



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

November 12, 2017



A group of 12 parishioners learn about the complexity of immigration at the Kino Border Initiative in Arizona and Mexico with Father Peter Neely, S.J.

Black Catholic History Month

Did you know that November is Black Catholic History Month? The Church has been celebrating Black Catholic History Month since 1990, when the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States initiated it. November seemed appropriate because it holds special days for two prominent African Catholics: St. Augustine whose birthday is on November 13, and St. Martin de Porres whose feast day is celebrated on November 3.

In his November 2017 Pastoral Letter, Cardinal Wuerl addressed the challenge of racism today. He writes: "Racism is defined as a sin because it offends God by a denial of the goodness of creation. It is a sin against our neighbor, particularly when it is manifested in support of systemic social, economic and political structures of

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A Visit to the Border

We were 12, 11 women and one man. I still can't decide if the composition of our group was symbolic, prophetic, or ironic. But there we were, a huddled mass (tired, though mostly washed) in the Tucson airport trying to get our bearings. We were headed to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona by way of the missions of San Xavier del Bac and Tumacácori, and we were unsure of the route. Many of us had risen as dawn broke, traveled across the country, and were starving. So standing confused under the bright lights of the Tucson airport baggage claim area was the last thing we wanted to be doing. It made us feel exposed, it highlighted our tiredness, and we were getting a little chippy. It did, however, also give us a small sense of what it feels like to be a migrant.

Over the next 3 days our band of 12 travelers spent a day and a half at Kino's *comedor*, its dining room for Mexican migrants who were recently deported from the U.S. We sat with them, chatted about family, got snippets of their stories and lives, served them food, and tried to put ourselves in their shoes. The problem of migration between Central America, Mexico and the US today is much larger than we could get a full grasp on in three days, let alone try and solve. But that wasn't the point of this trip. This trip was about solidarity, accompaniment, and exposure. It was about trying to share the migrants' journey in whatever way we could.

On September 27, Pope Francis, along with Caritas International, launched a global campaign on migration. In announcing the campaign, the Pope told Catholics worldwide that "Christ urges us to welcome our brothers and sisters with our arms truly open, ready for a sincere embrace, a loving and enveloping embrace." The migrants Kino serves are those who were greeted with sneers, handcuffs, and detention rather than an open, sincere and

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Join Holy Trinity 50+ adults at The Antrim 1844 Country House Hotel located in Taneytown, MD, **January 26-28** for the seventh annual Mid-Winter Getaway weekend. Reservations must be made by **November 17**. For further information and reservations, contact Laurie Wallace at wallace1216@gmail.com or Rosemary Chalk at rosemary.chalk@gmail.com.

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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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by Cecilia Boudreau
Parish Pastoral Council President*

On October 18, more than 50 parish leaders gathered for Holy Trinity's first Parish Leadership Night. The idea for the night came out of last year's Parish Assessment & Renewal (PAR) project and is that, to better serve the needs of our parish, those who are most active in leading parish ministries should come together on a regular basis for fellowship, prayer, formation, and updates. The Parish Council took up this charge by inviting the chairs, members, and staff of the Council's standing committees, the Finance Council, the HTS School Advisory Board, and the Bicentennial Committee – our parish leaders – to its October meeting.

After opening with fellowship and prayer, each committee was invited to report on its goals and activities. A full description of the reports will be available with the Council's October minutes, but highlights include:

Worship – offering more non-Eucharistic liturgies; improving how new liturgical ministers are welcomed into ministry activities

Social Justice – promoting advocacy through “Building Your Toolbox of Justice” series; doing more as a committee to communicate the impact its activities

Parish Life – launch of HT Ambassadors program; convening Parish Life groups to share ideas and projects

Education – creating and socializing a committee vision statement

Communications – promotion of common branding across ministries; videos for HTS Bicentennial and HT 225th Anniversary

Stewardship – focusing on gratitude for those who give to the parish

The second half of the evening focused on *discernment in common*. As was mentioned in Fr. Gillespie's October 29 column, Holy Trinity as a Jesuit institution is being asked to engage in an apostolic planning process through communal discernment. This call comes at a time when the parish has also been challenged by the Provincial to answer two questions – “Who are we called to serve?” and “How are we called to serve?”—and when, as a result from last year's PAR process, we are asking ourselves how we should be planning now for the parish that we want to have in a few years and for future generations. The confluence of these questions invites the parish to look to the Ignatian way of proceeding and to ask the ultimate question: “What is God's will for Holy Trinity?”

Recognizing that the success of a process like this is dependent on the willingness of those to engage in it, the Council has asked parish committees to pray and discuss if and how they are ready to participate. While the process began with the introduction provided by Fr. McDermott on October 18, much more formation, conversation, and reflection is needed before we are fully ready to answer the questions before us.

The Council asks for the active participation of parish leaders and the support of the whole parish in the coming months. The next Parish Leadership Night is April 18.

