



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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Claiming Dignity and Worth

By Susan Haarman

When I was a Jesuit volunteer in 2005, I went to El Salvador for a week. In retrospect, most of it was the kind of white savior poverty tourism trip I'd spend the next 12 years of my life trying to prevent. And yet...

Our first full day in El Salvador was Easter Sunday. Francisco piled us into the van and we drove for about four hours in search of a Jesuit and an Easter Mass in a town called Arcatao.

Upon arrival, we found the priest we were looking for had been transferred two weeks earlier.

So without a Mass to go to, Francisco convinced a local man to take us around the town. He filled us in on the history of the town. Because of its location in the mountains, it had been rebel territory during the country's civil war and had been primarily under rebel control. When the army attacked, most of them were slaughtered in the town and others were ambushed at the bridge over the nearby river. Everyone caught was killed, regardless of age. The army dumped the bodies off the bridge and into the river. It ran red with blood for three days straight.

We left Arcatao in search of another Mass in another town. The ride was silent and I spent most of it frustrated and overwhelmed in the face of a history and a narrative of humanity that just seemed to be one litany of pain and oppression and violence after another.

The van started down a large hill and neared a bridge. Francisco pointed and explained it was the one the massacre occurred on. One of us asked to take a picture for who knows what reason.

I looked out the window at a place that 12 years before had run red with the blood of innocents, a place that exhibited the sheer unadulterated evil a human person is capable of and I opened the van door.

And the first thing I heard was laughter.

The river was teeming with people. It was Easter Sunday, so hundreds of families from the area were out having picnics, swimming, laughing, and celebrating life.

In a heartbeat, the reality of the Resurrection slammed into my heart. I saw the will of a soul continuing to claim it has dignity and worth no matter much or how long systems, suffering, and sin try to destroy it.

Christ's Resurrection was the physical form of the power and indestructibility of hope. Human dignity can be ignored but never destroyed, and hope teamed with love can wear down any obstacle.

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Meeting for Rising 1st & 2nd Graders

Today, **April 22**, 10:10am, Trinity Hall

We will discuss the sacramental preparation journey
to Reconciliation and Eucharist

Register now for Religious Education!

Early Bird Registration ends **May 31**. Register
online at www.trinity.org/re-registration-k12

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.

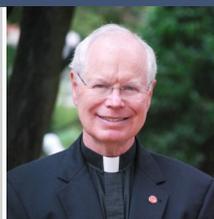
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From the Pastor's Desk

Well, he has done it again...Pope Francis, that is. In the five years of his pontificate, our Jesuit pope has penned two encyclicals and three apostolic exhortations. In 2013, he built upon the theology of Pope Benedict XVI to issue the encyclical, *Lumen fidei* ("The Light of Faith"). That same year, Pope Francis wrote his first apostolic exhortation on the spirituality of mission when he issued *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). Next in 2015, in the encyclical *Laudato Si'* ("Praised Be") he developed an ecological spirituality as he addressed the burning environmental concerns of our times. Then in 2016, in the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"), he developed a spirituality of family life. And last month, Pope Francis issued another Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and be Glad"), which provides a practical approach to a spirituality of holiness.

You might be wondering: what is the difference between an encyclical and an apostolic exhortation? An encyclical generally is more doctrinal in scope, whereby a specific church doctrine is defined and explained in some detail. An exhortation, on the other hand, represents a form of communication designed to encourage us to incorporate into our lives a series of recommendations. Using a sports metaphor, coaches might issue "encyclicals" when they instruct the players about the rules of the game, but use "apostolic exhortations" to cheer and challenge the team to play better.

According to Jesuit Father Antonio Spidorio, editor of the Jesuit periodical *La Civiltà Cattolica*, the pope turns to his Jesuit roots to assert that at the essence of Christian life is the principle of *curet primo Deum*, that is, to put God at the center by seeking and finding God in all things. This view is reflected in *Gaudete et Exsultate's* more provocative assertions:

Our defence of the innocent unborn...needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.

Father James Martin lists five takeaways from the document. They are: 1. Holiness means being yourself; 2. Everyday life can lead to holiness; 3. Two tendencies to avoid: Gnosticism and Pelagianism; 4. Be Kind; 5. The Beatitudes are a roadmap to happiness.

I will provide these and other highlights from our Jesuit pope's creative and challenging mind on Sunday, May 6 from 10:15-11:15am (between the end of the 9am Masses and the beginning of the 11:30am Mass). I hope to see you there.

