



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

November 19, 2017

The Parish Center will be closed November 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good.”

Thanksgiving is a special time to *gather in*, as the Gospel song goes. It is a special time to give thanks for gifts great and small. Recently, an acquaintance of mine expressed the desire to “see things as God sees them.” At least for Thanksgiving Day, it is a time to see things as God sees them—as a total gift.

But, how can we develop a practice of gratitude—an attitude of mind that seeks to recognize God’s gifts in our life—on both good days and bad days? Thanks may come easy as a normal response to some experiences: noticing beauty, witnessing acts of kindness, seeing the open heartedness of children or grandchildren, finding success in our life context. But, what about the events of each day, dark or sunny, over the months and years?

St. Ignatius would have us develop a continual attitude of thanks in the quotidian of our lives. After all, can anything be trivial in God’s eyes? Yet, how can we peel the scales from our eyes to see this? This is an attitude that can only be developed through practice. One useful approach is the Ignatian Examen. Not intended to focus on our faults (as in the old Examination of Conscience many of us were taught long ago), the Examen is a short reflection in which we review the day’s events, giving thanks for the smallest manifestation of God’s gifts. Such a practice can also bring to our attention any way in which we are not living up to our potential for goodness, then asking God for the grace to improve as we look ahead to tomorrow.

The Examen can be an easy way to recognize God’s presence in our day in the most astounding ways. (*See page 5 or pick up a bookmark in the back of the church and chapel for a copy.*) Ignatius exhorts us to find God in all things. If we believe in God’s presence in our world and life, and if we really believe we are loved by God, then developing the practice of recognizing God’s gifts and expressing gratitude to God may extend the essence of Thanksgiving to each day. Happy Thanksgiving...every day!

—Written by Marie Shiels-Djouadi, a parishioner who came to Holy Trinity when her husband died in 2008. In appreciation of how he reflected God’s unconditional love for her, she joined the RCIA team in 2010 and has served as a co-facilitator of RCIA Inquiry for the past three years. Marie has made several Ignatian Retreats in Daily Life, including the Spiritual Exercises in the 19th Annotation format in 2010. She lives our mission to accompany one another in Christ by always welcoming others to Mass and to our parish.



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Emmanuel Retreat Deadline Nov. 19

The Emmanuel Retreat, **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. To register, please visit www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats, pick up a brochure at the back of the church, or email moshea@trinity.org

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

Accompany one another in Christ
Celebrate God's love
Transform lives

PARISH CENTER

Phone: (202) 337-2840 **Fax:** (202) 337-9048

Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-12pm through August 25; Sat & Sun: No receptionist on duty, but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

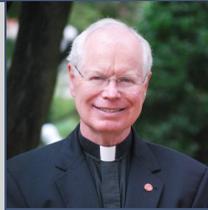
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From the Pastor's Desk

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear another parable from Jesus in which He presents how a master congratulates his servants for being "faithful in small matters." As the pastor of Holy Trinity, it is my responsibility to promote this lesson of Jesus so that as a parish we are faithful in small matters as well as in large ones. In this respect, the parish staff's stewardship of contributions and gifts, small and large, are to be received, accounted for and dispersed responsibly.

This weekend and the following week we are presenting glimpses of the parish's pastoral picture (financially and ministerially). Like a painting by numbers, we portray the parish's financial picture by means of this column and the publication of our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017. Our financial picture will be referred to during my annual sermon on the state of the parish, which I will present at each Mass this weekend. Then, you can expect to receive the Parish Pledge letter and information, which registered parishioners should receive in the mail this week. In this letter, I highlight several examples that illustrate our matrix of Ignatian ministries and reflect our mission statement as one of welcoming, accompaniment, celebration, and transformation.

Allow me to note some important numbers:

- Registered Parishioners: 3,500
- Parish Operating Revenue: \$4,258,000
- Parish Pledge: \$2,650,000 from 1,365 households
- Offertory and Holiday Collections: \$671,000
- Other Sources of Revenue: \$515,000
- Total Parish Expenditures: \$4,258,000
- Total Groups and Programs of the Parish: 101

Sacramental and Religious Education

- Children in Sunday Religious Education: 750
- Children Baptized: 197
- Adults Baptized: 7
- Adults Received into Full Communion: 19
- First Eucharist: 133
- First Reconciliation: 142
- Confirmations: 123
- Liturgical Ministers: 600

Holy Trinity School

- Enrollment: 343
- Need-based financial aid provided: \$650,000

Social Justice Tithe

- Distributions: \$405,000
- Organizations Supporting the Poor and Vulnerable: 27

Ignatian Spirituality

- Individual Engaged in Retreats: 209
- Students in Ignatian Training Program: 17
- Women Engaged in ISP Retreats: 40
- Sacred Space Booklets: 2,500

These numbers paint quite a picture of a parish that is actively engaged and contemplatively grounded. Our challenge is to continue to sustain these activities responsibly as good and worthy stewards of Christ. Thank you for your contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

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 20, 2017

Monday	7:00am	William Mullen+
	8:00am	Benjamin Miller
	5:30pm	John C. MacDougall+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Angelene Hulbert+
	5:30pm	Charley C. Clazon
Wednesday	7:00am	Francisco Santa Cruz+
	8:00am	Jose Buenaventura+
	5:30pm	The Kraemer Family
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	Thanksgiving Schedule
	5:30pm	
Friday	7:00am	Dr. Brian Doberstyn
	8:00am	J. Harry Riley++
	5:30pm	Pau Chi "Pede" Pren+
Saturday	8:00am	Betty Schuerber+

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

Pray for those who are dead: *Tony Stokes*

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.

President Cecilia Boudreau ppcpresident@trinity.org

Vice President Ellen Touns parishcouncil@trinity.org

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.



Praying in Sacred Space: An Advent Journey

December 2, 9, 16, 23
4-5pm, 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.

Ignatian Spirituality for HTS Parents

Are you filled with a vague sense of dread and guilt when you hear the term *Ignatian Spirituality* and think, "I wish I had the time to learn more, but where do I start?" Then do we have the thing for you! Join other Holy Trinity School parents on **December 1**, 8:15-9am in McKenna Hall to learn more about the spirituality that your children are experiencing.

Sacred Icons

December 3, 10am – 2pm, Chapel Gallery

You are invited to join the Iconographers' Guild to a prayerful exhibition of icons they have written/painted on the grounds of Holy Trinity. For additional information, contact Dan MacDougall at anmacdoug@aol.com. The guild is a group of parishioners, along with a Master Iconographer and Artistic Director, who gather to write/paint icons using egg tempera following the guidelines established by the Byzantine and Moscow School of Iconography.



Ignatian Spirituality Project

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) is a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through offering retreats in the Ignatian tradition. Ignatian Spirituality at Holy Trinity invites you to participate in two programs that support the ISP.



Praying with the Women of Advent

December 7, 6:30pm, McKenna Hall

The ladies who participate in ISP would like to meet you! Please join them for Praying with the Women of Advent, an evening of supper, fellowship, and prayer that brings together Ignatian and 12-step traditions. A simple meal of soup and bread will be followed by prayer and discussion.

Support a Woman on the ISP December Retreat

Twelve women who are in recovery from addictions and homelessness will be on retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, December 13-15. When each woman arrives in her own room at the retreat house, she finds a hospitality bag, filled with items to show our care for her. Each bag contains travel size shampoo, conditioner, hand and body cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, Kleenex, a journal and pen, a small stuffed animal, a Bible, and a note letting the woman know we are praying for her. If you would like to make a hospitality bag for a woman, please bring it to the receptionist's desk at the parish center to the attention of Catherine Heinhold on or before **December 6**.

Visit www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org to learn more on how ISP is ending the injustice of homelessness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no RE classes Sunday, November 26.

Faith Formation: Save the Date

Join Paul McCarren, S.J., in December as he presents on the Gospel of Mark .

December 10: "Be at Peace...Are You?"

December 17: "There is One Among You You Do Not Recognize...Why Not?"

10:10am, Chapel

Stay Connected!

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

WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Day Mass

The Eucharist will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, **November 23** at 10am. Consider beginning your Thanksgiving Day by giving thanks at the table of the Eucharist. Please note, there will be no other Masses on November 23. Happy Thanksgiving!

SOCIAL JUSTICE



The Giving Trees are Coming!

The Giving Trees will go on display in the Church and Trinity Hall **November 25 and 26**. Your gifts will support 11 organizations working with vulnerable families, men, women and children. We will also host a virtual Giving Tree on the Parish website. For more information about the program or to volunteer, please visit www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new or contact Kate Tromble at ktromble@trinity.org

PARISH LIFE

Save the Date! Caroling in Georgetown December 11, 6:30-8:30pm

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

STEWARDSHIP

2018 Parish Pledge

Fr. Gillespie's sermon reveals some of the meaningful ways we put your pledge to work on behalf of our parish mission to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love, and transform lives. A copy of the Annual Report is also available at the back of the church or at www.trinity.org/annual-report. We invite you this pledge season to prayerfully reflect on the ways all of the blessings you have been given can be used to advance God's reign of justice, peace and love.

Pledges may be completed either by calling our Development Office at (202) 903-2821, returning the pledge brochure to the Development Office, or visiting www.trinity.org/development.

The Parish Pledge runs through **January 31**. By making an pledge to Holy Trinity, you are supporting the very services, ministries, and educational programs that our parish is called to provide. *Thank you!*



The Examen

Preparation

Quieting myself, I become aware that I am in Your presence, O God. I imagine You looking at me, and me looking at You loving me.

Intention

Loving God, open my eyes and ears to see where You have been with me today.

Thanksgiving

As I reflect, I realize that everything I have, even myself is a gift from You.

Review

Let me allow you to bring to my awareness the moments, moods, and relationships of the day. For the times that were life-giving, I express my gratitude to You.

Forgiveness

I am still learning to grow in Your love. Forgive me for the times when I chose not to respond to Your invitations to love.

Hope

With gratitude to You, I ask for what I really want and need as I move into tomorrow.

Close with your favorite prayer

Ignatian Spirituality Resources

Holy Trinity's Ignatian Spirituality Ministry has a "Resources" web page, with links to prayer apps, Jesuit retreat houses, articles and videos. Visit www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/resources

For more information about Ignatian Spirituality at Holy Trinity, contact moshea@trinity.org



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

Thanksgiving Meal Donations Collection

- 8:30 AM** Coffee following 7:30am Mass
Parish Center Library
- 10:10 AM** Religious Education
Assigned Classrooms
- 10:10 AM** High School Religious Education
Parish Center Library
- 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
- 3:00 PM** Living the Spiritual Exercises
McKenna Hall
- 3:00 PM** Claire Allen Violin Recital
Chapel
- 6:30 PM** Trinity Adult Singles Gathering
McKenna Hall

Monday, November 20

MONDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Luke 18:35-43

- 7:30 PM** Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group
Neale Room

Tuesday, November 21

MEMORIAL OF PRESENTATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 2 Maccabees 6:18-31/Luke 19:1-10

- 7:00 PM** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Faber Room

Wednesday, November 22

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA
 Wisdom 6:1-11/Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY
 1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Luke 19:41-44

- Parish Center Closed**
- 10:00 AM** Thanksgiving Mass
Church

Friday, November 24

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC
 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/Luke 19:45-48

Parish Center Closed

Saturday, November 25

SATURDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 1 Maccabees 6:1-13/Luke 20:27-40

- 7:30 AM** Zen Meditation
Parish Center Upper Room, rdruicker@aol.com

Sunday, November 26

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28/
 Matthew 25:31-46

- No Religious Education**
- 10:30 AM** So Others Might Eat Meal Service
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