joy of the Risen Christ, who waits for us after all of our crucifixions, holding out the promise of surprising new life.

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Mark Your Calendars

April 22: Earth Day Trail Cleanup

April 25: Parish Connection with Father Campbell

April 30: 2017/18 Religious Education Registration

May 13: Power of One

May 19: Garden Party

Learn more about these events on pages 4 & 5

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

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

PARISH CENTER

Phone: 202-337-2840 **Fax:** 202-337-9048

Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat & Sun: No receptionist on duty, but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

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Living Our Mission

This week's column is written by Anne Koester, RCIA Coordinator. The Pastor's Desk will resume next week.

To celebrate our new mission statement created during the PAR process, we will periodically feature in this column reflections and stories that illustrate the meaningful work of our Parish in lieu of a Pastor's Desk.

During the Easter Vigil, Holy Trinity joyfully welcomed eight adults (Josev Aquino, Gabriele Brennan, Jake Brooke, Cordelia Chansler, Caity Dee, Lili Kazemi, Matthew Poldy and Jeff Steinberg) and three children (Nikita Duncan, Sophia Duncan and Alexander Thornton) into the Christian community through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Three of them reflect on what brought them to this moment.

Josev Aquino: "I seek baptism to give thanks to God.

"Coming to the U.S. in 2008, I experienced tough challenges. I left my dad and friends back home in the Philippines and felt extremely lonely. I thought that God had left me alone and wasn't hearing my prayers.

"But last year, I recognized that there were people who I can always come to and who cared. I have come to realize that God was looking after me, communicating through the people around me. I seek baptism because I believe in God."

Gabriele Brennan: "After being raised in a Christian household and going to a Baptist Church, I was always intrigued by the loyal following of the Catholic Church.

"As a teenager, I did not complete the full faith process at our Baptist Church. I lost my father to cancer when I was 26. As a result, my faith grew stronger, and my mother always encouraged me to grow it even more. Then, I married a Catholic, and watched our three daughters sit intently at Sunday School and during our daily prayers. They were full of hope and love and asked many questions. My sister also married a Catholic and went through RCIA several years ago, which was a nice inspiration for me.

"The RCIA process has been a 'formalization' of faith and true educational process that I feel honored to be a part of."

Jeff Steinberg: "My seeking Baptism has come about through a 48-year process.

"My dear wife Michele is Italian-American Catholic, and I have been attending church services with her since we met in 1969. In the past decade, we have gone through some real trials, first with the prolonged illness and death of Michele's brother Steven and then the death of her mother Ruth one year ago. Those trials put the issue of my own faith on the table in a profound fashion.

"On Palm Sunday 2016, Michele and I attended Mass at Holy Trinity for the first time. We experienced at once the warmth and caring community of faith, and that inspired me to fully seek communion with Christ here. Little did I know on that Palm Sunday that we would also lose Michele's mother within two weeks. Soon after the funeral, I began the RCIA process. I thank God every day for drawing me here."

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming Catholic, please contact Anne Koester at akoester@trinity.org.

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 17-22, 2017

Monday	7:00am	Matthew & Patricia Kraemer+
	8:00am	Juzenal "Jojo" Villa+
	5:30pm	Jill Smart Gore+
Tuesday	7:00am	Mary T. O'Malley+
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Genevieve Godfrey+
Wednesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Pat Attridge
	5:30pm	
Thursday	7:00am	Dr. Thomas McCreary+
	8:00am	Hennessy Family+
	5:30pm	
Friday	7:00am	Charles Myler
	8:00am	Kevin Kelly+
	5:30pm	Tia Gillanden Garner+
Saturday	8:00am	Betty Schreiber+

Pray for those who are sick:

Kay Hapeman; Madeline Rounceville

Pray for those who are dead:

Kate Hennessey

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

In Memoriam: Rev. J. Donald Monan, S.J.

Rev. J. Donald Monan, S.J., the 24th president of Boston College, died on March 18 at Campion Center in Weston, Mass at the age of 92. Father Monan served as the president of Boston College for 24 years and also as its first chancellor from 1997-2017. A Memorial Mass and sharing will be held on **April 28** from 11am-12:30pm in St. Ignatius Chapel. All are welcome.



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Support a Woman on Retreat

Twelve women will be on retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, May 10-12. Each woman is in recovery from addictions and homelessness. When each woman arrives in her own room at the retreat house, she finds a hospitality bag filled with items to show our care for her. Each bag contains travel size shampoo, conditioner, hand and body cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, Kleenex, a journal and pen, a small stuffed animal, a Bible and a note letting the woman know we are praying for her. If you would like to make a hospitality bag for a woman, please bring it to the receptionist's desk at the parish center to the attention of Martina O'Shea on or before Sunday, April 30.

The retreat will be facilitated in conjunction with the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through offering retreats in the Ignatian tradition. Learn more on their website: www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org

Calling All Knitters & Crocheters

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (which offers retreats to people in recovery from homelessness and addiction) is looking for knitters and crocheters to make prayer shawls for women in need. To volunteer contact Maryellen Magner at maryellen.mag@gmail.com

Mark Shriver to Speak at Loyola Club

The Loyola Club of Washington, DC will hold its Spring luncheon on **April 20** from 11:30am-1:30pm at The University Club of Washington, DC. Mark Shriver, president of Save the Children Action Network and author of *Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis* will be the guest speaker. All are welcome. To RSVP, please go to www.loyolaclubdc.org.

