



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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Between Symbol and Memory

By David Pennington

A couple of months ago, some friends and I were in New York, and on a long walk from Chelsea to Midtown one of my friends asked, “What are your three most cherished possessions?” It took me until Hell’s Kitchen to name three objects—a green afghan my grandmother made, a chalice given to me by my childhood pastor, and a painting given me by some former colleagues. My friend replied that he had never seen the afghan or the chalice. I told him he hadn’t seen them because I don’t have them in Washington. I keep them in my storage unit—my parent’s attic. How could they be my most cherished possessions if I don’t keep them with me?



By the time we got to the theater, I realized that while not immediately available, these “possessions” were actually vehicles to memory. They have the ability to transport me to a different time and place with their smells, sensations and sights. I haven’t touched that afghan in the better part of a decade (a fact that my mother reminds me every time she tries to clear out the attic), but when I go home to visit that blanket brings alive Sunday dinner and summer mornings with my grandparents.

Our memory and our senses are deeply intertwined. It’s no wonder that we keep the memory of the Lord Jesus by celebrating the Eucharist on Sundays. And when we do, it’s by engaging our senses and symbols in the liturgy. We taste the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, smell incense, and feel oil slathered on our foreheads and palms while baptismal water drips down our faces. Our senses help our memory work. They connect us to *this* community, the body of Christ, where we have experienced the Risen One and keep his memory week after week when we gather for the Eucharist. Words alone, even the best homilies, fall short of the marriage between symbol and memory.

Another crucial memory-keeper is song. Those with memory impairment can sometimes connect to a melody of a song long after other memories have faded. Children learn better when words are connected to music. (I still have to sing my ABCs when alphabetizing.)

This coming Saturday, **November 10**, liturgical composer David Haas will present a concert called “I Will Bring You Home: Songs of Prayer, Stories of Faith” at 10:30am in the church. David will present songs from his vast collection of music for liturgy and prayer. Songs like “You Are Mine” and “We Are Called” have accompanied us at countless weddings, funerals, Sunday Masses and service projects. I credit “Blest Are They” as the sole reason I can remember the Beatitudes. I hope you can make it for what promises to be a concert of fun, story and memory. More information can be found at www.trinity.org/davidhaas.

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Future of the Catholic Church

All parishioners are invited to a Next Steps Parish Forum **today from 2:30-5pm in Trinity Hall**. Parishioners will meet together and then join break-out groups arranged by the thematic categories so as to plan on possible actions and follow-ups.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

- Accompany one another in Christ
- Celebrate God's love
- Transform lives

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

*Written by Kate Tromble,
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Among the many important changes brought by the Second Vatican Council was the Church's call for enhanced political participation. As we head into election week here in the nation's capital, please consider both your right and your duty, as a citizen, to vote. To assist you with that, I offer a summary of Catholic Social Teaching on voting written by Fred Kammer, S.J., J.D.:

In spelling out the purpose [of the political community to exist for the common good], the [Second Vatican] Council called for enhance political participation in these words:

It is in full accord with human nature that juridical political structures should, with ever better success and without any discrimination, afford all their citizens the chance to participate freely and actively in establishing the constitutional bases of a political community, governing the state, determining the scope and purpose of various institutions, and choosing leaders.

A declaration on the right and duty to vote followed in the next sentence:

Hence let all citizens be mindful of their simultaneous right and duty to vote freely in the interest of advancing the common good.

There is both a *right and a duty to vote which attaches to citizens in a participative political society such that it is "morally obligatory" to exercise the right to vote as an expression of our "co-responsibility for the common good. . . ."*

The Council goes on to underscore the universal requirement of a system of laws which protect the exercise of individual rights and the recognition of those rights and duties by all in society. This duty of government and law is an expression of the first element of the common good, namely, that *"public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person."* Not only government, but also other citizens, have a reciprocal duty to respect one another's rights.

When considering questions of voting by persons who are incarcerated or suspension of voting rights after release, policymakers should be very hesitant to restrict the political rights of citizenship.

