



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Spiritual Consolation

By Martina O'Shea

In preparation for the **November 4** Next Steps Parish Forum, we offer these thoughts to aid your discernment about how you might be called to respond to the sex abuse crisis in our Church.

You recall that, while Ignatius Loyola was recuperating from being hit with a cannonball in 1521, he began to pay attention to his inner experiences—his thoughts, imaginings, feelings, and desires. In *The Pilgrim's Journey*, Father Joseph Tylenda, S.J. tells how Ignatius began to “marvel at the difference between the spirits that agitated him, one from the demon, the other from God.” It dawned on Ignatius that what he was noticing were clues to understanding God’s direction for him. What a gift for our own spiritual journey...we too might sense clues to God’s direction for us!

Ignatius believed that these interior experiences came from what he called the “good spirit” or the “evil spirit.”

Good Spirit meant God’s Spirit...God’s action in our hearts. It also meant God’s working in us through grace, and through all of those influences for the good that surround us in the world and draw us toward God—acting from our “true self.”

When Ignatius used the term “evil spirit,” he was using his own 16th century language to recognize a 21st century truth: sometimes we can encounter obstacles when we try to place God at the center of our lives. For Ignatius, such obstacles came from an “enemy of our human nature.” Today, we might conceive of the “evil spirit” as a “dark force” that tempts us, using our vulnerable places of wounds, fears or self-doubts, away from being faithful to our relationship with God. Or it could refer to the sinful world around us.

For Ignatius then, discernment of spirits is *paying attention* to our inner experiences to *understand* where they come *from*—from the Good Spirit, or from the evil spirit--and where they *lead*—toward God; or away from God and toward being “stuck in self.”

### Non-spiritual consolation

Imagine a magnificent sunset and how you are moved by the multitude of colors: reds, oranges, and violets—spreading across the western sky as the sun gradually sinks below the horizon. Or, imagine holding a newborn baby, and marveling at the perfection of her fingers and toes; her tiny eyelashes. Being consoled with such beauty, might evoke feelings of peace, joy, good energy, a sense of expansiveness or being uplifted. This ‘everyday’ consolation is *non-spiritual*, and is not what Ignatius was talking about.

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## Today!

**Welcome Father Tim O'Brien**

10am, McKenna Hall

**New Parishioner Orientation**

3pm, McKenna Hall

**Stumbling in Holiness: Sin & Sanctity in the Church**

4:15pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

**Celebrate the Canonization Oscar Romero**

Food & Film with Maria Madre, 7pm, Neale Room

## 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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## Living Our Mission Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by Kate Tromble,  
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Moses named his son with Zipporah, Gershom, explaining that the name meant "I am a stranger in a foreign land." (Ex. 2:22) Moses was indeed a stranger, a Hebrew in Pharaoh's Egypt. We might even say he was our first unaccompanied minor – placed by his mother in a papyrus basket and left among the reeds at the river's edge in hopes that he would be found by someone that could provide him a better life. (Ex. 2:1-10)

Jesus, though accompanied by his mother and father, also spent much of his childhood as a refugee in a foreign land. You'll recall that upon his birth Herod ordered his death, forcing Joseph, Mary and Jesus to flee in the middle of the night from the manger in Bethlehem for Egypt. They remained in Egypt until the death of Herod years later. (Mat. 2:1-15)

The Bible contains many other stories of migration and flight. From these scripture passages, among others, evolved the belief that we should welcome the stranger, particularly the stranger in need. For you never know who that stranger might be. Very possibly, in that stranger, you are seeing the face of Christ. Our Catholic faith continues to emphasize the importance of welcoming the stranger, the migrant and the refugee. But in the politically polarized world in which we live, sometimes it is hard to separate the stranger, the migrant or the refugee from the interest groups, the politicians, and those with an agenda (be it pro- or anti-immigration). It is rare that we get the opportunity to actually accompany someone on their migrant journey. But doing so allows us to separate the child of God from the rhetoric. Ask any parishioner who has spent time with the Cheikho family or in the Kino Border Initiative's comedor and they will surely tell you no one's migrant experience was grounded in making a political statement. Rather, they were grounded in faith, necessity, courage, and love of their family.

We understand each other and our experiences through stories and conversation, not sound bites. But we don't often have an opportunity to hear or share our stories. This month, however, you do. Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist and Emmy-nominated filmmaker who in 2011 revealed and chronicled his life in America as an undocumented immigrant. Mr. Vargas will join us at Georgetown University's Gaston Hall on **October 24** from 6-8pm for a conversation with Georgetown professor Marcia Chatelain about his childhood, his realization that he was undocumented, and his experiences living as an undocumented American.

This evening is being co-hosted by Holy Trinity and Georgetown University. It is a chance not only to hear Mr. Vargas' story, but to share ours with each other and with Georgetown's students

*For further information or to RSVP, please contact Kate Tromble (ktromble@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809).*

## 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 15, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Mr. Tillery
	5:30pm	Anne Schneiders+
Tuesday	7:00am	John Vollmer
	5:30pm	Bill Noonan+
Wednesday	8:00am	May Sunga
	5:30pm	Matt & Patricia Kraemer+
Thursday	8:00am	Edward Robinson
	5:30pm	Peggy & Paul Ehrhardt
Friday	8:00am	Ebony Campbell
	5:30pm	David Touns+
Saturday	8:00am	Walter Kinneen

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

**Pray for those who are dead:** *Olivia Chang Ramos; Patricia Dougherty; Louis Murphy*

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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## Spiritual Consolation, *cont. from page 1*

### Spiritual consolation

The consolation that Ignatius explores is *spiritual* consolation. Consolation becomes *spiritual* when the consolation is experienced as being God-oriented, or God-connected. So, in *spiritual* consolation, you experience the beauty of the sunset or the wonder of a newborn baby and you are lead to give glory and thanks to God for God's mercy and love - you are being drawn to praise the Creator. If you freely go along with this feeling and the overall direction that it is pointing you toward, you might be drawn into a deeper faith, hope and love in your Creator and Lord. This is the *spiritual* consolation that Ignatius discusses in his *Spiritual Exercises* and encourages us to follow.

Look for a discussion of spiritual desolation in next week's "Living our Mission" column on page 2.

Resources consulted: Gallagher, T.M., The Discernment of Spirits; McDermott, B.O., The Role of Spiritual Consolation in Christian Decision Making: A Plea for Ignatian Consensus, Manuscript submitted for publication; O'Brien, K. The Ignatian Adventure; Toner, J.J., A Commentary on St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment of Spirits.

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



### 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. Join us for a reception in the Gardens by the Chapel following Mass.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Women Who Gave Life

In November, we will continue to explore women in the Bible, this time looking at *Women Who Gave Life*. We will use the same tools—scripture, art and imagination—to look in detail at the lives of Elizabeth, Sarai/Sarah, Shiphrah, Puah, Hagar, the mother of Aaron, Jochebed, and Mary of Nazareth.

Led by parishioners Anne Koester and Liz McCloskey, our first series will begin

**November 5** and meet as well November 19, 26 and December 3 (Note: no session on November 12), 7pm-8:30pm in McKenna Hall. If interested, please RSVP to Kate Tromble at [ktromble@trinity.org](mailto:ktromble@trinity.org) or (202) 903- 2809 by October 31.



## Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

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, re-energized, 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](mailto:ktromble@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2809.

## Help Us Help Housing Up

As part of the parish's Capital Campaign, Holy Trinity contributed \$250,000 to Housing Up to renovate 12 permanent supportive housing units for homeless families in DC. The units are expected to

be ready later this year, and we couldn't be more excited about them! We are now working through Housing Up's "Adopt-an-Apartment" program to furnish three of the units for the new tenants. Housing Up will provide all furniture for the units but has identified other specific needs, which we have reflected in registries found at [www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new](http://www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new). Please consider contributing to this exciting project by purchasing items from these registries. For more information, please contact [HousingUp@trinity.org](mailto:HousingUp@trinity.org).



## The Heart of Nuba

The Darfur Interfaith Network invites all to join them on **October 20** at 6:30pm at Washington National Cathedral for a screening of the film *The Heart of Nuba* followed by a short Q&A session with Director Ken Carlson. The film follows American doctor Tom Catena as he works in the war-torn Nuba mountains of Sudan. Dr. Catena selflessly and courageously serves the needs of a forgotten people as the region is bombed relentlessly by an indicted war criminal, Omar Al-Bashir. Two things remain constant: Dr. Tom's faith and his enduring love for the Nuba people. Please register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

### Ecumenical Dialogue: Learning from Differences as Well as Agreements

Join Professor Anthony Tambasco on **October 28** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius as he highlights recent agreements with other Christian denominations on the anniversary of the Reformation.

### VIRTUS Training

Training will be offered **November 4** at 12pm in Trinity Hall for all those volunteering as coaches, chaperones and catechists. Register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**Save the Date for Saints!****Communion of Saints Parade – Saturday, October 27, 2018**

The annual Communion of Saints will be held on **October 27**. Classes begin at 4pm, parade at 4:15pm, Mass at 5:30pm and a community pizza at 6:30pm. Please note that there will be RE classes on October 28 at it is the day of the Marine Corps Marathon.

**STEWARDSHIP****Memorial Stone Pavers**

Please take a moment to check out the new memorial stone pavers in the Chapel Garden! The old pavers needed to be replaced after the recent waterproofing project, and we were able to do so with high quality, solid granite stones. They are a beautiful and lasting tribute to those for whom they were given.

Memorial stones were replaced free of charge in the construction area. In addition, one new stone was ordered to commemorate a family wedding. Original stones that were placed outside the construction area were left as-is.

Individuals and families wishing to order replacement stones for remaining originals, or new stones to commemorate a loved one, a family event, or a special blessing, may do so by contacting Rock Schuler at [RSchuler@trinity.org](mailto:RSchuler@trinity.org) or (202)903-2843. The requested donation is \$5,000 and helps offset the recent waterproofing and reconstruction of the garden, which cost several hundred thousand dollars. Thank you!

**PARISH LIFE****Older Adult Educational Program**

The Older Adult Educational Program is a new pastoral education initiative for a growing cohort of the Holy Trinity community. This seminar series is designed to bring information, strategies and resources to a new level of awareness and assist with planning for grace-filled and healthy futures. Seminars will be held in the home of Jim and Marcia Thessin. RSVP to [michaelinda88@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelinda88@hotmail.com). The first topic on **October 22** is *Essential Financial and Legal Planning Issues for Older Adults*. See the Parish Life website for more information.

**Oktoberfest Potluck**

All parishioners are invited to a potluck dinner **October 27** at 6:30pm in McKenna Hall. All are welcome! Bring a dish and your own beverages. Visit the Parish Life page to learn more and to sign up.

**200TH/225TH ANNIVERSARY****Party Like It's 1818!**

We hope that you are planning to join our school in it's 200th Anniversary Street Fair & Reunion **October 20**. Celebrate this monumental milestone with entertainment, music, food, tours of the school, a special alumni program, games & fun for all ages! The event is free and open to the entire HTS community, past and present. RSVP at [www.htsdc.org/HTS200](http://www.htsdc.org/HTS200) to receive your 200th Anniversary gift! Uber and Carpool encouraged. Handicap and special assistance parking will be available. On **October 21** at 2:30pm guest homilist Rev. William H. Muller, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Schools Network, will join Pastor Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. to celebrate Mass.

A reception will follow with champagne, heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will feature live music and a memorable video slideshow. Childcare for school-age children will be provided by HTS staff and students.

**Holy Trinity Time Capsule****Where the Streets Have New Names**

Did you know that Holy Trinity Church used to be on 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Fayette and Gay? Well, it was before 1895. Back in 1794, the year Holy Trinity was founded, Georgetown was a separate municipality and Washington, DC had just recently been named the Capital of our new nation. Georgetown remained a separate municipality until Congress passed the Organic Act of 1871 and it was incorporated into The District of Columbia. Yet, it wasn't until 1895, when it took a second Act of Congress to incorporate Georgetown into Washington, DC. Following the city plan designed by Pierre L'Enfant, the street names of Washington, DC were extended into Georgetown. It was then that 1<sup>st</sup> Street became N Street NW; Fayette Street became 35<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Gay Street was renamed 36<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Other streets that many of us now know so well were also changed – Bridge Street became M Street NW and High Street became Wisconsin Avenue NW.