



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pope Francis, Father George Williams, S.J. and Prison Ministry: What unites them?

*The following thoughts were written by Father George Williams, S.J. who serves as the Catholic chaplain at San Quentin State Prison, Marin County, California.*

While in the novitiate I chose to do an 'experiment' -- apostolic work in a Massachusetts State Prison near Boston. I chose it because the thought of prison terrified me. But it quickly became clear to me that I was seeing Jesus's face in the faces of the men I met in the prison.

In the Formula of the Institute, (the foundational document of the Society of Jesus), St Ignatius wrote a line that is often overlooked: "Whoever desires to serve as a soldier of God beneath the banner of the Cross in our Society, ....should show himself ready to reconcile the estranged, compassionately assist and serve those who are in prisons ..."

I feel joy and gratitude every day I drive over the bridge and see the prison - in this darkest of places, I find God's light every day. I continue to see Christ in the men here. Not all of them, and not all the time, but often enough to confirm that this is truly where God has been calling me since I chose to say "yes" to His invitation to enter the Society of Jesus. Nowhere is this more vivid than on death row. The "chapel" in San Quentin State Prison's Death Row is a windowless old shower room encased in a heavy metal cage. Inside it there are 6 wooden benches bolted to the floor upon which the members of my congregation sit. I stand, wearing a black stab-proof vest that the prison requires all to wear while on "the row."

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## Campus Renovation Tours

Tours will be offered TODAY, Sunday, September 20th from 11:30am - 2:30pm. Tours begin in Trinity Hall (formerly the Theater).



## Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate: What It Tells Us About Who We Are

On September 20th at the 11:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate with adult inquirers in the RCIA process who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic Church. This rite marks the beginning of the Catechumenate Period for these individuals, which is a time of instruction, prayer, and spiritual formation. The Rite of Acceptance will tell our inquirers something about who they are and are becoming as they respond more fully to the Gospel and the invitation to relationship with Christ and the Christian community. The rite also reveals something about ourselves as the Sunday assembly. Listen closely during the Rite of Acceptance, when the presider proclaims us to be a community that welcomes the catechumens with love and that stands ready to help them (RCIA 55).

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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.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Some weeks ago, there was an op-ed piece in the NY Times, "Middle-Aged Capitalism," by Robert J. Samuelson. Mr. Samuelson was reflecting on the country's slow economic growth in recent years. He wrote that "evidence suggests that entrepreneurship is in decline and that U.S. firms are becoming older, more entrenched, and less dynamic." The number of "start-ups" is way down from earlier levels, he wrote, and this is especially worrisome since start-ups typically account for a disproportionately high share of new job growth and innovation. Mr. Samuelson concluded that "American capitalism is middle-aged. Older firms, conditioned by success, are more rigid. They're invested, financially and psychologically, in existing markets and production patterns."

Of course, businesses are very different from parishes in many ways, but I wonder if what Mr. Samuelson says about business is also applicable to parishes in this particular instance. If a parish is "middle-aged," that is, is "rigid" and overly "invested" in a particular way of doing things, wouldn't that be worrisome? Would we describe that parish as healthy? Would such a parish be open to the magis, that is, the greater good? Would such a parish be receptive to the possibility that things might not only be done differently, but also better? Would such a parish be free to let go of what is not working and to try something new?

I think it is precisely to keep parishes lively, vibrant, and creative that the Jesuits transfer their pastors after relatively brief service. A pastor who stays in one place too long is likely to become set in his ways. After a time, he is likely to begin to think that things are finally the way they ought to be, and he will begin to respond to new ideas by saying that the parish could never consider doing anything new because "we have always done it this way."

It is precisely to keep Holy Trinity vibrant and creative that we provide for term limits for all parishioners in parish governance, whether they be members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the School Advisory Board, or one of the several parish standing committees. After three years, these must step down and make room for others.

And it is precisely to keep our parish ministries fresh and open to new ways of doing things that we encourage parishioners who lead or who are deeply engaged in these ministries to step aside after a few years of service so that others might bring new energy and ideas to the work.

Even paid staff need to take great care not to get stale and stuck.

I am confident that many parishioners are ready to come forward and bring their talents and resources to the work of the parish, provided we make room for them. In my experience, Holy Trinity parishioners are not reticent or shy. They have always shown a willingness to help. They often come forward on their own initiative, and they nearly always respond when invited. But if parishioners don't feel that they will be welcomed in a parish activity, if they think that there is no room for them in a work, or if they think that their service is not needed, they are not likely to volunteer for service.

And if no one is waiting "in the wings" and a particular work has become the work of only a few, perhaps this is a sign that this particular work has outlived its usefulness to the parish.

Those of us who have been involved in a particular parish work for an extended period might consider whether the work might benefit from the talents and energy of another.

