

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Washington, DC

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## Holy Trinity's Parish Assessment & Renewal (PAR) Project

Over the past six months, Holy Trinity has been engaged in a process to assess the effectiveness and appropriateness of its many ministries and its overall way of operating. This Parish Assessment & Renewal project has been led by consultants from the Parish Evaluation Project (PEP), a Milwaukee-based group that has worked with Catholic parishes across the country for over 35 years.

The work so far has primarily focused on assessment of the parish. During the spring, about 550 parishioners responded to a 61-item survey that asked for individual perceptions and feelings about all aspects of our parish's work, including liturgies, education and faith formation programs, social justice, community-building activities, and overall parish administration and financial stewardship. The survey attempted to cover all aspects of our parish programming and management.

In addition to the survey, six ad hoc groups of parishioners, a total of 60 people in all, met during the months of April through July to reflect upon and respond to a series of questions posed by PEP staff. The groups focused on six areas: worship, education and formation, community and participation, social justice, Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit identity, and overall parish administration. In addition, the Parish Pastoral Council and parish staff received sets of questions for their group consideration and response. These eight reports resulted in over 100 pages of thoughtful responses and commentary.

A vital part of the assessment process is gathering the reflections and ideas of Holy Trinity parishioners. In addition to the widely circulated survey and the involvement of parishioners in the ad hoc groups, PEP staff will facilitate a Parish Town Hall Meeting next week open to all adult members of the parish. The Town Hall will be held on Sunday, September 18from 3-**5pm in Trinity Hall**. Participants will hear a report from the PEP staff on the assessment findings to date, have the opportunity to give their ideas about what works best at Holy Trinity, what doesn't work well and likely should not be continued, and what new activities and programs the parish should consider.

Following the Town Hall, the PEP staff will work with the parish to finalize the assessment and begin the renewal phase. PEP staff will compile and analyze the information collected and help parish leadership to begin looking at steps to strengthen the parish in the future. When the assessment report is finalized, it will be shared with the parish.

Holy Trinity Parish is blessed in so many ways, and especially by the wonderful people of God who come together to conduct the work of this parish. We are very grateful to the staff, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, to all those who served on the special ad hoc groups, and to all who completed the assessment survey for your involvement and thoughtfulness. We look forward to seeing many more parishioners at the September 18 Town Hall meeting to broaden even further the participation in this important effort of renewal for Holy Trinity Parish.

#### Gratefully,

Kevin Gillespie, SJ, Pastor; Tina Namian, Co-Chair, PAR Committee,;Larry Padberg, Co-Chair, PAR Committee; and Kirk Willison, President, Parish Pastoral Council



### Sharing Our Memories of Father Leo Murray, SJ Sunday, September 11

You are invited to share your memories of Father Leo Murray, SJ with others who knew and loved him at 3:00pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. A small reception will follow in McKenna Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Martina O'Shea (moshea@trinity.org).

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#### **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.

# From the Pastor's Desk

With the start of the school year and the beginning of the final full week of summer, academic and atmospheric movements are happening. A "fall feeling" is in the air. Certainly having a new Jesuit team with four priests (Frs. Ryan, Campbell, Kelley and myself) will afford a new pastoral presence.

Moreover, there have been changes in our parish staff. After four years of generous service, Rose Mary Padberg has decided to retire from her position as the Director of Parish Life. I am very grateful for the many ways in which Rose Mary responded compassionately and welcomed warmly so many of us into Holy Trinity Parish. The program of Parish Connections, which she and other parishioners initiated last year, has helped me to meet many of you. Rose Mary's responsibilities will be assumed by Ms. Lisa Dittmeier, who may be contacted at <u>ldittmeier@trinity.org</u>.

The arrival of Fr. Tom Sweetser, SJ this week began the next phase of our Parish Assessment Review and Renewal (PAR). Last winter I announced that, with the support of the Parish Council, our parish would engage in a process of review to develop, in a collaborative way, a greater sense of our parish goals and priorities. Since then hundreds of parishioners have participated in the PAR survey and dozens of you have been involved in discussion groups. I am grateful for all of you who have participated.