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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

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**. Register today on our website and please contact Kate Tromble, 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. Sign up on the social justice page of our website, www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new.



Indivisible Screening

Join Holy Trinity and Georgetown University's Undocumented Student Task Force for a special screening of the award-winning documentary film *Indivisible* on **May 5**. A Q&A session will also be held with director Hilary Linder, editor Laura Franco-Velasco and the three Dreamers featured in the film, Evelyn Rivera Portillo, Renata Teodoro and Antonio Alarcon. The screening is free and open to the public. 6:30 pm, Georgetown University's McShain Lounge (located in McCarthy Hall). RSVP at www.indivisiblescreening.eventbrite.com.

Good Faith Communities Coalition

On Wednesday, **April 5**, the Board of Zoning Adjustment approved the development of a short-term housing facility in Ward 3. This building will join a network of 7 facilities across DC that replace the troubled DC General family shelter.

Good Faith Communities Coalition, an inter-faith homelessness advocacy group which began at Holy Trinity 8 years ago, successfully organized 14 congregations, including Holy Trinity, in support of the facility. An additional 110 individuals also supported the facility, and the Zoning Board Chair specifically mentioned the high level of community support for the facility as a reason for its approval. This was an important use of the faith community's voice -- speaking up for families to have a safe place to call home.

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 Communion 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 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!

Register for Religious Education 2017-18

Registration for Religious Education for 2017-18 will be online this year beginning **April 30**. Details will be mailed to all currently enrolled families. Early bird registration and discount will be April 30–May 31.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Rising 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

All parents of rising 8th graders who plan on being Confirmed at Holy Trinity need to attend our parent meeting on **April 23** at 10:15am in the Upper School Cafeteria. We will go over what you need to know about the Confirmation preparation program and discuss the new registration process.

Volunteers Needed!

Youth Ministry is seeking adult volunteers (21+) for many important activities and tasks including our Confirmation program, summer service trips, Koinonia (small group leader), service organizers and chaperones, 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

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.

PPC Seeks Four New Members

Let's ACT: Accompany one another in Christ, Celebrate God's love and Transform lives. The Spring 2017 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Election provides an opportunity for all parishioners to act.

The PPC is a team of strategic thinkers and co-laborers guiding the Pastor and parish in its mission to serve. Serving on the PPC is a three-year commitment. The PPC meets once a month and members serve on additional liturgical committees. A member of the PPC can expect to give 10 hours a month of his or her time in leadership and service to our parish.

Nominations begin in late April and voting begins in late May. Additional details will be printed in next week's bulletin. For additional information contact Margaret Miller, Election Chair, at margaret.miller@lnf.com.

Save the Date! Garden Party



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Submit Your SAB Nominations!

The HTS School Advisory Board (SAB) provides strategic advice and assistance to the school's pastor-principal leadership team in the governance of the school and the delivery of the school's mission. The SAB is comprised of HTS parents, alumni, parishioners and community leaders. Members of the SAB are recommended by the Nominations Committee of the SAB, selected by the principal and approved by the pastor. SAB and committee members serve three-year terms. New members are appointed for open positions each spring.

Submissions should include the nominee's full name, email address, telephone number and a description of why the nominee is qualified for a particular position. Resumes and bios are encouraged but not required. Nominations should be emailed to HTS.SAB@htsdc.org by **May 5**. For more information, visit: www.htsdc.org/parents/school-advisory-board-sab



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

Monday, April 17, 2017

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Matthew 28:8-15

Parish Center Closed

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 2:36-41/John 20:11-18

- 6:00 PM Maria Madre Committee Meeting**
Neale Room
- 7:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**
Faber Room

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 3:1-10/Luke 24:13-35

- 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting**
McKenna Hall
- 7:15 PM Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group**
Neale Room *grobertstewart1@mac.com*

Thursday, April 20, 2017

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 3:11-26/Luke 24:35-48

- 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 Faith Sharing**
Saint Ignatius Chapel

Friday, April 21, 2017

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 4:1-12/John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 22, 2017

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15

- 7:30 AM Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room *rduecker@aol.com*
- 10:00 AM Monthly Service Project: Earth Day Trail Cleanup**
Rock Creek Conservancy/Glover Archibald Trail
- 5:30 PM Vigil Mass with First Communion**
Church

Sunday, April 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:42-47/1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31

- 7:30 AM Mass with First Communion**
Church
- 9:00 AM Mass with First Communion**
Church
- 10:10 AM Religious Education**
Assigned Classrooms
- 10:10 AM Sacramental Parents Meeting**
Lower School Big Room
- 10:15 AM Rising 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting**
Upper School Cafeteria
- 10:30 AM So Others Might Eat**
710 O Street, NW
- 11:30 AM Mass with First Communion**
Church
- 1:15 PM Mass with First Communion**
Church