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A Thanksgiving Reflection

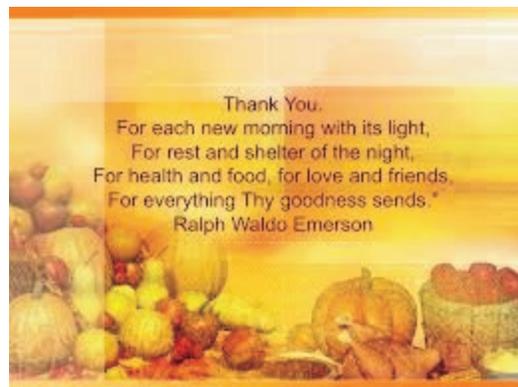
-- Drew Christiansen, SJ

The Thanksgiving holiday has its roots in European harvest festivals, in which peasants familiar with the fickleness of nature gave thanks to God for the summer harvest. The first true Thanksgiving in Plymouth Colony, historians believe, was celebrated in 1623 following "a drought, prayers for rain and a subsequent rain shower." To this day the barrenness of the season underscores the bounty we are blessed to enjoy. The relative simplicity of the feast as a family event preserves a remnant, at least, of that natural piety.

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln set the day of national thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November. Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation was a model of Christian civic theology, praising God's generosity and mercy for the prosperity the nation enjoyed in the midst of the devastation of the Civil War. A shrewd observer of human nature, Lincoln believed the observance was necessary, because the heart is "habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God." He reminded his fellow citizens, "we are prone to forget the source from which [these gifts] come, [and to which] others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften."

When our families and communities gather for Thanksgiving dinner this year, therefore, grace before meals ought to take some time, be given serious thought and perhaps even be preceded by some self-examination and searching family discussion. While some of us may serve dinner to the homeless and the needy, all of us should decide how we will imitate God's generosity to our nation not only by direct service of others but also by assuring the responsible use of American wealth and power abroad.

Excerpted from a column "Of Many Things", November 27, 2006, by Drew Christiansen, SJ, former editor of *America*. Used with permission, www.americamagazine.com



HOLY ICONS EXHIBITION

Sunday, December 6, 2015
10 AM - 2 PM
Holy Trinity Parish Center, Chapel Gallery
The Holy Trinity Parish Center, Chapel Gallery
Worship by the Head of Holy Trinity Parish, Holy Trinity Parish Center

Holy Icons

Iconography Exhibit

Sunday, December 6th, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Chapel Gallery and Rotunda of the Parish Center

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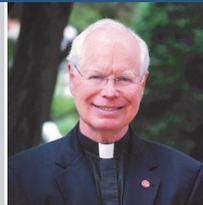
Parish Center Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat and Sun: No receptionist on duty but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

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From the Pastor's Desk

In reflecting upon the meaning of Thanksgiving I thought that it would be good to share the words of President Abraham Lincoln, who in the midst of our nation's Civil War, believed it was important to remind the American people to be grateful for the magnificent bounty of America's lands, harvest and peoples. I invite you to read his words prayerfully, not only to look back with gratitude, but to look ahead with hope.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

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	7:00am	Paul Cunningham+
	8:00am	Mary Burke+
	5:30pm	John Keim+
Tuesday	7:00am	Mary Clancy+
	8:00am	Patrick Kelley+
	5:30pm	Frederick Hartt+ Louise & Joseph Toups+ Noreen Kremer+
Wednesday	7:00am	Jeanie Funki
	8:00am	Kramer Family Soars Family <i>In Thanks to God for all benefits received over the years</i>
	5:30pm	THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday	10:00am	Captain Eugene Beitz, USN+
Friday	7:00am	Joyce Considine+ Elvira Sanchez+
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:00am	Mary Coyle Sasse+

Pray for those sick: Julie Kocurek; Suzy Boston; John Jay

Pray for those who are dead: Deno Reed; Mary Clancy

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 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 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 35th 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

Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Please consider marking Thanksgiving Day with the parish community as we gather for a Eucharistic Liturgy on Thursday, November 26th at 10:00am in the church. Please note, this is the only Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



Photographs on Table of Remembrance

If you brought a photograph of a friend or loved one for our Table of Remembrance may take your photograph home after Masses today. Photographs that remain can be picked up in the sacristy on subsequent Sundays.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Emmanuel: God With Us Always An Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

"I enjoyed the overall process. I got both a spiritual and practical way to approach both my prayer life and my relationship with God".

Retreat will run December 6-12, 2015. See trinity.org/spirituality-ignatian for a registration form, or contact moshea@trinity.org for more information. **Registration deadline is Sunday, November 22, 2015.**



Holy Trinity Seniors Group and the Ignatian Retreat Team Invite Holy Trinity Seniors (50+) to An Advent Day of Guided Prayer and Reflection

Wednesday, December 2nd, 10:00am- 3:00pm

RSVP by November 29th
to susansdunn@aol.com

The day will include two presentations with Paulette Cerutti and Bill Plunkert, time for individual quiet reflection, socializing and praying as a community. No charge to attend. Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 25 individuals. Questions? Please call Susan Dunn at 301-469-5889.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

December Food Drive For Fr. McKenna Center

Our monthly food drive to benefit the McKenna Center will be held on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th, rather than December 13th and 14th.