This week, Fr. Sweetser and his team began meeting with staff and parishioners. As part of this important parish process, a Parish Town Hall will take place at 3pm on Sunday, September 18 in Trinity Hall.

Other parish activities this month include this Sunday's Sharing of Memories of Fr. Leo Murray, SJ. The sharing will take place at 3:00 PM in our St. Ignatius Chapel. At 6pm this Sunday I will participate in an Ecumenical Vigil Service at Visitation High School. Preceded by a religious concert at 5pm, the event will serve to remember prayerfully the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Finally, many of you may be familiar with the inspiring writings of the Dutch priest and spiritual writer, Fr. Henri Nouwen. On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, I will present a talk about his wisdom and witness. Since Fr. Nouwen lived for many years with the L'Arche Community, Mr. John Cook, the Executive Director of the regional L'Arche communities will share in the presentation. Our presentation will be take place on Sunday, September 25 in Trinity Hall from 10:15-11:15.

These are just a few of the many September happenings at HTP. I hope that you can participate in some of them.

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#### **PARISH CENTER**

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#### **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 September 12- September 17 Monday 7:00am

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Monday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Carl Hynds+
	5:30pm	Delores Bellis+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Elizabeth Clark+
	5:30pm	John O'Connell
Wednesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Luke Sears+
	5:30pm	Meghan Abell+
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Jim McMonagle+
	5:30pm	
Friday	7:00am	Jerry Howard+
	8:00am	Timothy Jest+
	5:30pm	Pat Kraemer+
Saturday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Denis & Ellen Moriarty

#### Pray for those who are sick:

For those we hold in our hearts

**Pray for those who are dead:** *Donald Johnson* 

#### **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, 9:30am, 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 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 Georgetown Visitation, 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? communications@trinity.org** 

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On September 1, Georgetown University shared the report and recommendations of the Working Group on Slavery, Memory and Reconciliation. Printed below is the letter sent to all North American Jesuits from Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, President, National Jesuit Conference:

#### Dear Brothers,

Today, Georgetown University released a report from the university's Working Group on Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation. In September of 2015, Georgetown President John DeGioia convened the group, chaired by Fr. David Collins, S.J., to study Georgetown's historical ties to the institution of slavery and, more importantly, to examine and interpret the history of sites on campus while providing recommendations for dialogue, reconciliation, reflection and deeper understanding.

For the last eleven months, the group has thoughtfully examined a notorious mass sale of slaves organized in 1838 by the Jesuit leadership at the time to plantations in Louisiana. The revenues from the sale of these 272 men, women, and children helped rescue Georgetown, the nation's first Catholic college and our first Jesuit university, from serious debt. The details of the sale comprise one of the most shameful chapters in our history.

Mindful of this history, the Society of Jesus in the U.S. has worked for decades to contribute to racial and ethnic reconciliation in this country. A statement from the Maryland Province detailed this commitment, which includes more than 40 years of research and study by Jesuit historians examining Jesuit slaveholding.

Thanks to the ongoing research, we know more and more of the history. Attention has turned recently to the names of the slaves who were sold and to the stories of what happened to them after the sale. We are being introduced to the slaves' descendants living today across the country. Many of these descendants continue in the Catholic faith that their great-great-grandparents were once taught by their Jesuit owners. Like us, they are learning something new about their forebears, something shocking, something gut-wrenching. They are coming to know, "This is where we come from. This has shaped who we are." So are we.

Sadly, this tragic legacy is not limited to Georgetown. Saint Louis University, working closely with the Central and Southern Province, is taking a look at its own historical connections to slavery. So too is the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where President Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., recently reminded us that the "act of remembering sometimes demands that the College community face painful and unjust moments in its history." This is one such moment for them and for all of us. Racial injustice is still a powerful force shaping our society, and we must recognize that we have contributed to this legacy. We do the descendants and this past a disservice if we decide that this is someone else's history, another school's, another province's.

This is a time for humility, a moment for healing and reconciliation. It is a moment where we can pray for the healing power of Christ with, rather than merely on behalf of, the families of those who were once enslaved. In this way, we don't do this alone, nor do the descendants. Rather, we do it together: broken, sinscarred, and yet people of faith.

As we consider the sinfulness of earlier generations, let's also be alert to what the Maryland Province has named the "moral blindness" of our own times. Seeing the errors of our ancestors is a challenge to examine our own conscience for the blindness affecting it today.

Your brother in Christ, Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ President

# WORSHIP Music Ministry Call

All Holy Trinity choral ensembles are looking for new members as they musically lead and support worship throughout the year. Perhaps you play an instrument? You used to sing in high school or college and want to begin singing again? Music Ministry has seven different choral ensembles for you to choose from. We not only pray, but we also sing our faith and beliefs-be a part of Music Ministry and answer this call. For more information email kdejardin@trinity.org.

# **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**



## Memorial Celebration Father Jim English, SJ Saturday, October 1

A Memorial Mass and Reception to celebrate the memory of Fr. Jim English, SJ, friend and visionary pastor from 1975-1981, will be held October 1 at 1pm. Please send remembrances and photos to Pam Lucey, 7340 Hooking Lane, McLean, VA

22101 or at plucey@cox.net. Please RSVP for the reception by September 25 to Cathy Quinn (Cathyquinn2014@gmail.com).

**The Loyola Club of Washington, DC** will have its Fall luncheon on September 30, 2016, 11:30am to 1:30pm at the University Club of Washington, DC. Cokie Roberts, well known political commentator, best-selling author, and Stone Ridge graduate will be the guest speaker. All are welcome. Visit <u>loyolaclubdc.org</u> to register.

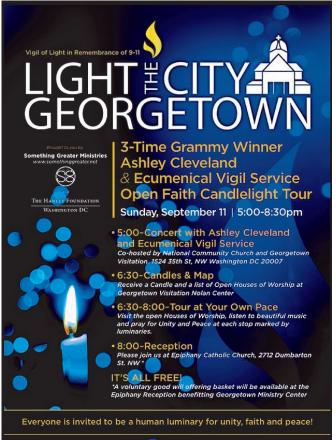
# **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**(CONT.) God's Abiding Love- An Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life/October 2-8, 2016

Registration deadline is Monday, September 19. This retreat is designed especially for individuals who are new to praying with Scripture in an Ignatian way. Flyers and registration forms are at the entrance to the church and chapel and on our website. For more information, contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

# Hope, Help and Healing: A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will address domestic violence and abuse on Saturday, Sept. 17 at St. Catherine Laboré Church. Laura Yeomans of Catholic Charities and other individuals will discuss what we can do as individuals, organizations and parishes. Location: St. Catherine Labouré Church, 11801 Claridge Road, Wheaton, MD. 9amRegistration and Rosary; 9:30am Mass, light snack and program following. Program ends no later than noon. Please register at archdioceseccw@gmail.com, or Carmen Boston, 301-984-3934.



Open Houses of Worship: Kesher Israel Congregation / Dumbarton United Methodist Church St. John's Episcopal / Epiphany Catholic Church / First Baptist / Georgatown Lutheran / Georgatown Presbyterian National Community Church Georgetown / Grace Episcopal / Holy Trinity Catholic Church / Jerusalem Baptist Christ Church Georgetown / Georgetown / Visitation Monastery Chapel / ML 2010 United Methodist Church

# **PARISH LIFE**

# Last Chance to Register for Camp Trinity!

The deadline to register for Camp Trinity September 23-25 is September 11. Visit our website for more information and to register for this special weekend.



**Grief Support Group.** Due to extensive travel during the month of October by the facilitator, there will not be the usual series of Grief Support sessions this fall. Grief Support sessions will resume in February 2017.

# FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**September 18: Sacramental Preparation Begins.** Parents of children who are preparing for the celebration of First Reconciliation will meet in the Chapel at 10:10am. There will be a brief presentation on the theology of Reconciliation followed by a prayerful reflection in the Ignatian manner led by Martina O'Shea. Child care is available.

**VIRTUS Training.** The next VIRTUS training for anyone serving in any capacity with children is Sunday, September 18, 12- 3pm. Visit virtus.org to register.

**September 25: Remembering Henri Nouwen.** On the 20th anniversary of his death, Fr. Kevin Gillespie will offer a reflection on the inspirational Journey of Henri Nouwen as professor, prophet, priest and pastor. John Cook, Executive Director, will offer a look at the L'Arche community today in Washington DC. Sunday, September 25, 10:10am, Trinity Hall.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

# **Youth Ministry Information Session**

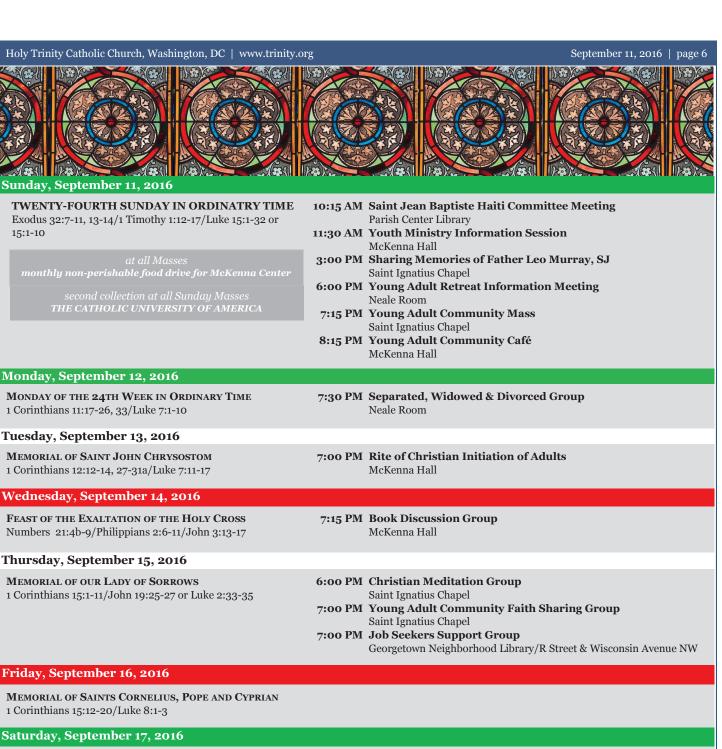
Visit our Youth Ministry table on September 11th at 11:30am in McKenna Hall to learn about Koinonia (7th -12th grade), Peer Ministry, and Service4Justice (S4J).

## **Important Dates**:

September 11: High School Religious Education Begins September 12: Koinonia Registration Due September 14: Peer Ministry Applications Due September 21: Koinonia Youth Group Begins

For more information about our programs, please visit our website or contact Sara Seligmann at sseligmann@trinity.org or 202-903-2814.

Visit our website for more information about all of our Ministries and their programs. Sign- up for our Holy Trinity eLetter for weekly updates!



SATURDAY OF THE 24TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49Luke 6:43-49/Luke 8:4-15

#### 7:30 AM Zen Meditation Parish Center Upper Room 8:20 AM Holy Trinity Seminar Se

8:30 AM Holy Trinity Seminar Series: Spirituality for the 21st Century McKenna Hall

#### Sunday, September 18, 2016

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Amos 8:4-7/1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

- 10:10 AM Children Bible Study Hour Lower School Big Room
   10:10 AM First Meeting for First Reconciliation Saint Ignatius Chapel
   3:00 PM PAR Town Hall Meeting
  - Trinity Hall

join us for coffee & 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 background color of date indicates the liturgical color for that day

for information concerning liturgical colors: http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Being-Catholic/Content.aspx?id=11372