

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Walking with the Lord

By Fr. Joseph Michini, SJ

Following is a version of a prayer known as Ignatian contemplation - it is found in the <u>Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola</u> and invites the pray-er to enter into a Gospel passage using their imagination. St. Francis of Assisi used his imagination in the way suggested by Father Michini. He imagined himself standing at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother and taking the broken body of Jesus down from the cross. The reader might consider praying with the Passion this week using Father Michini's quidance.

Center yourself and become aware of being in God's loving presence. Place yourself along the Way of the Cross. Imagine the noise, the dust, the confusion, the crowded, confining street. Imagine the looks on the people's faces as they see Jesus making his way down a gentle incline of the street. What do you feel when you catch sight of him bending slightly at the weight of the cross he carries, at the sight of the crown of thorns? As Jesus comes closer to where you are standing imagine him looking up and meeting your gaze. Imagine that you feel compelled to go out to him and walk with him. What do you say to Jesus? What does he say to you?

Imagine you both coming to the foot of the hill on which Jesus will be crucified. What do you say in farewell to him? What does he say to you before the soldiers take him away? Imagine as Jesus is taken up the hill, that you are surrounded by his friends and followers, including his mother. What do you feel, what do you say?

Once Jesus is on the cross, imagine the soldiers gesturing toward your little group to come forward under the cross. Take some time to ponder the words that Jesus says to his mother, to St. John, to the good thief, to his executioners and finally, after near despair, his, "It is finished."

Imagine yourself approaching the expired body of Jesus on the cross with the other men and women who had kept the vigil beneath the cross. How do you feel now that Jesus' ordeal is over? Imagine that you are helping the others gently bring Jesus down from the cross. Feel the weight of his body. Feel the texture of the linen that you use to cradle his body. What do you say to Jesus as you help carry his broken body to his mother who is waiting below the cross? What do you say to her as you help to place her son's body in her arms? What is the expression on Mary's face as she gazes into the face of her beloved son? What does she say to him?

Now imagine helping to take Jesus from his mother and helping to carry him to the tomb. Imagine the darkness of the inside of the tomb as you approach it. Help to place Jesus in the shallow well in the stone bier. As Jesus' other followers wash his body and surround it with aromatic spices in preparation for burial, imagine yourself approaching his mother waiting outside the tomb. What do you say to her? What does she say to you?

Finally Mary gestures that she is ready to leave. Imagine her final gesture toward her son. What is your final gesture? Everyone says his or her final farewell to Jesus and leaves the tomb. You are asked to help roll the huge round stone in front of the tomb. Imagine the texture of the rough stone and its heavy weight as it finally starts rolling in place before the open tomb.

Imagine yourself outside the tomb, finding a comfortable place to lie down and finally give in to the physical and emotional exhaustion that the past 24 hours have caused you. Take some time to ponder all that has happened. Feel the peacefulness, the silence after the violence of the day. Imagine falling into a deep sleep as you gaze at the round stone of the tomb of Jesus before you. Close your prayer with the Lord's prayer or one of your favorite prayers.

You may find it helpful, after your prayer, to pause and reflect on your prayer experience with questions such as, 'what happened in my prayer?', 'how did I feel?', 'what might this experience mean for me in my life?'

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Trinity is a Catholic parish sponsored by the Society of Jesus. We share the Society's mission to serve the faith and to promote justice. As disciples of Christ, we seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit through our celebration of Eucharist and our practice of Ignatian spirituality into a welcoming and prayerful community that shares God's life and love with each other and the world.

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# From the Pastor's Desk

You may not be able to see much from the street, but come to the rectory back porch and see the work being done to add new classrooms in the Upper School and to renovate the old theater as part of a large project to bring our parish buildings to the point where they can reliably serve the parish's mission for the next 20 to 25 years.