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 April 23, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Patricia Brodie+
	5:30pm	Arthur R. Larson, Jr.+
Tuesday	7:00am	Ana Buenaventura
	5:30pm	Eileen Van Der Werf
Wednesday	8:00am	Mrs. Diego D'Ambrosio+
	5:30pm	Francesco Codispoti+
Thursday	8:00am	Nancy McGrath Johns+
	5:30pm	Armida McDonald
Friday	8:00am	Marilyn Panke+
	5:30pm	Violeta Delgado Moya
Saturday	8:00am	Leslie Deveau+

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. 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
- Children's Initiation (RCIA): Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- 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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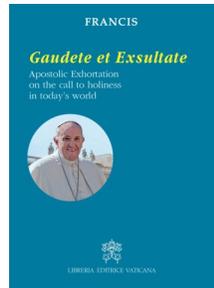
WORSHIP

Taize Prayer

Brothers Emilie & John from Taize, France will visit Holy Trinity on **April 30** for prayer. All are welcome for prayer in the style of Taize at 7pm in the church.

Gaudete et Exsultate

Fr. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. will lead a discussion on the exhortation **May 6** from 10:15-11:30am in Trinity Hall. The full text of the apostolic exhortation can be found on the Holy See website at w2.vatican.va.



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA)

CLA is a two-year program that cultivates Ignatian spirituality and leadership in young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Participants join a vibrant, faith-filled community of peers committed to becoming leaders in their fields as they search to find God in all things. A CLA cohort meets monthly (3rd Sundays from September to May) to discuss and engage in topics relevant to leadership and spiritual growth. Participants are offered retreat opportunities along with access to spiritual direction and mentoring. Applications to this program are currently being considered but the deadline is early May. An information session for prospective applicants will be held in the Peter Faber room **April 23** at 7pm and **May 6** at 4pm. Learn more at www.contemplativeleaders.org.



MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

Presents

Margarita with a Straw

Saturday, **April 28**

6:30pm Trinity Hall followed by refreshments and discussion

Margarita with a Straw (2015, 100 min) is a coming-of-age movie about a young woman with cerebral palsy who leaves her home in India to study in New York, unexpectedly falls in love, comes to terms with her mother's death and embarks on an exhilarating journey of self-discovery. RSVP to htmmog@gmail.com.

Afternoon with a Jesuit, Part 2

What's necessary to make a faith-filled decision? Please join us **May 6** at 4pm in Saint Ignatius Chapel for the second part of Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J.'s talk on discernment, followed by Q&A. Fr. McDermott is a Special Assistant to the President at Georgetown University. Hosted by the Young Adult Community and open to all parishioners.



55th Annual The Reverend Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J. Institute on Sacred Scripture

The 55th Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture will convene on the Georgetown University campus this summer, from **June 12-14**. Topics from both the Old and New Testaments will be the subject of presentations by a distinguished faculty of biblical scholars including Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., Felix Just, S.J., and Tom Linafelt, Ph.D. Lectures and discussions will enable the participants to increase their understanding of the Bible and its continued relevance to modern life. Tuition is \$325 (\$350 after April 30). For more information and to register visit faculty.georgetown.edu/mitchela/guiss, call (202) 687-5756 or email sacred.scripture@georgetown.edu

Ignatian Training Program to Become a Spiritual Director or Spiritual Companion

At Holy Trinity and throughout the metropolitan area, there is a serious shortage of men and women who are well-formed in the tradition and practice of Ignatian spirituality. Holy Trinity created a two-pronged training program that trains spiritual directors and spiritual companions in the Ignatian tradition—one that is accessible and affordable to individuals who have full-time work and family responsibilities. The next Ignatian Training Program will begin in September and the deadline to apply is **June 30**. For more information, pick up a brochure in the back of the church, visit www.trinity.org/training-programs-in-the-ignatian-tradition, or contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Scholarships for St. Jean Baptiste Students

Holy Trinity collaborates with our sister parish in Haiti, St. Jean Baptiste, to offer scholarships for students from the parish's secondary school. Following the success of our 8 awardees from the Classes of '16 & '17, we will make post-secondary study a viable option for future graduates (up to 12 at a time). The Scholarship Committee is hoping to enlarge our team of sponsors, each of whom commits to donating \$200/year for four years. To learn more about SJB or to join those sponsoring our scholarship students please email StJeanBaptisteHaiti@gmail.com.