Maria Madre and St. Jean Baptiste Christmas Sale

Crafts from El Salvador! Coffee from Haiti! Both will be available for purchase on Sunday December 6th in McKenna Hall after all masses. Come do a little Christmas shopping and help our sister parishes.

Holy Trinity Is Combating Homelessness

On his recent visit to our city Pope Francis reminded us, *"We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing."* Yet, around 8,000 persons experience homelessness any night in DC, including 3,795 people in families. Since 2010 there has been a 50% increase in the incidence of homelessness among families.

Join Good Faith Communities Coalition on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm in the Chapel for a meeting on how to get involved here at Holy Trinity in advocacy to combat homelessness in DC. Details: Zach Conron, zconron.gfcc@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes

The Sunday morning Religious Education program will not be held on Sunday, November 29th due to Thanksgiving weekend.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation session will be offered on Saturday, December 12th, 10:00am in the Upper School Cafeteria. Registration forms can be found at <http://trinity.org/baptism/>.

RCIA Sponsors/Prayer Partners Needed

We have baptized candidates and catechumens (who are not baptized) who need parishioners willing to share the journey of faith with these individuals as they explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.

Interested parishioners may learn more about these important ministries at:
<http://trinity.org/become-catholic/sponsorsprayer-partners/>

DEVELOPMENT

2016 Parish Pledge

The 2016 Parish Pledge has officially kicked off and we trust that you have received a letter and brochure from Fr. Kevin. Please let the Development Office know if you have not yet received it.

The Parish Pledge is important to Holy Trinity because it makes it possible for Holy Trinity to financially plan and better steward gifts. All pledges are non-binding and enable you to plan your yearly contribution to Holy Trinity. Donations can work on any schedule, begin at any time, and can be made in a variety of methods.

The goal for the 2016 Annual Parish Pledge is \$3 Million Dollars. We wish to thank the Parishioners who have already made their pledge for 2016. Participation from all Parishioners is essential and no amount is too large or small. It is our sincere hope that every household will participate in supporting the 2016 Parish Pledge.

Pledges can be made in various ways: Online at www.trinity.org / completing a pledge brochure and mailing in envelope provided, or by contacting Diane or Dena in the Development Office at: Diane: 202.903.2801 / dfavret@trinity.org or Dena: 202.903.2827 / dwilson@trinity.org.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Smile If You're Ready to Shop!

Just in time for Christmas shopping (or any other shopping really!), choose Holy Trinity School through the Amazon Smile program and 0.5% of the amount of your purchases will be donated back to HTS!

Be sure to select HTS as your Amazon Smile charity, and please pass the link along to family and friends who use Amazon regularly.

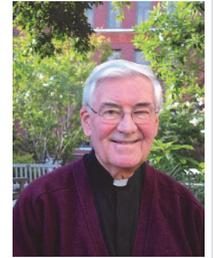
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PARISH LIFE

Update on Fr. Leo Murray

Many of you have been asking about Fr. Murray. He has been living at Manresa Hall (Loyola Center) in Philadelphia. This facility is providing professional nursing care as he recovers. Fr. Murray would enjoy having visitors from Holy Trinity. If you would like to arrange a visit, please email him at: lmurray@trinity.org.



You can also send him cards or notes addressed to:

Manresa Hall (Loyola Center)
5600 City Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19131-1395

Carolers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sing Christmas carols for homebound Trinity parishioners on Sunday, December 13th. No experience necessary. Carolers will gather in the Faber Room (next to the church) at 12:45pm and finish by 4:00pm. Contact Arlene and Dave Christian: (703-525-1321 or christianarlene@gmail.com) for information and to sign up.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Events for Sunday, November 22nd

1. **ALL** high school students are invited to share in *food, fun, and fellowship* in the Upper School Faculty Lounge with their peers following the 9:00am Mass from 10:15am -noon.
2. The Social Justice Youth Group will meet from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Neale Room. We will reflect on the gospel, share our experiences, hear from a representative from the Ignatian Spirituality Project, and learn about meaningful service opportunities .

Movie and Game Night

On Saturday, December 5th, ALL high school students are invited to join in a fun movie & game night in Trinity Hall from 5:30pm-10:00pm.

Contact Sara Seligmann, sseligmann@trinity.org
 202.903.2814



Sunday, November 22, 2015

Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Daniel 7:13-14/Revelation 1:5-8/John 18:33b-37

10:15 AM **Quiet Spaces**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
4:00 PM **Young Adult Community Thanksgiving Meal**
McKenna Hall
7:00 PM **Social Justice Youth Group**
Neale Room

Monday, November 23, 2015

Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20/Luke 21:1-4

7:00 PM **Job Seekers' Workshop**
Georgetown Neighborhood Library/R Street & Wisconsin Avenue NW
7:30 PM **Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group**
Faber Room

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Daniel 2:31-45/Luke 21:5-11

7:00 PM **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
Faber Room

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Daniel 6:12-28/Luke 21:20-28

10:00 AM **Thanksgiving Day Mass**
Church

Thanksgiving Day
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

this is the only Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, 2015

Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Daniel 7:2-14/Luke 21:29-33

Day after Thanksgiving
PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Saturday, November 28, 2015

Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time
Daniel 7:15-27/Luke 21:34-36

7:30 AM **Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room

Sunday, November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16/1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

4:00 PM **Environmental Working Group Meeting**
Neale Room

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

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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