. . . .
Similarly, insofar as the exercise of the right to vote is essential to the common good of any society, gerrymandering must be judged against the warning of the Council.

. . . .
Efforts to dilute the voting power of those of another party for the sake of one's own party, then, should be subjected to strict moral scrutiny in protecting both individual human dignity and the common good. Even more so, the efforts of one nation to undermine voting and elections within another nation should be condemned most severely.

Catholic Social Thought and Voting, excerpted with permission from Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans, www.loyno.edu/jsri.

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 November 5, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Constance M. McCabe+
	5:30pm	Josefa Asperilla
Tuesday	7:00am	Christopher Browne
	5:30pm	Thomas Dyett+
Wednesday	8:00am	Rosa Perez+
	5:30pm	Constance McCabe+
Thursday	8:00am	James Kennedy Mead+
	5:30pm	Greg Bellis+
Friday	8:00am	V.A. Falzon
	5:30pm	Joyce Kleha+
Saturday	8:00am	Lucille Russo+

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

Pray for those who are dead: *Nancy Renner Touchette*

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, 9:00am, 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 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
- 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	Ellen Touns	ppcpresident@trinity.org
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*Lord, launch us on the adventure of mercy!
Launch us on the adventure of building bridges
and tearing down walls,
be they barriers or barbed wire.
Launch us on the adventure of helping the poor,
those who feel lonely and abandoned,
or no longer find meaning in their lives.
May we never forget that we are pilgrims
journeying alongside one another.*

—Pope Francis

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE
Presents

Movie Moments of Grace: *Outside In*

November 10, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall

Through compelling story-telling, this beautifully scripted tale tells a story of yearning and hope. Incarcerated unfairly as an 18 year-old, a prisoner released 20 years later finds himself an outsider, trying to re-enter the world of family and love and community relationships from which he feels barred. RSVP to htmmsg@gmail.com. Trailer: www.trinity.org/MMOG.

Emmanuel Retreat: December 2-8

Registration Deadline: November 18

Prepare your heart for Christmas on this individually directed retreat, made at home, for those who are seeking more familiarity with the practice of praying with Scripture in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, using one's imagination in prayer. Visit www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats or email Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.

Young Adult Community Mass Next Week

Come join the Holy Trinity Young Adult Community (YAC) on **November 11** at 7:15pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius for YAC Mass, followed by our potluck YAC Café for food and fellowship. Bringing food to share is appreciated! Please visit trinity.org/young-adults for more information about the YACs and our activities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Solidarity with Migrant Families

Join parishioners from Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (Baltimore) in a prayer vigil outside the Baltimore ICE Field Office (31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD, 21201) **November 16** from 11:30am-1pm to show solidarity with those checking in at the facility and the families who accompany them. For details and to RSVP please contact margielegowski@gmail.com

Receive Weekly Updates!
www.trinity.org/eLetter



Thanksgiving for All

On **November 10 and 11** shopping lists will be available in the back of church (and on the social justice website, under What's New) to assist the Father McKenna Center and Hope and a Home provide Thanksgiving meals to those who would not otherwise be able to have one.

Please return your food donations before 1pm on November 18 outside of church. Those who attend the 5:30pm Sunday mass or who would prefer an alternative way to participate, may place a check in the collection baskets with "Turkey Drive" in the memo. A gift of \$50 will provide a full dinner for a family, but any amount is appreciated. For further information, please contact Kate Tromble at (202) 903-2809 or ktromble@trinity.org

Winter Shelter is Coming

As in past years, Holy Trinity will host the rotating hypothermia shelter organized by the Georgetown Ministry Center from **December 16-30**. During this two week period, the parish creates space for parishioners to provide hospitality while spending time in conversation over a meal with 10 homeless individuals. Volunteers are needed to make and serve dinner, to make and serve breakfast, and to stock an ongoing pantry. More details can be found on the Social Justice website under What's New. If you would like to assist, please register on the SignUp Genius on the website or contact Kate Tromble at ktromble@trinity.org.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL



Open House Dates

Holy Trinity School provides a distinguished program that focuses on the education of the whole child. A key aspect of the curriculum is *cura personalis*, a Latin term for "care of the person." It is the conscious commitment to meet the academic, physical, social-emotional, and spiritual needs of the individual learner.