-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	Duane Duncan
	8:00 am	Kerri Holbrooke+
	5:30 pm	Ann Ostarck +
Tuesday	7:00 am	
	8:00 am	Monroe
	5:30 pm	Judy Kern Fazio
Wednesday	7:00 am	Clare Taylor
	8:00 am	Marin Angelotti +
	5:30 pm	Kenneth Bellis +
Thursday	7:00am	Frances Spencer
	8:00am	Nanny Hinkle +
	5:30pm	Rosemary Schenden +
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Wayne Abeyta +
	5:30pm	Special Intention
Saturday	8:00am	Neal Donnelly +

**Pray for those who are sick:** James Pidcock; Susan DeConcini; Steve Matula; Monica Bell; Frank Spencer

**Pray for those who are dead:** Sandra Reinhard

**Pray for those married:** Nicholas Madejski & Lindsay Gladysz

## 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, 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: 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](http://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](mailto:www.communications@trinity.org)**

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

### Pope Francis, Father George Williams, SJ and Prison Ministry *(continued from page 1)*

There is a harsh florescent light overhead, and as I raise the Blessed Sacrament, the light illuminates it. I look at the men in their cage. They are quiet and focused. It's at this point of the Mass that I often imagine, as I am standing there facing them, separated by the steel mesh, that the light of Christ is streaming forth from that host, dispelling the dark shadows of "East Block." Prison ministry has been the greatest joy of my life - a sign that even in midst of a man-made hell, the gates of heaven are near and open.

### Prayer for the World Meeting of Families

*God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters on the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Refugee Crisis

Archbishop Wuerl recently highlighted our responsibilities as Catholics to respond to the situation about the persecution of Christians occurring in the Middle East and their subsequent plight as refugees. :

*Today our solidarity with brothers and sisters of our faith and of other faiths in a part of the world where there is clearly an effort to eliminate them is something that we simply cannot in conscience ignore. Often we are asked, "How is it possible that in human history atrocities occur?" They occur for two reasons. Because there are those prepared to commit them and there are those who remain silent. The actions in Iraq and Syria today, what is happening to women, children, men, their displacement – as the least of the things inflicted on them – is something that we really are not free to ignore. Sometimes all we have to raise is our voice.*

In an initial attempt at assistance, Holy Trinity parish has donated, on behalf of all parishioners, \$5,000 to Jesuit Refugee Services working in Syria and Europe. Should individual parishioners like to augment this contribution, they may do so by donating or offering their time and talent, at [www.jrs.org](http://www.jrs.org). Checks may be sent to Clare Inzeo Bonsignore, Development Director, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA, 1016 16th Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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### Pope to Address Congress

Don't have a reserved seat in the gallery for this address? Then join us here at Holy Trinity for a Papal Watch Party. We'll provide coffee, tea, and some light breakfast food as well as the address.

Bring yourself, your thoughts and reflections, and possibly a treat to share. When: Thursday September 24th, 8:30 am Where: McKenna Hall for coffee; Trinity Hall (former Theater) for watch. Details: [sseligmann@trinity.org](mailto:sseligmann@trinity.org) or [ktromble@trinity.org](http://ktromble@trinity.org).

### A Wider Circle & Northwest Center

In 2015, the parish awarded two large tithe grants - one to A Wider Circle to open a location in southeast DC that would allow it to support the Barry Farm community and one to the Northwest Center to allow it to hire Spanish and Amharic speaking outreach workers.

On Sunday October 4th both organizations will be at Holy Trinity to talk about their projects and ways parishioners can engage with them. Join us at 10:15am, October 4th in the Lower School Big Room to hear from them and ask questions.

## FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Adult Education Series

Our adult education lectures series offers a series of three presentations focused on Laudato Si'. Tom Reese, S.J. will begin with a presentation: *Pope Francis and the Environment: Defending Mother Earth and all Her Children*. Fr. Reese will explore Pope Francis' stance on environmental degradation and global warming issues that will confront humanity for the rest of this century.

### Rite of Acceptance

We are also an assembly that prays we give the catechumens "our sincere and unfailing support every step of the way," and we be a community where they may find "compelling signs of unity and generous love" (RCIA 65). By our participation in the rites and formation of the Catechumenate Period, we, the Church, the baptized body of Christ, bring forth new life.

Learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process at Holy Trinity: <http://trinity.org/become-catholic/>. If you are or someone you know is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, you are welcome to come to the weekly Inquiry session at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. The Inquiry group meets in the Faber Room. Contact: Anne Koester, [akoester@trinity.org](mailto:akoester@trinity.org).

### RCIA Adapted for Children

RCIA Adapted for Children is offered for any child age 7 and older who has not been baptized. Contact: Judith Brusseau, [jbrusseau@trinity.org](mailto:jbrusseau@trinity.org)

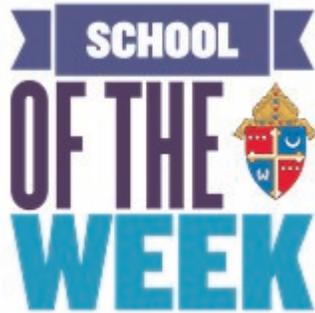


## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

### ADW School of the Week

Holy Trinity School in Washington, D.C. was selected as School of the Week as a result of a nomination from Assistant Principal Kevin McShane.