Four new classrooms are being added above the old theater. This will result in a net gain of one classroom in Upper School. (We will lose three of the old classrooms when bathroom facilities are enlarged, storage areas are added, and the elevator is installed this next summer.) This new classroom space is now fully enclosed; the HVAC, electrical, fire suppression systems are mostly installed; and classroom walls are framed and dry wall is going up.

The old theater is long gone. In its place are four tutoring rooms, a new fire- safe staircase, and a large multi-purpose space that will serve parish needs for indoor recreation, Sunday Mass, and parish and school assemblies. Remember how dark and dreary the old theater was? Well, large exterior windows are being installed in the east wall, and these will provide lots of warmth and natural light to the renovated space.

What is not so visible is enhancement of our parish's social justice and spirituality ministries that your contributions to the capital campaign are funding. We will invest \$250,000 from the proceeds of the campaign to fund a 5-year program to train a new generation of spiritual directors and prayer companions. Many of those in the first group to be trained have already been identified, and their formation has begun. When this training is completed, these new spiritual directors and prayer companions will greatly enhance our ability to offer the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*, to direct retreats in daily life, to provide spiritual direction, and to guide the prayer experience of interested persons, both within and outside of the parish, for decades to come. Holy Trinity will surely become a center for the promotion of Ignatian spirituality for the entire Washington DC metro area.

We have allocated another \$250,000 from the proceeds of the capital campaign to fund a new partnership between Holy Trinity and a local provider of affordable housing, yet to be identified. Together, we will undertake a project to provide new or renovated affordable housing for persons who are either transitioning out of homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Kate Tromble and our parish Social Justice Committee are fine-tuning our expectations of those who would partner with us, and they are preparing a "request for proposals" that will go out in the coming months.

Our spirituality and social justice ministries are at the center of the Jesuit-inspired mission of Holy Trinity parish, and they are dear to Holy Trinity parishioners. This major investment in them is possible only because many of you have made generous gifts to our capital campaign. I am very grateful to you. Now I encourage others to also make a gift to the campaign.

### **AMDG**

- Fr. Mark

# **Daily Mass Intentions**

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

Parishioners can 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:

Monday 7:00 am

8:00 am

5:30 pm

Ana Urbina

Tuesday 7:00 am

8:00 am Ryan Matt

5:30 pm Tess Hernandez

Wednesday 7:00 am

8:00 am Jane Widmer-Spotts +

5:30 pm Sheila M. Smythe +

Thursday Holy Thursday Friday Good Friday Saturday Holy Saturday

Parishioners are asked to remember the following persons in their prayers:

Pray for those who are sick: James Listorti;

Carlos Vejarano; Guillermo Martinez; Martha Hopkins; Fr. Joe McCloskey, SJ; Ellen Boyle; Erin Boyle **Pray for those who are dead:** Olga Villa; Mary

Little; Richard S. Heller

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Rose Mary Padberg at: rpadberg@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.

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, 9:00am, 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
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- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, 202-903-2808
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Justine Javier, 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 Rose Mary Padberg @ registration@trinity.org.

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

#### **PARKING**

Limited on-street parking is available. On most Sundays, free parking is also available at the following Georgetown University parking lots — underground parking garage off Canal Road entrance; surface lot at the end of the Canal Road entrance; and the parking structure under the Leavy Student Center (university section only). Parking is also available at Visitation Academy, off 35<sup>th</sup> Street at Volta, on most Sundays. Handicapped parking is at the corner of 36th & O St. NW.

### **BULLETIN NOTICES & WEBSITE UPDATES**

Please email proposed updates for the website or bulletin to the parish staff member responsible for overseeing the activity (see page 2 sidebar) by *2pm Thursday*, 8 days before the targeted weekend. Please note that the bulletin is published online, so information you submit may be available online.

Questions? www.communications@trinity.org

# **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

# **Daily Scripture Readings**

A list of readings for the week can be found on the USCCB website:

http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings

# **Holy Week Schedule**

The 11:30am mass at Gaston Hall on Georgetown University's campus has been moved to 11:00am.

