

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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# **Child Protection at Holy Trinity**

by Judith Brusseau

The safety and well-being of your children is of the utmost importance to all clergy, faculty, staff and volunteers at Holy Trinity.

Since 1986, the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) has followed written child protection policies, and these policies are updated as required. Any adult who serves as a staff member, teacher, catechist, chaperone, small group leader, Confirmation team member—or any person wishing to assist with youth or serve as a coach—must be in compliance with the ADW Child Protection Policy. Anyone who works with children, including in a volunteer capacity, must complete an application with the diocese as well as with our parish. Part of this process is a criminal background check; clergy, faculty and staff members are also required to be fingerprinted.

The archdiocese provides mandatory educational sessions and ongoing professional development. We use the VIRTUS program, which allows us to offer ongoing training and monitoring and ensures that we are following established best practices (We will host a VIRTUS training for adults **November 3**. If you volunteer for the school or the RE program and need to become VIRTUS-compliant, you can register for this session by registering a www.VIRTUS.org.)



Our Religious Education program uses a scalable module called "Circle of Grace." We begin in kindergarten with ageappropriate discussions and materials about the sanctity of their bodies and continue as the children age through the program. The children learn that God is present within their own "Circle of Grace" and begin to understand what is appropriate within this space. Further, the children learn how as well as who to ask for help when boundaries are not respected. This year, as in past years, we invited licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Rolando Diaz to come and speak to the 7th-12th grade students to further explore healthy relationships, boundaries and any issue the students request. Parents are notified and invited to attend any of the presentations if they wish.

At Holy Trinity School, students start the school year with personal safety and child protection classes. Counselor Bridget Tansey teaches these lessons over a series of weeks focusing on safety at home, at school and in public. Students read stories, discuss various scenarios, analyze pictures, share strategies and watch videos which address the issues of boundary setting, trusting one's instincts, reporting unsafe or uncomfortable situations to trusted adults, community helpers, child luring, safe and unsafe touches, cyber bullying and internet safety. Parents receive communication at the beginning and end of this unit which includes questions and talking points to help facilitate similar conversations at home. Topics are revisited with students throughout the school year and on an as-needed basis with individual or groups of students. Completion of the program is reported each year to the Archdiocese of Washington.

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**HTS 200th Anniversary Street Fair & Reunion** October 20, 2018. 10am-2pm

**HTS 200th Anniversary Mass & Reception** 

October 21, 2018, 2:30pm RSVP: www.trinity.org/HTS200

27th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic

October 22, 2018, Army Navy Country Club Register: www.trinity.org/HTSclassic

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all

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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# **Living Our Mission:** Celebrate God's Love

This week's column is written by Ben Hawley, S.J., associate pastor

If you type in a search engine "Church Brew Works," you will find the website of an institution described in Wikipedia as follows: "The Church Brew Works is a brewpub in Pittsburgh, PA, set in...a restored Roman Catholic church (formerly St. John the Baptist Church)...built in 1902 and had been used as a church until 1993. Its doors opened as The Church Brew Works on August 1, 1996, after the building underwent extensive renovation, necessitated by years of lying dormant after being officially deconsecrated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1993."

Despite the renovation, it remains what it was: a large Catholic Church that probably sat 1,000 people. What is different is that now under the stained glass windows in the left aisle are a lineup of vats brewing beer and a bar with waitstaff and stools for customers. There are more vats up front under the baldacchino that had covered the high altar. The restaurant has preserved the sense of a main aisle with wooden dividers separating groups of tables on each side the whole length of the church, uh, I mean restaurant.

I have eaten dinner there on trips between Ann Arbor, MI and the East Coast, Pittsburgh being the halfway point.

So here is a thought question: Does what was a church, a holy place where people prayed for over 90 years, a place that still looks like a church give uplift and blessing to those who eat and drink there even though it is deconsecrated? Or, does brewing, eating and drinking in an entirely secular style diminish, demean, and even desecrate a holy space?

Since we live in Washington, let's first ask the legal question. I think we can assume that canon law's provisions for deconsecration ensure that legally no sacrilege occurs when present occupants brew, eat and drink. But local lore says that the Archdiocese is furious about the brewpub because despite canon law and rituals of deconsecration, the building remains in some sense a church. Why would the Archdiocese be angry if no desecration is occurring?