Attention Financial Professionals

Many clients of Catholic Charities' housing, job assistance and immigration programs are in need of a financial coach. Catholic Charities has designed a new Financial Coaching Program to help clients make better financial decisions in order to take financial control of their lives. If you can volunteer 2-3 hours/month, please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org

Power of One May 19

At Holy Trinity, our faith and Ignatian tradition call us to build a more just world that upholds dignity, equality and access to social and economic opportunity for all. Our social justice ministry supports and facilitates living a life of justice and peace, and once a year we try to do this together as a parish. We call it the Power of One. This year, we will celebrate and serve together on **May 19**. Opportunities for service around the DC area are available throughout the day. Explore what service may work for you and your family at trinity.org/power-of-one. If you questions or need more information, please contact Kate Tromble, ktromble@trinity.org.

Play Golf with Little Friends of Peace

Little Friends for Peace is a nonprofit that aims to counter violence and contribute to a worldwide culture of peace by sharing skills to prevent, resolve and transform conflict, working with individuals, families, teams, and communities. Support LFFP on **April 30** at its first Charity Golf Classic at Kenwood Golf & Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. For details or to RSVP, contact Caity Dee at c.dee@lffp.org

The Diaper Drive is Coming!

On **May 5** and **May 6** Holy Trinity will hold a diaper drive for the Greater DC Diaper Bank. We will collect diapers, wipes and formula. You may place your donations in the bins outside of church. Learn more at www.greaterdcdiaperbank.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Cardinal's Appeal Update

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal! We are 65% of the way toward our goal of \$301,000! If you have not yet made a commitment to the Appeal, please visit www.appeal.adw.org to learn more and to donate. By giving to the Appeal you join with our sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese in supporting our witness to the faith in the DC region. Thank you!

Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Exploring the Possibility of Becoming Catholic?

Anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic is welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings that are part of the RCIA process and that are held **Tuesday evening** at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Parishioners are welcome to accompany potential inquirers to these meetings to help them feel at ease as they begin the process of looking at the Catholic Church. You may contact Anne Koester (akoester@trinity.org) or visit www.trinity.org to learn more.

Claiming Dignity & Worth, *cont. from page 1*

As we move into the Easter season after a Lent that began in the bloodshed of a school shooting, how will we, like the two Marys in the Gospel, run to announce the Good News we know? How will we witness with our words and our lives the hope that continues to unfold in the world?

Used with permission from ignatiansolidarity.net. Susan Haarman is the Associate Director for Service Learning at Loyola University Chicago's Center for Experiential Learning. She has degrees from Marquette University and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and previously served as the Faith and Justice Campus Minister, also at Loyola University Chicago.

PARISH LIFE



7th Annual Garden Party

Save the date! Celebrate our gardens in peak season at the 7th Annual Garden Party **May 18**, 6:30-8:30pm in McKenna Courtyard. This magical evening of fellowship includes a festive reception with wine, delicious hor d'oeuvres, signature cocktails and musical entertainment. Proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity gardens. For more information visit www.trinity.org/gardens or email htgardeners@gmail.com.

Receive Weekly Updates!
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Sunday, April 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18

- 10:00 AM** **Camp Trinity Meeting**
Upper Room
- 10:10 AM** **Religious Education**
Assigned Classroom
- 10:15 AM** **So Others Might Eat Meal Service**
71 O Street, NW
- 11:30 AM** **Boston College Alumni Mass**
Saint Ignatius Chapel

Monday, April 23

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10

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

Tuesday, April 24

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

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

Wednesday, April 25

FEAST OF SAINT MARK

1 Peter 5:5b-14/Mark 16:15-20

- 7:15 PM** **Holy Trinity Book Club**
McKenna C

Thursday, April 26

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

- 6:00 PM** **Christian Meditation**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:00 PM** **Young Adult Faith Sharing**
Saint Ignatius Chapel

Friday, April 27

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

Saturday, April 28

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14

- 7:30 AM** **Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room, rdruecker@aol.com
- 2:30 PM** **S4J**
Shrine of the Sacred Heart
- 6:30 PM** **Movie Moments of Grace**
Trinity Hall

Sunday, April 29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31/ 1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8

- 10:00 AM** **Camp Trinity Meeting**
Upper Room
- 10:10 AM** **Religious Education**
Assigned Classroom
- 10:15 AM** **So Others Might Eat Meal Service**
71 O Street, NW
- 11:30 AM** **Boston College Alumni Mass**
Saint Ignatius Chapel