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 November 13, 2017

Monday	7:00am	Ona Strikas
	8:00am	William Skupa+
	5:30pm	Elenore Cavanaugh+
Tuesday	7:00am	Barbara Marden+
	8:00am	Monica Spencer Bell+
	5:30pm	Laurella Falwell+
Wednesday	7:00am	Filomena Mancini+
	8:00am	Benjamin Miller
	5:30pm	Harold Kitson III+
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Clara Carbuso+
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Monica Spencer Bell+
	5:30pm	Matthew & Patricia Kraemer+
Saturday	8:00am	Denis & Ellen Moriarty

Pray for those who are sick: *For those we hold in our hearts*

Pray for those who are dead: *Constance Michaelina Samborski McCabe; Sue Baglien*

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; 5:30pm 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 at (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/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.

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.

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.

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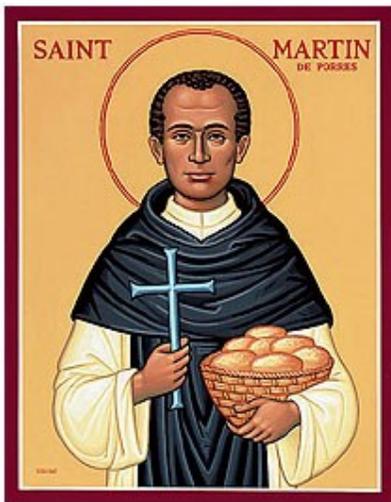
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sin. It is also a sin against the unity of the Body of Christ by undermining that solidarity by personal sins of prejudice, discrimination and violence.”

Intolerance and racism will not go away without a concerted awareness and effort on everyone’s part. Regularly we must renew the commitment to drive it out of our hearts, our lives and our community. While we may devise all types of politically correct statements to proclaim racial equality, without a change in the basic attitude of the human heart we will never move to that level of oneness that accepts each other for who we are and the likeness we share as images of God.

We invite you to read Cardinal Wuerl’s letter at www.trinity.org/wuerl. Throughout the month, we also invite you to join us as we reflect on the rich contributions of Black Catholics to our Church and to our community.



PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

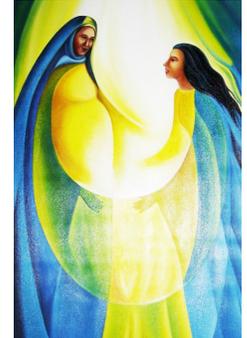
IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

**Living the Spiritual Exercises:
 A Conversation**

Have you made the full Spiritual Exercises in the 30-day or 8-9 month format? If so, join us for a conversation with Fr. Bill Kelley, S.J., about how you’re challenged to live the Gospel today. **November 19, 3-5pm, McKenna Hall.** For additional information, contact Jan at 5thweekht@gmail.com.

Emmanuel Retreat

Do you want to prepare your heart to celebrate Christmas? Do you want to deepen your relationship with Jesus? The Emmanuel Retreat, taking place **December 10-16**, is an individually directed retreat, made at home, for individuals who are seeking more familiarity with the practice of praying with Scripture in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, using one’s imagination in prayer.



To register, and for more information, please visit www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats, pick up a brochure at the back of the church, or contact Martina at moshea@trinity.org. The registration deadline is **November 19**.



**Praying in Sacred Space:
 An Advent Journey**

December 2, 9, 16, 23
 4-5pm in the Chapel

You are invited to take one hour during each week of Advent for to pray with Advent Scripture passages using the Advent *Sacred Space* books. All are welcome. Registration is not necessary– come as you are! Hosted by the 5th Week Group: Living the Spiritual Exercises Please contact Martina O’Shea at moshea@trinity.org with questions.

PARISH LIFE

Save the Date! Caroling in Georgetown

December 11, 6:39-8:30pm

No singing experience required and all ages welcome! Look for more details in future bulletins or contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org.

Stay Connected!

Sign up for weekly updates at www.trinity.org/eLetter

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Thanksgiving Donations

Today, bags and shopping lists are available at the back of church to assist our friends at the Father McKenna Center and Hope and a Home to provide Thanksgiving meals to those who would not otherwise be able to have one. Please return your food donations at the 5:30pm mass on **November 18** or before 1pm on **November 19**. Those who attend the 5:30pm Sunday mass or who would prefer an alternative way to participate, may place a check in the collection baskets with "Turkey Drive" in the memo. A gift of \$50 will provide a full dinner for a family, but any amount is appreciated. For further information, please contact Kate Tromble at (202) 903-2809 or ktromble@trinity.org

Clothing Drive

The HOYA Maternal Health Team is doing a clothing drive to collect new and gently used maternity and baby clothes! If you can donate, please place your items in the collection box located in the reception area of the parish center. If you have any questions about donating or about the program, please contact Megan Pogue at mcp133@georgetown.edu

HOYA's Maternal Health Team is a group of first and second year Georgetown University School of Medicine students who work with pregnant and new moms in the DC General Family Shelter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Pause for Prayer for RE Parents

All parents who have children in Religious Education are invited to learn about Ignatian spirituality and experience an Ignatian way of praying once a month this fall. Our next Pause for Prayer session will be held on **November 19** at 10:15am in the Chapel. Children not in RE may attend the Children's Bible Story hour.