One could claim that the Catholic sense of divine mystery ensures that Jesus remains mystically present in the power of the Holy Spirit, having been invoked for 90 years by priests and laypeople praying. Presumably, the Holy Spirit is unfazed by a ritual of deconsecration, which is not intended to exorcise the Spirit from a place made holy by the Spirit's presence.

One could also claim that the presence of the Holy Spirit offers a blessing of peace, communality, and friendship with those who share a meal, one of the most ancient of all signs of community.

This is my view. I should warn you, though, that a very wise Jesuit, far wiser than I, who lives outside our area, disagrees with me on this. You choose – as an act of your own faith.

## **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 October 1, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Walter Zientek+
	5:30pm	Mary Finnegan Perrault+
Tuesday	7:00am	John Spears+
	5:30pm	James Howard Molloy, Jr.+
Wednesday	8:00am	Diane S. Robinson
	5:30pm	Margaret P. Grafeld+
Thursday	8:00am	Bob Martin+
	5:30pm	Nanci Greenfield+
Friday	8:00am	Joe Nothstein+
	5:30pm	Paul R. Andrews+
Saturday	8:00am	Christopher Brown

Pray for those who are sick: Thomas Dodd

**Pray for those who are dead:** Asela Silva; Maxwell Gruver; Christopher Carney; Joan McGrath

#### **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 (Monday & Tuesday), 8am (Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday) & 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, 9:30am, 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 seasonally 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 Beth Gray at (202) 903-2806 or *bgray@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 Prep: 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 Ellen Toups ppcpresident@trinity.org

Vice President Chris Hannigan parishcouncil@trinity.org

# WORSHIP

## Sacrament of the Sick

The parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick on **October 3** at 7pm in the Chapel of Saint Ignatius. The Sacrament of the Sick is offered for those facing serious illness, surgery, chronic or worsening disease, or experiencing the effects of advanced age. The Anointing will take place during contemplative Taize Prayer, and all are welcome, even if one does not wish to be anointed.

# **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY**



# MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

Presents

**Movie Moments of Grace: "Coming Home"** 

Saturday, **October 13**, 6:30pm in Trinity Hall *Coming Home (2014, 111 min)* is a Chinese movie about a man who is sent to labor camp during the Cultural Revolution, how this affects his wife and daughter and what happens when he is finally released. His daughter, who was forced from a dancing career to work in a textile factory, rejects him. His wife, now suffering from Alzheimer's, does not recognize him. He nevertheless finds a way to be by his wife's side and win the respect of his daughter. RSVP to *htmmog@gmail.com*. Trailer: *www.trinity.org/cominghome*.

# Young Adult Community Fall Retreat: What is Your Life For?

November 2-4 (Register by: October 14)

Do you wonder about the purpose of your life? Come and explore God's invitations to you on the YAC Retreat, an Ignatian weekend for adults in their 20s and 30s. Reflect individually and in small groups, listen to the experiences of a team of young adults, meet new friends, and celebrate the Sacraments, including Sunday Mass. Learn more and register: www.trinity.org/yac-retreat.

#### **Jesuit Friends & Alumni Mass**

Calling all Jesuit-educated graduates and friends of the Society -- you are invited to Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday 2018! Join parishioners, friends, family members and Jesuit graduates of all ages for fellowship and community building at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on **October 20** in the Church.

# **PARISH LIFE**

# **Grief Support Group Resumes**

The next group session will meet weekly on Saturdays from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm during **October 13-November 17**. For further information on the group, and to register, please contact Peggy Cloherty at (301) 320-1775 or *mlcloherty@verizon.net*, or Joe Brittain (202) 658-8791 or *jbrittain3@verizon.net*.

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

#### **Columbus Day Service**

Our first service opportunity for this year will be Monday **October 8**. Parishioners are invited to serve at the Fr. McKenna Center or to make sandwiches and trail mix for Martha's Table here at Holy Trinity. Details and sign up at *www.trinity.org/monthlyservice*.

## **Support Area Refugees and Immigrants**

Join the Peace Corps Community for Refugees on Tuesday **October 9** at 6:30 pm to show your support for refugees and immigrants in the DC area. The keynote speaker will be Mandy Manning, 2018 National Teacher of the Year and a leading advocate for immigrant and refugee students in our public schools. Local refugee and immigrant residents as well as faith leaders will be in attendance, and there will be an informal reception. New York University DC Building, 1307 L St, NW. RSVP: 33conroy@comcast.net.

#### **Small Toys Drive for Haiti**

On **October 13 & 14**, we will collect small toys for the children of St. Jean Baptiste parish in Haiti. The toys will be distributed at St. Jean's annual children's Christmas party. We are asking for small toys only so that we can ship as many as possible to Haiti. Used or new toys are fine. Examples of "small" toys: matchbox cars, action figures,



dolls (6" or less), Beanie Babies, jacks, jump ropes. **Please no stuffed animals**. *Mesi anpil!* (Thank you very much!)

### **Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice**

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Each year the Ignatian family (universities, high schools, parishes) gathers for a weekend of social justice and solidarity to learn, reflect, pray, network and advocate together. It is a place where people are empowered, reenergized, inspired, challenged, and supported by a community that sees faith and justice as integrally linked. This year's gathering will be

**November 3-4** at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City. The parish has reserved a block of registrations for parishioners. If you would like to participate, contact Kate Tromble at *ktromble@trinity.org* or (202) 903-2809.

# **Get Weekly Updates & Community Events**

Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

## Child Safety, cont. from page 1

All Holy Trinity staff are mandated reporters on campus. Mandated reporters are adults who, because of their roles, are required under DC law to any report reasonable suspicion of child abuse. The archdiocese has a licensed clinical social worker available 24 hours a day to field calls from survivors, pastors, employees or current victims seeking assistance or guidance.

In addition to the standard training and screening for staff and volunteers, the Maryland Province of the Jesuits is accredited by Praesidium, a company that accredits various organizations such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, hospitals, resorts and other settings where children are present. This accreditation requires additional training for priests and brothers in child abuse awareness and prevention, focusing clergy-specific areas such as community life and self-care.

Of course, as parishioners, we should consider ourselves stakeholders in our children's well-being. If you see someone behaving in a way that leaves a child vulnerable or if you are worried about boundary violations, let a parish staff member or the pastor know.

If you are ever in doubt, ask someone or say something. You can find Holy Trinity's statement on child protection on our website at <code>www.trinity.org/child-protection-policy</code> and read more about the Archdiocese's Child Protection Program on their website at <code>www.adw.org/childprotection</code>. There are also a number of resources for parents there on such topics as bullying, relationships and technology.

If you have any concerns or questions, I'm more than happy to schedule a time for a confidential discussion. Please contact me at *jbrusseau@trinity.org*.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

#### **Parent Coffee Grades K-2**

**October 14**, 10:15am, McKenna Hall Meet fellow parents and to learn about opportunities to participate in the RE program and other Holy Trinity ministries.

## **Stumbling in Holiness**

**October 14**, 4:15pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius Professor and theologian Brian P. Flanagan will address the ways in which both holiness and sinfulness condition the life of the pilgrim church.

## **Reconnecting with the Catholic Faith**

Landings is a new ministry for adult Catholics who are not actively practicing their faith but who are considering returning to the Church. Landings will meet on Saturday afternoons beginning **October 13**. Visit *www.trinitu.org/landings* to learn more.

# HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

#### **Comedy & Cocktails Benefiting HTS**

Join us **October 5** from 7-8:30 pm in Trinity Hall for a delicious cocktail tour of the 1920s with author Phil Greene, followed by stand-up comedy with George Peacock. \$40/person. To learn more and register, visit: www.trinity.org/comedy.

# 200TH/225TH ANNIVERSARY

#### **Donate to the Silent Auction**

With only 153 days until the 200th/225th Anniversary Benefit on **March 2**, the committee is accepting donations of sporting event tickets, concert tickets, vacation rentals, hotel packages, gift card to restaurants and retail shops, jewelry, behind the scenes tours, chef experiences, AMEX points, and more. If you would like more information on how to support the Anniversary Benefit, please visit *www.trinity.org/HT225* or email *HTbenefit@trinity.org*.

#### **Holy Trinity Time Capsule**



#### A New School in 1918

In 1918, the new Holy Trinity School opens with 503 registered students. A brochure announcing the school's opening says: "The class rooms…are the wonder of all who see them. No finer could be imagined. Flooded with light and air and looking over the beautiful grounds of Georgetown College and the Visitation Convent, their position, size and equipment are ideal."

All the teachers but one are nuns, and tuition is free for baptized children of Holy Trinity parishioners (tuition for non-Catholics \$1 per month). Both boys and girls study in the O Street building (current Upper School), because the Federal government requisitions the N Street building (current Lower School) for wartime use. In early October, the influenza epidemic forces the school to close for six weeks.