



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 17, 2017

## Catechetical Sunday

*This is the job of the catechist: constantly to go forth to others out of love, to bear witness to Jesus and to talk about Jesus, to proclaim Jesus... Is this what causes my heart to beat as a catechist, union with Christ and encounter with others? -Pope Francis*

Each September, as children head back to school and Religious Education (RE) programs begin, we all have an opportunity to rededicate ourselves as “disciples” of the faith on Catechetical Sunday.

While today is called Catechetical Sunday, this day is not just for catechists. By our baptism, we are all called to be witnesses to the Gospel and to pass on our faith in a variety of ways. This is a time to remember that we are a community of faith, and, like any vibrant community, we all play a part. Pope Francis has said that we can longer go about “business as usual” when building up the Church. It’s time to get involved!

“I couldn’t shake the feeling that I should do *something*,” said Lisa Bolejack, one of our current 2nd grade catechists. “I’m not a teacher by trade, but shouldn’t we be able to pass on God’s love for us? It’s rewarding to watch the children grow in knowledge of their faith and deepen their relationship and connection with God.”

Likewise, today is also a call to parents to recommit themselves to their children’s faith formation and, like Bolejack said, help pass on God’s love. After all, parents are their children’s primary religious educators.

Additionally, today honors the many volunteers in our parish who are sharing intentionally their faith—not only in the RE program, but also other ministries like RCIA, Marriage Preparation, and Confirmation. The gifts they share with our parishioners, who are at various places on their individual faith journeys, are immeasurable.

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*Around 150 Holy Trinity parishioners, including many HTS students, watched the Washington Nationals play the Philadelphia Phillies on September 9. Father Kevin's Phillies beat Mr. Hennessy's Nats in an exciting 5-4 game with multiple home runs.*

## PPC Year in Review

As I turn over the presidency of Holy Trinity’s Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to Cecilia Boudreau, I thought it a good time to take stock of the role and accomplishments of the council over the past two years of my leading it along with our pastor, Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

I would like to focus on three specific accomplishments achieved through this co-laboring experience over the past 24 months: one that provided insight into who we are as a parish, a second that provides us with long-term direction, and a third that empowers parishioners to take on leadership roles within the parish.

Early in his tenure, Fr. Kevin advanced the idea of assessing the strengths, weaknesses and engagement of Holy Trinity by inviting a Jesuit-led organization, the Parish Evaluation Project, to conduct a survey and hundreds of interviews of clergy, staff, and parishioners.

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**Loyola Club Fall Luncheon**  
*with guest speaker Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.*

**October 12, 11:30am—1:30pm**  
The University Club at 1135 16th Street, NW

Register at [www.loyolaclubdc.org](http://www.loyolaclubdc.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

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**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.

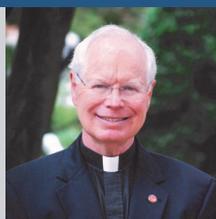
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## From the Pastor's Desk

Since the August 21 solar eclipse, it seems that our nation, so often characterized as polarized, has had occasions for collaborating with a sense of united purpose. The occasions, of course, have been due to the natural disasters wrought by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the Mexican earthquake, and the vast forest fires in various parts of the nation.

This past Sunday afternoon while Irma traveled across Florida, I experienced the common cause of citizenship when I accompanied a dozen Holy Trinity parishioners and several hundred people of various faiths in the annual Unity Walk. Hosted by the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, the Unity Walk is a collaborative religious byproduct of the tragedy of 9/11 and takes place on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of this day of remembrance.

How symbolic that the program began with a Zoroastrian prayer in the Washington Hebrew Congregation. The prayer preceded words from several religious leaders, including Bishop Mario Dorsonville. These speakers were then followed by a beautiful rendition of "This Land is Your Land" by a Muslim children's choir. The walk concluded three hours later with Islamic prayers and interfaith songs of peace at The Islamic Center of Washington. In between the Jewish and the Islamic Centers, we spiritual sojourners visited the following faith communities, each residing along the "holy mile" known as Massachusetts Avenue:

*Embassy Church; Annunciation Catholic Church; Sikh Gurdwara DC; St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral; Community of Christ Church; Soka Gakkai-USA Buddhist Culture Center; St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral; and the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See.*

Along the way, I met and conversed with a Russian Orthodox priest, a minister from the American Methodist Episcopal Church, and a group of young Mormon missionaries who were serving their religion's requirement for one to two years of mission work. Among the walk's other special encounters was meeting and speaking with the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre as he welcomed the walkers to his residence at the Apostolic Nunciature. I also enjoyed walking part of the journey with Bishop Dorsonville, who confirmed many of our parish youth this past May.