To learn more about our school, please visit www.htsdc.org/visit and attend an upcoming Open House: **November 8** or **November 15** from 9-10:30am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Raising Faith-Filled Kids

Join members of the Religious Education Advisory Parent (REAP) Board on **November 18** at 10:10am in Trinity Hall as they present comments that surfaced at the community coffees and ask for your input on program concerns such as communications, tuition, volunteering, and more.

Landings

Landings, a ministry to accompany those who are inactive Catholics and who desire to return to active practice of their faith, continues on Saturday afternoons from 3:30-5pm. Please email landings@trinity.org or contact Judith Brusseau at (202) 903-2807 for more information.

Please Note!

There will be no Sunday Morning Religious Education **November 11**.

Celebration of First Reconciliation for those who have registered and prepared will be **November 17** at 9:30am in the Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass is Back

A Mass for the youth by the youth will be held **November 11** at 9am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. All 7th-12th graders are extended a special invitation. We will return to our tradition of a youth-led, music-filled Mass to inspire all. For further information, please contact our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry Lynne Udalov, at (202) 337-2841 or ludalov@trinity.org.

PARISH LIFE

Older Adult Educational Program

On **November 8**, Jihan Starr, eldercare consultant and owner of Davenport Senior Connections will present an overview of the many types and levels of personal and health care as we age. 6:30pm at the home of Jim and Marcia Thessin (Arlington, VA). Questions about the program can be directed to Linda Wiessler-Hughes michaelinda88@hotmail.com

Book Now for the 50+ Winter Weekend

Reservations for the 50+ Winter Weekend in Taneytown, MD on January 25-27 must be made before **November 19** to ensure the discounted rate for Holy Trinity. For more information, please contact the coordinators, Laurie Wallace, wallace1216@gmail.com, and Rosemary Chalk rosemary.chalk@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewarding for God's Purposes in the World

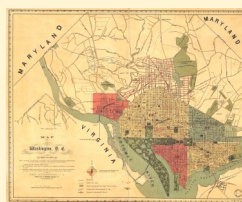
After about three minutes of listening to the Pastor's sermon, the man almost imperceptibly leaned into his wife, sitting attentively next to him in the pew, and whispered, "I wonder if Jesus ever preached a 'Sermon on the Amount'...?"

You know, I think he did! And more than once – although of course he didn't have the catchy marketing title! But how about Mark 12:44? "...But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had." Or Luke 19:21? "...go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor...." Now I don't believe the point is we have to give everything away; but I do believe Jesus was saying we have to *steward everything*. The "Amount" in the "Sermon on the Amount" is 100%! *One hundred percent of all we are given is to be stewarded for God purposes in the world*. Some of that 100% will go to the Church. A lot will go to care for ourselves, so we can serve and care for others, especially those whom God has given into our trust. And yes we will be called to give sacrificially to make the world better, especially during times of great need and crisis.

Stewardship is about prayerfully committing our every spending decision to God, about discerning how every dollar is to be used to equip us and others for the work of God's reign in this world. As you hear this year's "Sermon on the Amount," commit to asking God how to use ALL you have been given...and then follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit as you are led to pledge that amount which enables us to do what God is calling us as a parish to do: Accompany one another in Christ, Celebrate God's Love, Transform Lives.

—Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, (202) 903-3843, rschuler@trinity.org

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



The Territory Act of 1871

Congress passed the Territory Act of 1871, which abolished the city charters of Washington and Georgetown and created The District of Columbia as a single political entity with a unified territorial government. A new Board of Public Works entered into town to make what were called improvements. One example included new road and sewer projects which changed the elevations of many streets that were lowered between ten and sixteen feet in some places. The road project upset many residents of Georgetown who had to build high stair cases. Holy Trinity had to build high steps when city improvement projects lowered N Street by about ten feet to make way for sewer projects. Thus, one sees today the steep stair case (17 steps high) in front of the Chapel of St. Ignatius.