



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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The Challenge of Racism Today

This past November, Cardinal Wuerl released a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Church of Washington. A bishop typically releases a pastoral letter to mark a specific event in the Church or to highlight a significant issue in the Church or culture. In his letter, Cardinal Wuerl confronts our culture and the scandal of racism: "We are all aware of incidents both national and closer to home that call attention to the continuing racial tensions in our society." He goes on to say that, "in spite of numerous positive advances and the goodwill of many, many people, too many of our brothers and sisters continue to experience racism."

The Cardinal makes it clear that "the divisions we face today that are based on the color of one's skin or ethnic background are obviously not part of God's plan...the human race is rooted in the loving, creative act of God, who made us and called us to be family—all God's children—made in God's image and likeness. There is no basis to sustain that some are made more in the image of God than others."

Where do we start to address racism? "To address racism, we need to recognize two things: that it exists in a variety of forms, some more subtle and others more obvious; and that there is something we can do about it even if we realize that what we say and the steps we take will not result in an immediate solution to a problem that spans generations. We must however, confront this issue with the conviction that in some personal ways we can help resolve it.

"Intolerance and racism will not go away without a concerted awareness and effort on everyone's part. Regularly we must review 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."

Cardinal Wuerl indicates that the pastoral letter is not intended to be the final word, but rather what he hopes is the start of robust dialogue that guides us toward reconciliation. In the spirit of dialogue, please join us today, **Sunday January 14, at 2:30pm in McKenna Hall** for an interfaith discussion of how people of faith can respond to the challenge of racism. We will be joined by clergy and congregants from all parts of our Georgetown faith community, making for a robust conversation about how live our prayers for a more just society.



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2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Join Father Gillespie today, **January 14** at 1:15pm in the chapel to learn more about this pilgrimage, which will be led by Father Brendan Lally, S.J. of St. Joseph's University from June 12-22.

For more information about the pilgrimage, visit
www.pilgrimages.com/frlally

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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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by
parishioner Anthony Tambasco,
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For over 100 years, January 18-25 been celebrated as an Octave for Church Unity, encouraging Catholics and Protestants to pray as Christ prayed for unity—something becoming even more important in today's world. We have shifted from envisioning uniformity, with all becoming Catholic, to striving for unity within a healthy pluralism, and have expanded from ecumenical (or inter-Christian) dialogue to not only interreligious dialogue, but also dialogue with the non-religious.

Indeed, if we could summarize the impetus from the Second Vatican Council, it would be in the Church's self-understanding as a pilgrim people—a people not necessarily with all the answers, but with development of doctrine in dialogue with the signs of the times, with openness to the world (especially to the poor), with respect for freedom of conscience, and with affirmation of the redeeming qualities of religions and even of the sincere heart of atheists. Thus, internal Church renewal requires external dialogue; it is not a superfluous option. As a post-Vatican II product, Pope Francis both lives by and teaches this significant opportunity.

In keeping with this vision, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Arturo Sosa, has called all Jesuit ministries to communal discernment on their roles in bringing reconciliation to the world and on their particular apostolic preferences for the present moment—and to do this within deepening dialogue with other cultures and religions.

Holy Trinity has already engaged in such dialogue, so it is a question of extending and deepening such activity. To that end, parishioners John Borelli, Paula McCabe, Jim Thessin, and I met with some parish leaders last spring to explore what could be done further. Then, I hosted a dinner for four inter-faith couples to get their input. It seems that a prime place, though not exclusive, to explore inter-faith interaction would be among interfaith couples at Holy Trinity. To that end, I would like to gather more of such couples for informal dialogue to see what the needs are and how to meet them. Couples are invited to contact me at tambasca@georgetown.edu so I can arrange for some other brainstorming sessions. Eventually, discussion will be opened to all interested in promoting this significant movement of our times.

My wife, Anne Stewart, and I have also established an endowed fund for interfaith education and interaction. The intention of the fund is to encourage not only a dialogue of ideas but also a dialogue of life, experience, and social action. Please visit www.trinity.org/give to learn more. If you are interested in contributing to the fund, contact Rock Schuler at rschuler@trinity.org.

Finally, in the week of the Church Unity Octave, I will lead next Sunday's Adult Education program at 10:15am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius on **Interfaith Activity: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?**

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 January 15, 2017

Monday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Jefferey M. Keffer+ Barnes W. McCormick, Jr.+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Richard Perry, M.D.+
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Delores & Kenneth Bellis+
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Windsor Jordan, Sr.+
Friday	8:00am	Rosemary Redden+
	5:30pm	Anne Schneiders+
Saturday	8:00am	

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

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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.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (Check bulletin or website for Holy Days)

Weekdays: 7am, 8am & 5:30pm in the Chapel (on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

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.

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
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807

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

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WORSHIP

Men's Discernment Retreat

Carinal Wuerl invites men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s who are open to a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held **February 2-4** at Saint John Paul Seminary in Washington, DC. There is no cost to attend. Registration is open at www.dcpriest.org.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

A Lenten Retreat in Daily Life

Drawn from the Spiritual Exercises

February 11-March 24

Registration deadline is January 28

This individually directed six-week retreat, made in daily life, is for those who have already made an Ignatian retreat and are looking to go deeper. For those thinking about making the Spiritual Exercises, the retreat can give you a taste of what is involved in making the eight-to-nine month retreat. During Lent, you will commit to taking one hour a day to pray and one hour a week to meet with a spiritual director. As part of this retreat, you are also asked to attend the opening session **February 11** from 3-5pm and the closing session on **March 24** from 8:30-10:30am.



Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat at Georgetown Prep

February 18-March 25

Registration deadline: February 4

In the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius Loyola suggests that the Exercises could be made in two ways: the Full Spiritual Exercises (made over a 30 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 be met on Sundays at Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, MD. Space is limited, so please register early.

To learn more or to register for a retreat, please visit www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats or pick up a brochure in the back of the church. For more information, please contact Martina O'Shea, moshea@trinity.org or (202) 903-2810.

Save the Date! Movie Moments of Grace

"Ixcanul," **February 3**, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall
Ixcanul (Volcano) (2016, 100 min), is a Guatemalan film in the Mayan language Kaqchikel. It tells the story of two strong women, a mother and daughter, as the daughter attempts to escape the old way of life where indigenous peoples are oppressively controlled by the wealthy elite, and women even more so.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

People of Faith: Confronting the Challenge of Racism

Join us for an ecumenical conversation on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend about how our community of faithful people can, together, confront racism in our world today. Speakers include Rev. Robert Pines of First Baptist Church, Rev. Johnsie Cogman of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, and John Graham of Grace Episcopal Church. Today, **January 14**, 2:30pm in McKenna Hall.

Kino Border Trip Info Session

Join us for an information and orientation session in the Upper Room on Thursday, **January 18** from 6:30-8pm if you are considering or definitely traveling to Nogales, AZ/Mexico April 27-May 1 or in the fall of 2018. RSVP to margielegowski@gmail.com.

Building Your Toolbox for Justice: Catholic Lay Movements

We will continue our series on justice within the context of catholic social teaching on **January 27**. Kevin Ahern, assistant professor at Manhattan College, will talk with us about structures of grace and the role of the laity in leading Catholic movements for justice. We will gather at 10am for coffee and 10:30am for the program in the Lower School Big Room. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new.

Virginia Day for All People

Virginia Day for All People. Join the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) in Richmond on **January 23** for a day of learning and advocating for justice with other people of faith. The VICPP will focus on healthcare expansion, eliminating wage theft, welcoming all people, and criminal justice reform. The day begins at 8am at St. Paul's in Richmond. Registration is \$30. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/DFAP2018. Visit www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Ecumenical Sunday

In the week of the Church Unity Octave, January 18-25, Anthony Tambasco, Ph.D., will lead the Sunday morning adult education program on Inter-Faith activity: *Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?* **January 21**, 10:10am, Chapel

Parent Meeting #2 for First Eucharist

January 21, 10:10am in Trinity Hall. This meeting is for all parents whose children are preparing for celebrating First Communion this Spring. Please make every effort to attend as material will be distributed.

Children's Bible Story Hour

January 21, 10:10am in Lower School Library. The story of the Good Shepherd will be featured. No registration is required.

7th Grade Parent Coffee

January 21, 10:15am in McKenna Hall. You are invited to meet other 7th grade parents, ask questions and offer insights.

Marriage Preparation

Programs are available February through June. These preparation sessions are lead by married couples of Holy Trinity. Some have served for 10+ years, some couples two or three years. To learn more about serving in this ministry, please contact Judith Brusseau. If you are interested in registering for a Marriage Preparation session, please check www.trinity.org/marriage.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

January 17, 7pm, McKenna Hall

All are welcome to attend the January PPC Meeting!

New Parishioner Orientation

If you are new to the parish or simply want to learn more about it, please join us **January 28** at 3pm in McKenna Hall. Meet Father Gillespie and members of the parish staff to learn about our ministries and activities. Light refreshments will be served and children are welcome. Tours of the Parish Campus will be given by our Holy Trinity Ambassadors. No RSVP required.

Trivia Night: A Parish Connection Event

February 2, 6pm, Trinity Hall

Join Father Kevin and Holy Trinity School Principal Charlie Hennessy for an evening of fun and trivia. Hosted by the HSA, proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity School. Dance to a live band, enjoy chili with beer and wine. Bring your friends or meet some new ones! Purchase tickets at www.trinity.org/trivia.

Save the Date!

February 25, 10:10am, Chapel

Father Gillespie will speak on the recently published book *Homilies for All Seasons: Guidance from Father Leo Murray*. Books are for sale at the reception desk of the Parish Center during regular business hours.

Coming Up!

Aging Seminar Series: **February 4 & March 11**

Grief Support Group Begins: **February 10**

For details on these events, as well as more information on all of the parish life happenings and groups, please visit www.trinity.org/parish-life.

Stay Connected in 2018!

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

STEWARDSHIP



Early in the season this past fall, I walked through the Georgetown University campus for the first time in my life. Colors of autumn were just beginning to bleed through the fading haze of summer. Winding pathways beckoned me into the warm embrace of seemingly ancient buildings. Yet it was not so much nature or the human crafting of stone and brick that impressed me—it was the message that met my eyes everywhere I looked, inescapable among hanging banners and posters and message boards, *Live for Others*. Georgetown was unambiguous in its proclamation: This place will prepare you to live for others.

Living for Others is the essence of Stewardship, and Stewardship is the essence of the human vocation since Eve and Adam were entrusted with a garden called Earth. All that we have—every dime, every talent, every moment of time—is of that primal garden still. And still, God calls us to use it all—all of it—to build up life. Life for ourselves, yes, and especially life for others.

One significant way we answer that divine call is by committing our financial blessings to the life-building mission of God's kingdom. Holy Trinity takes that mission seriously. Thank you to all who have already offered your parish pledge for the continuation of our work in 2018.

Soon, dedicated volunteers will be offering their time to call parish households, asking those who have not yet pledged to please do so. Our hope, for the sake of our volunteers and their time, and to avoid interruptions in the daily lives of our parishioners, is to have very few calls to make!

Please offer your 2018 financial commitment by returning the pledge form that was in Fr. Gillespie's letter or by entering your 2018 pledge at www.trinity.org/give. You may also call or email me at rschuler@trinity.org or (202) 903-2843.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

A Parent Workshop with Rachel Laser

Thursday, **January 25**, 8am, McKenna Hall

The Diversity Committee and Home & School

Association invite you to this conversation on race, identity and privilege with Rachel Laser, who will share tips and tools for navigating challenging conversations.

Sunday, January 14**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19/1Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
John 1:35-42***Sunday Mass with Baptisms
9am & 11:30am*****No Religious Education****10:15 AM****St. Jean Baptiste Haiti Committee Meeting**

Parish Center Library

1:15 PM**Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Session**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

2:30 PM**People of Faith: Confronting Challenges of Racism**

McKenna Hall

7:15 PM**Young Adult Community Mass & Cafe**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

Monday, January 15**MONDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Samuel 15:16-23/Mark 2:18-22

Parish Center Closed**Tuesday, January 16****TUESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Samuel 16:1-13/Mark 2:23-28

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

Faber Room

Wednesday, January 17**MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY**

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mark 3:1-6

7:00 PM**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Parish Center Library

7:15 PM**Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group**McKenna Hall– C, groberstewart1@mac.com**Thursday, January 18****THURSDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Samuel 18:6-9/ Mark 3:7-12

6:00 PM**Christian Meditation Group**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

6:00 PM**Iconography Guild**

Parish Center Library

6:30 PM**Kino Delegation Meeting**

Parish Center Upper Room

7:00 PM**Job Seekers Support Group**

Georgetown Neighborhood Library (3260 R Street, NW)

7:00 PM**Young Adult Faith Sharing**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

Friday, January 19**FRIDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Samuel 24:3-21/Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20**SATURDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mark 3:20-21

7:30 AM**Zen Meditation**Parish Center Upper Room, rdruecker@aol.com**9:00 AM****Repetitio**Parish Center Library, jen74hen@gmail.com**4:30 PM****Shepherd's Flock Mass & Potluck**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

Sunday, January 21**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-20

8:30 AM**Coffee following 7:30am Mass**

Parish Center Library

10:10 AM**Religious Education**

Assigned Classrooms

10:10 AM**Adult Faith Formation**

Saint Ignatius Chapel

10:10 AM**First Eucharist Parent Meeting**

Trinity Hall

10:10 AM**Children's Bible Story Hour**

Lower School Big Room

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