Children's Bible Story Hour

God is Good, We are Grateful. Children ages 3-5 are invited to our story hour at 10:10am in the Lower School Library. No registration is needed. Additional help is always welcome. If you are interested in assisting please let Mary Tull know REK6@trinity.org.

First Reconciliation Celebration

On November 18, children of Holy Trinity will begin to celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please hold these children and their families in your prayers.

Shepherd's Flock

The Shepherd's Flock community will gather for Mass and a Potluck next on **November 18**. Mass is at 4:30pm in the Chapel and stay for a potluck dinner at 5:30pm in McKenna Hall.

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loving embrace. Most of those we spoke with were looking for work to send back to families in Mexico. They had been in the U.S. a few days or had been in a detention center for a month. They crossed the border (usually by going over the wall separating Nogales, Mexico from Nogales, Arizona) and were immediately detained. Others, however, had lives, jobs, and families in the US. One man had been living and working in San Diego for 25 years!

These men and women did not exude threat or danger. They mostly seemed desperate – desperately poor, desperately hungry, and desperately needing work. The least we could do, if our country wasn't going to embrace them as the Pope suggested, was to offer them a meal, clean clothes, and our presence. We couldn't change the system that rejected them in those three days, but we could share their journey.

Kino says that its mission is to educate, humanize and complicate the migration issue for those that visit. In that vein, we spent a day of our time in Nogales with ranchers who live on the Arizona side of the border. We attended mass together, shared a potluck meal, and then talked about their experience of migration. It was markedly different but completely tied to the experience of the migrants. Migration in this area is nothing new, which makes sense since the two Nogales were arbitrarily separated by a border when the Gadsden Purchase made Arizona part of the U.S. They have more in common with one another—language, religion, food, agriculture, and culture—than they do with much of the rest of their respective countries. People have been crossing back and forth between the communities for work for generations. And the current ranchers seemed to have little concerns about migrants who come to the U.S. seeking work, even when they crossed the ranchers' lands as part of their journey. What concerned them is the rise of the drug cartels, and their increased influence in the border region. This has made the ranchers' lives more dangerous and put their lands in the path of the drug wars.

Understandably, they are struggling to find a balance between welcoming the peaceful stranger and protecting their families. As with the migrants, we could offer the ranchers nothing more than our attention and open minds as we attempted to share their journey as well.

So what did we learn? Quite simply, that the issue of migration is complicated. But, the heart of the issue is human, and so it's also not complicated. Most of us aren't faced with answering the big policy question of how to allow safe passage across our borders while also combating the drug cartels. Rather, we are faced with individuals, people who are looking for a better life. And here Pope Francis guides us: open our hearts, embrace the migrant, and share their journey.

If you are interested in learning more about our trip to Kino or how you might be involved in our ongoing migration work, please contact Kate Tromble.

Sunday, November 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/
Matthew 25:1-13

No Religious Education

10:15 AM

St. Jean Baptiste Haiti Committee Meeting
Parish Center Library

7: 15 PM

Young Adult Community Mass & Cafe
Chapel

Monday, November 13

MEMORIAL SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CABRINI

Wisdom 1:1-7/Luke 17:1-6

7:30 PM

Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group
Neale Room

Tuesday, November 14

TUESDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:23-3:9/Luke 17:7-10

7:00 PM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Faber Room

Wednesday, November 15

WEDNESDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:1-11/Luke 17:11-19

6:30 PM

Maria Madre Meeting
Neale Room

7:00 PM

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
McKenna Hall

7:15 PM

Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group
Lower School Big Room, groberstewart1@mac.com

Thursday, November 16

THURSDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1/Luke 17:20-25

6:00 PM

Christian Meditation Group
Saint Ignatius Chapel

6:00 PM

Iconographers Guild
Parish Center Library

7:00 PM

El Salvador Martyrs Evening Prayer
Chapel

7:00 PM

Job Seekers Support Group
Georgetown Neighborhood Library (3260 R Street, NW)

7:00PM

Young Adult Faith Sharing
Upper Room

Friday, November 17

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Wisdom 13:1-9/Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 18

SATURDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Luke 18:1-8

7:30 AM

Zen Meditation

Parish Center Upper Room, rdrucker@aol.com

9:00 AM

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Parish Center Library

10:30 AM

Grief Support Group Meeting

McKenna Hall-C, shullawr@gmail.com

4:30 PM

Shepherd's Flock Mass & Potluck

Chapel

Sunday, November 19

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

8:30 AM

Coffee following 7:30am Mass

Parish Center Library

10:10 AM

Religious Education

Assigned Classrooms

10:10 AM

RE Parents Pause for Prayer

Chapel

10:10 AM

Children's Bible Story Hour

Lower School Library

10:15 AM

Altar Server Training

Church

6:30 PM

Trinity Adult Singles Gathering

McKenna Hall

Thanksgiving Meal Donations Collection

Daily Readings:

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

For a complete list of events, visit:

www.trinity.org/calendar

Join us for coffee & fellowship:

Sundays after 9am & 11:30am Masses