Mr. McShane said in his nomination, "Holy Trinity School in Georgetown opens for its 197th school year with a renovated Upper School building and multi-purpose gym/theater space. The new space has given a great boost of energy to the school."



### Congratulation to Mr. Devlin

Mr. Jack Devlin (former HTS student) our 6th Grade homeroom and Upper School math teacher, recently returned from competing in the World Rowing Championships in France.



Mr. Devlin is standing, second from

Mr. Devlin competed in the Lightweight Eight for the USA. His team narrowly squeaked past Italy for the bronze medal.

## PARISH LIFE

### Book Discussion Group

On September 24th we begin our year with the Pope's new encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home. We'll do the letter in two parts, Chapters 1 - 3 on September 24th and Chapters 4 - 6 on October 1st.

The second book is [Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church: The Challenge of Luke-Acts to Contemporary Christians](#) by Luke Timothy Johnson.

We meet every Thursday from 7:15 pm until 8:45 pm in the Upper School cafeteria. If you have questions contact Bob Stewart at: grobertstewart1@mac.com

### Job Seekers Workshop

The Eight week Job Seekers Workshop begins on September 21st, 7:00pm Georgetown Neighborhood Library (R Street and Wisconsin Ave., NW). Contact: Joe Ryan joeryan3@verizon.net--202-362-0704

## PARISH LIFE

### Mid Winter Weekend Getaway

Now is the time to make your reservations for the fifth annual gathering of Holy Trinity seniors and other adults looking for a relaxing weekend renewing fellowship with old and new friends and enjoying Mass together. The 2016 weekend is scheduled for January 29th-31st at the Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel in Taneytown, MD. ([www.antrim1844.com](http://www.antrim1844.com)).

Built in 1844, the Antrim has several common areas where our group can gather and visit, award-winning dining spaces and wood burning fireplaces throughout the hotel. The Antrim



is located 75 miles from DC, near Frederick MD, Gettysburg PA and minutes away from the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton and the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD. Note that space is limited and full payment is due by November 1st.

Coordinators for the 2016 weekend are Rosemary Chalk and Laurie Wallace. Contact Laurie at [wallace1216@gmail.com](mailto:wallace1216@gmail.com) or 703-821-3730 for further information and a registration form.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### High School Religious Education

One Sunday per month ALL high school students will be invited to share in food, fun, and fellowship with their peers in the Parish Center Library.

### Social Justice Youth Group

All High School students are also invited to participate in our Social Justice Youth Group one Sunday evening a month starting **THIS Sunday, September 20th, 7:00pm, McKenna.**

### Confirmation

Information can be found at:

<http://trinity.org/confirmation/youth-confirmation/>

## ALSO THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Sunday, September 20, 2015

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/James 3:16-4:3/Mark 9:30-37

- 9:00 AM **Youth Mass**  
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 10:15 AM **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**  
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 10:15 AM **High School Youth Group**  
Parish Center Library
- 3:00 PM **Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat**  
Parish Center Upper Room
- 4:45 PM **Contemplative Leaders in Action**  
Faber Room
- 6:30 PM **Trinity Adult Community**  
Neale Room
- 7:00 PM **Social Justice Youth Group**  
McKenna Hall

### Monday, September 21, 2015

#### Feast of Saint Matthew

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13

- 6:00 PM **Social Justice Book Club hosted by Young Adult Community**  
Neale Room
- 7:00 PM **Job Seekers Workshop**  
Georgetown Neighborhood Library/R Street & Wisconsin Avenue NW
- 7:30 PM **Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group**  
Faber Room

### Tuesday, September 22, 2015

#### Tuesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Luke 8:19-21

- 7:00 PM **RCIA**  
Faber Room and McKenna Hall

### Wednesday, September 23, 2015

#### Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Ezra 9:5-9/ Luke 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 24, 2015

#### Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Haggai 1:1-8/ Luke 9:7-9

- 6:00 PM **Christian Meditation Group**  
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:00 PM **Young Adult Community Faith Sharing Group**  
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:00 PM **Job Seekers Support Group**  
Georgetown Neighborhood Library/R Street & Wisconsin Avenue NW
- 7:15 PM **Book Discussion Group**  
Upper School Cafeteria

### Friday, September 25, 2015

#### Friday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Haggai 2:1-9/ Luke 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 26, 2015

#### Saturday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Luke 9:43b-45

- 7:30 AM **Zen Meditation**  
Parish Center Upper Room
- 9:00 AM **Hands On Housing**  
offsite
- 4:00 PM **Social Justice Reflection**  
Lower School Big Room

### Sunday, September 27, 2015

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

- 10:15 AM **Confirmation Preparation Program Orientation**  
Trinity Hall
- 3:00 PM **Environmental Working Group Meeting**  
McKenna Hall
- 3:00 PM **Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat**  
Parish Center Upper 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](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) and for audio recordings of daily readings: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm)