A Week with Refugees in Calais, France

Holy Trinity has been committed to working with refugees in several capacities: in addition to accompanying a Syrian refugee family through Lutheran Social Service’s Good Neighbor Program, several parishioners have volunteered their time at a refugee camp in Calais, France for the past few years. One of our young adults, Clare Downey, spent a week at the camp this summer and wrote a reflection on the experience.

Earlier this summer, I spent a week in Calais working with refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia and Eritrea. I gained several important insights about the lives of these vulnerable people.

Police are often times one of the biggest problems that the refugees in this camp face. “The Jungle,” where most of the refugees in Calais live, was closed by government October 2016 in an effort to stop refugees from crossing the English Channel into the United Kingdom. However, many of the refugees remain in Calais because it is one of the closest points to the UK. As the police wish to prevent another “Jungle” from forming, they often are violent towards the refugees, especially the men.

During the night, they get little to no sleep because the police come and wake them up saying that they cannot sleep in Calais. If the men don’t move or go back to sleep elsewhere, the police may spray them with teargas, hit them with batons or even put them in jail. One boy that I met had both a broken ankle and finger because of excessive police force. The refugees often try to hide in trucks going through the tunnel from France to England, and the police have their dogs sniff these trucks and then when caught chase them away. I understand that the police are doing their job, but it is hard to see how any good can come from beating these people, especially when many of them are just teenagers trying to survive.

Another interesting thing that I learned was that phones and phone chargers are the second most valuable item to refugees, besides food. Phones are essential to remaining in contact with family members. The organization that my family was volunteering with provided a phone charging station, which always had a long line. Many of these young men have left their home countries because of violence and fear for their lives, and they are trying to get to their families in other countries. Phones also provide a good distraction from their current situation and often harsh conditions.

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MISSION STATEMENT
We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:
Accompany one another in Christ
Celebrate God's love
Transform lives

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From the Pastor’s Desk
Are you ready for the Eclipse of 2017? It seems that all of America is talking about this rare event which will occur Monday, August 21. While the DC area will have only a partial eclipse, we will, nevertheless, experience some shades of darkness when the moon blocks out the sun starting at 1:17pm and ending at 4:01pm with the maximum shadow happening at 2:42pm.

In July 1963, I recall seeing the shadow of a partial eclipse through a makeshift pinhole projector. A boy scout at the time, I was learning the difference between a lunar and solar eclipse. Later, when taking Geometry in high school, I was taught the difference between an eclipse and an ellipse: the elliptical movement of the moon around the earth enables us to witness the eclipse of the sun.

Recently, I discovered that a 19th century Italian Jesuit, Father Angelo Secchi, S.J., was one of the first ecliptical scientists and was designated the “father of astrophysics.” Father Secchi, who once studied and taught at Georgetown University, proved that the solar corona during an eclipse were part of the Sun, and not artifacts of the eclipse. As the director of the Roman Observatory, the forerunner of the Vatican Observatory, he invented a series of instruments through which he was able to explain the manifold features of our sun and many other stars. I like to think that while he was at Georgetown, Father Secchi said a Latin Mass or two here at Holy Trinity.

Besides piquing our scientific curiosities, this year’s eclipse may serve as a time to wonder about God’s presence in the universe. For example, the 20th century Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber, developed the notion of the “Eclipse of God.” Reflecting upon the massive murders and brutal oppressions perpetrated by the Nazis and by Stalin’s Soviet regime, Buber used the ecliptical image to symbolize his sense that God’s light and love were temporarily overshadowed by the darkness of his times. Similarly, this image may apply to our own times in our world with its tragedies and traumas.

Jesuit Father Ed Vacek takes the ecliptical metaphor one step further and writes about the “Eclipse of Love for God.” By this phrase he means to suggest that we Christians might speak about our love for one another, and God’s love for us, but we tend to avoid speaking about our love for God.

Finally, in preparing prayerfully for the temporary darkness that will cover our sun, I find comfort in the words of the Psalmist: Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. (Ps. 139: 12)
**Daily Mass Intentions**

*Week of August 14–19*

**Monday** 7:00am Patrick & Agnes Jenkins
8:00am Robert Luther Smith+
5:30pm Timothy Costello+

**Tuesday** 7:00am
8:00am Rita Golden+
5:30pm Donald Boss

**Wednesday** 7:00am
8:00am
5:30pm Greg Lamond+

**Thursday** 7:00am
8:00am
5:30pm Matthew & Patricia Kraemer+

**Friday** 7:00am
8:00am
5:30pm Lawrence Stein+

**Saturday** 8:00am Dennis & Ellen Moriarty+

*Week of August 21–26*

**Monday** 7:00am
8:00am Kate Hennessy+
5:30pm

**Tuesday** 7:00am
8:00am Mary Ann Keller
5:30pm

**Wednesday** 7:00am
8:00am
5:30pm Pedro Perez

**Thursday** 7:00am
8:00am
5:30pm Greg Bellis

**Friday** 7:00am
8:00am Cristobal de la Tarre+
5:30pm Marta Ortez Mesa+

**Saturday** 8:00am Betty Schreiber+

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**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:**
- 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
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Sara Seligmann, 202-903-2814

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**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org/register. 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.

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**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.

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**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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is commemorated on Tuesday, August 15 and is celebrated as a holy day of obligation. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 7am, 8am and 6:30pm in the church. Please note there is no 5:30 Mass on August 15. All Masses will be celebrated in the church.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

In a world losing its sense of God, we should seek to be more deeply united with Christ in the mysteries of his life. Through the Exercises, we acquire the style of Jesus, his feelings, his choices.

General Congregation 36, D 1, n. 18

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

VIRTUS Training

Thinking of being a classroom chaperone for field trips, coaching for CYO teams or serving as a catechist? Holy Trinity will offer the Archdiocesan “Protecting God’s Children” training September 17 at 12pm in Trinity Hall. Please visit www.VIRTUS.org to register for a VIRTUS account and select Holy Trinity (118) for this session. Sign up early to secure your place!

Holy Trinity Parents of Young Children

Holy Trinity Parents of Young Children (HT-PYC) is a community for parents of infants to 5 year-old children. Our activities are a mixture of social and faith-based education. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Judith Brusseau, jbrusseau@trinity.org.

PARISH LIFE

Register for Camp Trinity by September 10

Camp Trinity is a weekend of enriching our faith through fellowship, prayer and activities. This year, the theme is “All are Welcome,” and the camp will take place September 22-24 at the Shrine Mont retreat center, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah. Youth ministry chaperones/volunteers will be leading teen-specific activities in addition to joining in certain activities with the Camp Trinity parish community. Past youth activities have included night hikes and s’mores at the fire pit. Teens are encouraged to bring friends. Learn more and register at www.trinity.org/camp.

Parish Connections: Nationals vs. Phillies

Watch the Nats vs. the Phillies with Holy Trinity parishioners Saturday, September 9 at 7:05pm. Family and friends are welcome! Tickets are $10. To purchase tickets in our group section please visit www.trinity.org/nationals.

50s+ Pot Luck Dinner

Please join our new 50+ Group for dinner at the home of leaders Linda Wiessler-Hughes and Michael Hughes for a potluck dinner on September 10 at 5:30pm. The group welcomes all parishioners, ages 50+, married or single, to come together for fellowship. The dinner will kick-off a schedule of monthly activities. For details and to RSVP, please see the website or contact Lisa Dittmeier at 202-903-2801 or ldittmeier@trinity.org.

Stay Connected!

Sign up for weekly updates at www.trinity.org/eLetter
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England is seen by many of the refugees as a utopia. This is a result of some people having family members there, some people speaking English, and it being a lot easier to get paid under the table in England. Additionally, the positive aspects of England have been exaggerated in the refugee community so it is often perceived that England is much better than many of the other European countries, even though this is not always true. The reason why so many of the refugees are living in Calais is that it is one of the closest points to England and where the undersea tunnel from France to England begins. The refugee crisis is an issue that should not be used for anyone’s political agenda, no matter where they stand on the issues related to immigration. These refugees have left violent, war-torn countries in order to find a safe place for them, and people, most importantly children, are suffering. This is not just an issue for France or Germany or the Middle Eastern, this is a global issue. Everyone should do what they can to try and help alleviate the suffering of these most vulnerable people.

Summer Reading Recommendations

This is our final offering of summer reading suggestions! We hope that you have enjoyed a peek at what other members of our community are reading.

The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser

This is the book for someone who is in search of or struggling with spirituality. Rolheiser navigates how to cultivate a spiritual life despite the pressures of work, family, and church. His four nonnegotiable elements of a spiritual life kept me Catholic.

—Suggested by David Pennington, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

This fun and fast read will delight both young adult and adult readers alike. When three friends receive their school’s summer reading list, they are excited to see To Kill A Mockingbird included. But not everyone in their class shares the same enthusiasm, so they hatch a plot to get the entire town talking about the well-known Harper Lee classic. Their efforts are successful when all of the hullabaloo starts to direct more people to the book. But soon, their exploits start to spin out of control and they unwittingly start a mini-revolution in the name of books.

—Suggested by Karelia Pallan, Director of Communications

Living Our Mission

Looking for ways to support the mission of Holy Trinity? There are many opportunities to “accompany, celebrate and transform” across our ministries. Please reach out to individual ministry leaders for more information on how you can get involved.

Classroom Prayer Table Coverings Needed

Sunday Morning Faith Formation classes use each classroom in Holy Trinity School. We have designed a “Prayer Center” to serve as a focal point for the weekday classroom as well as Sunday morning. We need 25 cloths by September 1. Details are available on our website www.trinity.org/faith-formation.

Gardeners Welcome!

Come join Trinity’s garden volunteers for a few hours on Saturday morning to spruce up the grounds. No experience necessary. Meet us at 9am at the she on an upcoming Saturday: September 2, 9, 23, 30; October 14, 21. RSVP to htgardeners@gmail.com.

Catechists Needed!

To accommodate the number of children who have registered, we need volunteers at all grade levels. We offer catechetical support as well as many opportunities to share with other catechists. Please contact Mary Tull REK6@trinity.org or Judith Brusseau at jbrusseau@trinity.org.

Volunteer with our Youth

We have many opportunities for volunteers. Visit www.trinity.org/youth for information about our programs. We are actively recruiting for our Confirmation program (begins in December) and Koinonia, a youth group/small group program (begins in September).

Thank You!

Holy Trinity Staff Announcements

Our Holy Trinity staff has had a busy summer! Congratulations to:

- Youth Minister Sara Seligmann and husband Brad Seligmann on the birth of their son Ezra William on July 19
- HTS 3rd grade teacher Amelia DeFoor and husband Walter DeFoor on the birth of their son Leo on July 25
- HTS guidance counselor Bridget Tansey and husband Bradley Nolan Edwards on their July 29 nuptials
- HTS science teacher Katherine Thibodeau and husband Ben Goldstein-Smith on their July 30 nuptials
### Sunday, August 13, 2017
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/ Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33

*At all Masses*

Non-perishable Food Drive for Fr. McKenna Center

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**MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**
Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Matthew 17:22-27

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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**WEDNESDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Matthew 18:15-20

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### Thursday, August 17, 2017
**THURSDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Matthew 18:21-19:1

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**FRIDAY OF THE 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Joshua 24:1-13/Matthew 19:3-12

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### Saturday, August 19, 2017
**SATURDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Judges 9:6-15/Matthew 20:1-16

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### Monday, August 21, 2017
**MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X**
Judges 2:11-16/Matthew 19:16-22

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**MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Judges 6:11-24a/Matthew 19:23-30

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**FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**
Revelation 21:98-14/John 1:45-51

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Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Matthew 22:34-40

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### Sunday, August 27, 2017
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