### **Palm Sunday**

Regular Mass Schedule

### **Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**

Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00pm, Church

### **Holy Thursday**

Morning Prayer, 8:00am, Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, Church

### **Good Friday**

Morning Prayer, 8:00am, Church

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 8:00pm, Church

### **Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer with Presentation of the Creed,

8:00am, Church

Easter Vigil, 8:00pm, Church

# **Easter Sunday Eucharist**

7:30am: Church

9:00am: Church, Nolan Center (at Visitation), Gaston

Hall (at Georgetown University)

11:00am: Gaston Hall (at Georgetown University) 11:30am: Church, Nolan Center (at Visitation),

1:15pm: Church

There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

# **Good Friday Ecumenical Service**

The Good Friday ecumenical service of the Seven Last Words will be held this year at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church at 3115 P. St., NW at 12:00pm, noon.

For those who wish a procession, carrying the cross, will leave from Grace Episcopal Church (1041 Wisconsin Ave.) at 11:30am and arrive at Georgetown Presbyterian in time for the service.

# IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

# **Would You Support a Woman on Retreat?**

Twelve women will be on retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, at the end of April. 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.

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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 Friday, April 17th.

The retreat will be facilitated in conjunction with the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP). The ISP is a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through offering retreats in the Ignatian tradition. For more information, please contact www.info@ignatianspiritualityproject.org

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

# **Volunteer with Migrant Students** at Blair High School

Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring is a diverse comprehensive high school that has experienced a rapid increase in its Hispanic population during the past year as a result of the humanitarian crisis on the U.S.-Mexican border. To assist their new students, many of whom have had minimal schooling and do not speak much English, Blair faculty are developing a program that allows volunteers to work in the classroom, before or after school, or on Saturday alongside teachers.

Volunteers would need to be available at least once a week over the course of two or three months (or the full school year if the volunteer wanted). There is much flexibility in when a volunteer works during the week. The important thing is that the volunteer be at the school on a consistent basis. You don't need to speak Spanish. If you are interested, please contact Kate Tromble (ktromble@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809) for further details.

# Freedom Seder with Washington Hebrew Congregation

On Wednesday April 15th join Washington Hebrew Congregation for its annual Freedom Seder. The evening of unity and celebration of freedom will include prayer, songs, and readings emphasizing the universal struggle for human dignity. This seder dinner will begin at 6:30pm at the Temple. For more information or to attend, please contact Mary Tschudy at marymtschudy@gmail.com or (202) 965-2746.

# FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# **Sunday Morning Class Update**

There will be no Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes on Palm Sunday nor Easter Sunday. Classes resume April 12th

# **Baptism Preparation Class**

Monday April 13, 7:00pm in McKenna. To register for this session; http://trinity.org/infant-baptism/. Parking is available at Visitation.

### **Rice Bowls**

May be returned on April 12th to the RE Resource Office in the Upper School Cafeteria.

# **Holy Week**

Holy Week commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his gift of the Eucharist; and his suffering, death, and Resurrection.

Holy Week is a time of final preparations and great anticipation. Our long-term preparations of prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent will continue but with greater intensity. Palm Sunday is our doorway into the holiest week of the Church year. The three solemn liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) are called the Triduum.

# **Prayer Request**

Please continue to pray for the adult catechumens as they enter into the final week of preparation for full initiation at the Easter Vigil. 5 children will be fully initiated on April 12th.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Parishioners are encouraged to take time before or after Mass to view the Stations of the Cross made by the Sunday Morning Religious Education Students in grades 3rd - 6th.

# **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL**

# **School Advisory Board Nominations**

The Holy Trinity School Advisory Board (SAB) nominations committee is presently working with Mr. Hennessy and Fr. Horak to identify individuals to serve on the SAB beginning the 2015-2016 school year. The SAB is looking for a volunteer with communication experience, concern for the future of Holy Trinity School and interest in continuing formation of Ignatian spirituality to serve as the Secretary of the Board. The Board meets once a month during the school year and we ask that individuals commit to a three year term of service in some position on the Board. Please send a note of interest and a resume to HTS.SAB@gmail.com with "2015-2016 Nomination" in the subject line.