As we move forward from natural events that have revealed our common creaturehood, I pray that these common causes have united us and that the shared sense of the sacred inspired by the Unity March may continue. In their own way, these events, coupled by the Unity Walk, invite one to experience genuinely the motto which defines our nation's common mission, and which is printed on every American coin and bill: *E Pluribus Unum*—Out of many, one.

*Rev. 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 September 18

Monday	7:00am	Jeff Moran+
	8:00am	David Toupes+
	5:30pm	Matthew & Patricia Kraemer+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Allan Le Gloabec+
Wednesday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Suzette Balou
Thursday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Judy Mould
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Carmella Maraccio+
Saturday	8:00am	Betty Schreiber+

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Lisa Dittmeier at [ldittmeier@trinity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.trinity.org/register). Questions about registering can be directed to [registration@trinity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org)

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## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. –Pope Francis

### God's Abiding Love An Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

**October 1-7**

**Registration Deadline: September 17**

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 entrances to the church and chapel and at [www.trinity.org/spirituality-ignatian](http://www.trinity.org/spirituality-ignatian)

### Inner Peace in Divine Love An Ignatian retreat made in a small group

**October 15-November 19**

**Registration Deadline: October 1**

In the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius Loyola suggests that the Exercises could be made in two ways: the Full Spiritual Exercises (made over a thirty day period or nine months) and the First Spiritual Exercises (made over a shorter period of time). Inner Peace in Divine Love is the first of four retreats in the First Spiritual Exercises.

This retreat will focus on the loving relationship each of us has with God. Beginning with our own experience of love, we will be asked to contemplate all the gifts we have received from God. As we sit with this love, we may seek Christ's inner peace and the desire to put our love into action.

Space is limited. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the church and chapel and at [www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats](http://www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats).

For more information about Ignatian Spirituality events, contact Martina O'Shea at [moshea@trinity.org](mailto:moshea@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2810.

### Movie Moments of Grace 2017-18 Season



Join us to kick off the Movie Moments of Grace season with *Life as a House* on **September 30** at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall. All are welcome to view contemporary films and join in small group discussion about how the film engages us as human beings at a deep emotional level. In the tradition of Ignatian Spirituality, reflection on this affective response can be a rich source of spiritual

insight and self-discovery. Please RSVP to [htmmog@gmail.com](mailto:htmmog@gmail.com).

### Stay Connected!

Sign up for weekly updates at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter)

### Catechetical Sunday *continued from page 1*

At Holy Trinity, we have made a commitment to the lifelong faith formation of all our parishioners. Each of our parish ministries offer opportunities to grow in our faith: through Social Justice activities and reflections, Ignatian Spirituality programs and retreats, catechists' workshops, book discussions, or RCIA, to mention a few.

Finding the "sweet place" to meet the members of our entire community offers us a challenge. Faith formation should flow beyond a lecture presentation. It should invite us to ponder, reflect and then move to some action. Like Jesus, we want to meet you where you are.

We invite you to explore what each ministry offers in the coming weeks and to join in whatever manner feeds your soul and enriches your journey.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

**September 17, 10:10am**, Saint Ignatius Chapel

An email was sent to all those who have registered. This meeting is intended for parents only. Childcare is available in the Upper school cafeteria, or children 3-5 years old may join the Children's Bible story hour.

### Children's Bible Story Hour

Children 3-5 years old are invited to come and hear Bible stories and sing. This week we will be sharing about Creation on **September 17** at 10:10am in the Lower School Big Room. No registration is necessary.

### Become a Catechist!

We still need a few women and men, college students, or high school students willing to assist in the classroom. Please email [readmin@trinity.org](mailto:readmin@trinity.org) to learn how you can grow in your faith while introducing children to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

### Welcome Xareny Jackson



Please join us in welcoming Xareny Jackson as our new Office Coordinator. Xareny received a B.A. in Graphic Design from Universidad del Valle de Mexico and studied Global Business at Walden University. Welcome, Xareny!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Monthly Service Opportunities

Join us each month for a chance to serve at an organization within our community helping our most vulnerable neighbors. We will serve at the Fr. McKenna Center, A Wider Circle, and SOME, prepare meals for Georgetown Ministry Center and Catholic Relief Services, and engage in a variety of other ways throughout the community. Visit our website for more details: [www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new](http://www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new).

### PPC Year in Review *continued from page 1*

The results were revealing. Among other things, we learned that while hundreds of parishioners are active in a hundred activities, we might not know a lot of people outside of our own areas of interest. We discovered that too often, newcomers attracted to Holy Trinity weren't made to feel particularly welcome once they arrived. We recognized that new volunteers found it difficult to get involved.

We've set about addressing all of these shortcomings. Our Parish Life Committee is offering numerous opportunities for meet and greets with parishioners and clergy throughout the greater DC area and we are making improved efforts to welcome new parishioners both at Mass and at coffees afterward. The Worship Committee is actively exploring ways to help our assemblies participate in the liturgy as liturgical ministers and members of the assembly. As for the Parish Council, we are committed to telling you more often what we are doing via the bulletin, website, social media, and personal outreach.

The council also led an effort to envision a parish mission statement that accurately reflects our ambitions and can be readily called to mind. You can find it on page 2 of the bulletin, but suffice it to say that it provides us a North Star to be more *welcoming, accompanying, celebrating* and *transforming*. Proposed projects and expenditures now will be measured against these aspirations.

Finally, a revamped structure was implemented so that our eight PPC standing committees (Communications, Education, Facilities, Ignatian Spirituality, Parish Life, Social Justice, Stewardship, and Worship), as well as the Finance Council and Holy Trinity School, could regularly collaborate with each other and PPC members to achieve annual measurable goals.

Those are the types of gains that can be made when we co-labor together for the good of the parish. While I will still be involved in the PPC as an appointed member by Fr. Kevin, I'm excited to hand over the leadership role to Cecilia and see what the 2017-18 council will achieve under her guidance.

*-Kirk Willison, PPC Past-President*

#### Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

September 20, 7pm, McKenna Hall

All are welcome!

## PARISH LIFE

### New Parishioner Orientation

All new parishioners are invited to attend Holy Trinity's New Parishioner Orientation on **September 24** from 3-4:30pm in McKenna Hall. Light refreshments will be served and children are welcome. No RSVP is required. For more information, contact Lisa Dittmeier at [ldittmeier@trinity.org](mailto:ldittmeier@trinity.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

### 1792 Society: A Lasting Legacy

In 1792, the parish broke ground for the construction of Trinity Church in what is now our chapel. That makes Holy Trinity the oldest continuously operating church in the District of Columbia, and we have long honored our legacy of nearly 225 years through the 1792 Society.

Membership in the 1792 Society is offered to all parishioners and friends who have named the parish in their will or estate plans, or have made any kind of planned giving arrangements (charitable gift annuity, charitable lead or remainder trust, real estate or life insurance) that will benefit Holy Trinity.

Each year, we celebrate 1792 Society members through a Saturday morning Mass and a reception at the Rectory. If you have made arrangements for planned giving to Holy Trinity (whether the parish or school), or would like to learn more about making a contribution to Holy Trinity in your estate planning, please contact Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at [rschuler@trinity.org](mailto:rschuler@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2843.

## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

### 2017 HTS Annual Fund

Give or pledge today at [www.htsdc.org/support-hts!](http://www.htsdc.org/support-hts!)



Your gift to the HTS Annual Fund supports the mission of Holy Trinity as we prepare our students to work with initiative, act with integrity, and engage the world as a place in which God can be found in all things.

### Golfing for Good!

Father Kevin and Holy Trinity School invite all parishioners to participate in the HTS Golf Classic, which supports need-based scholarships, on **October 23**. Sign up at [www.htsdc.org](http://www.htsdc.org) or call (202) 337-2339 for more information.