# **PARISH LIFE**

# Save the Date for Trinity Weekend

Saturday, June 13th
Power of One parish day of service
Sunday, June 14th
Outdoor Mass and parish picnic at Visitation

# YOUTH MINISTRY

### **Youth Stations of the Cross**

On Good Friday, Holy Trinity youth will be hosting Station of the Cross at 4:00pm. 7th-12th grade readers are needed. Contact: Justine Javier, jjavier@trinity.org. All are invited to attend.

# **Youth Summer Service Trips**

Summer Service trips are set! If you are interested in a weeklong immersion trip from June 21st-27th to Baltimore, MD (rising 10th-12th graders) or Camden, NJ (rising 11th & 12th graders), contact Justine Javier, jjavier@trinity.org. Adult chaperones are needed too. Space is limited.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Loyola Club of Washington, DC will hold its Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the University Club in Washington, DC. Featured at the luncheon will be Fr. Stephen W. Planning, SJ, the President of Gonzaga College High School. Fr. Planning will speak on "The Spirituality of Jesuit Education."

For more information and to register please go to www.loyolaclubdc.org.

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Sun Mar 29, 2015—PALM SUNDAY

2:30pm-4:00pm

**Triduum Choir Rehearsal** 

Neale Room

3:00pm-5:00pm

**Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat** 

Upper Room

6:30pm-8:30pm

**YAC Retreat Planning Meeting** 

Upper Room

### Mon Mar 30, 2015

7:00pm-9:00pm

**Job Seekers Meeting** 

Georgetown Neighborhood Library

7:30pm-9:00pm

Separated, Widowed and Divorced Group

Neale Room

# Tue Mar 31, 2015

6:00pm-7:00pm

**Explore and Discern** 

St. Ignatius Chapel

7:00pm-9:00pm

**RCIA Meeting** 

Faber, Neale Room

### Wed Apr 1, 2015

7:00pm-8:00pm

**Parish Reconciliation Service** 

Church

# Thu Apr 2, 2015—HOLY THURSDAY Parish Center Closed

6:30pm-8:00pm

**Triduum Choir Rehearsal** 

Neale Room

7:00pm-9:00pm

**Job Seekers Support Group** 

Georgetown Neighborhood Library

7:15pm-8:45pm

**Book Discussion Group** 

Upper School Cafeteria

8:00pm-9:00pm

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** 

Church

# Fri Apr 3, 2015—GOOD FRIDAY Parish Center Closed

8:00am-9:00am

**Morning Prayer** 

Church

4:00pm-5:00pm

**Stations of the Cross** 

Church

6:30pm-8:000pm

**Triduum Choir Rehearsal** 

Neale Room

8:00pm-9:30pm

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Church

# Sat Apr 4, 2015 – HOLY SATURDAY

7:30am-8:45am

**Zen Meditation** 

Upper Room

8:00am-9:00am

**Morning Prayer** 

Church

9:00am-3:00pm

**Hands on Housing** 

Offsite

6:30pm-8:00pm

**Triduum Choir Rehearsal** 

Neale Room

8:00pm-11:00pm

**Easter Vigil** 

11:00pm-12:00am

**Easter Vigil Reception** 

McKenna

# Sun Apr 5, 2015—EASTER SUNDAY Mass Schedule:

7:30am

Church

9:00am

Church

Nolan Center (Visitation)

Gaston Hall (Georgetown University)

11:00am

Gaston Hall (Georgetown University)

11:30am

Church

Nolan Center (Visitation)

Gaston Hall (Georgetown University)

1:15pm

Church

There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Mon Apr 6, 2015 Parish Center Closed