



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Restoring Holy Rood Cemetery and Creating a New Sacred Space of Final Repose

by Grace Bateman

In the winter of 2011, a group of Holy Trinity parishioners gathered around a table in the Parish Center to talk about Holy Rood Cemetery. Some of us had only recently learned that the beautiful but neglected cemetery on the hill above Georgetown was Holy Trinity's parish cemetery. Others knew about Holy Rood because they had ancestors buried there, and were concerned about conditions at the cemetery. Many of us hoped for Holy Rood as a final resting place connected with the parish, although the cemetery had been closed to burials since 1985.

We began with a simple idea: Raise funds to restore and properly maintain Holy Rood by selling niches in a columbarium that Holy Trinity would build there. Three plans, two pastors, and nearly eight years later—Holy Rood will be restored and Holy Trinity will have a columbarium at the cemetery.

Since 2012, Holy Trinity has worked with Georgetown University (owner of the cemetery by virtue of their common roots) on a plan for Holy Rood. A key part of the plan requires the university to grant a perpetual easement allowing Holy Trinity to build a 645-niche columbarium at the cemetery for parishioners and others. There will be 99 columbarium niches in the interior of the existing crypt, which will be restored, and 546 niches in a new granite columbarium wall to be constructed opposite the crypt. Each of the 645 niches can hold up to two urns.

The plan calls for Holy Trinity to set aside a portion of niche sale proceeds in a Holy Rood Perpetual Care Endowment to insure the columbarium and cemetery are properly maintained in perpetuity. The plan also establishes a Joint Management Committee with Georgetown University to monitor conditions at Holy Rood and to identify areas for further improvement. Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington will administer the columbarium when it is completed and will maintain all records for Holy Trinity.

Decades of deferred maintenance and needed improvements at Holy Rood are also addressed in the plan. Deferred maintenance will include resetting fallen headstones, restoring the exterior of the historic brownstone crypt, resurfacing the cemetery roadway, and removing invasive trees and shrubs. Improvements will include installing an ornamental fence and gate, creating an entrance plaza, restoring the interior of the crypt, and re-landscaping the cemetery. The goal is to complete the Holy Rood project by All Souls Day, November 2, 2019.

A conversation that began around a table in the Parish Center nearly eight years ago, and the efforts of a group of

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Giving Trees on Display

This year, we will assist 12 organizations that work with the homeless, children or the elderly. Please consider taking a tag **only** if you are able to return it wrapped no later than 1pm on **December 16**. Gifts may be left under the trees in the back of church and Trinity Hall. As a guideline, the value of each gift is a **maximum of \$50 per person**. Contact Kate Tromble for more information, ktromble@trinity.org

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 Rev. Tim O'Brien, S.J.

A few lines from "Little Gidding," the fourth of T.S. Eliot's "Four Quartets," have been in my mind frequently of late. He writes:

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.

The last few months have been a season of beginnings and endings in my life. In late September, I concluded two years in France, where I had been studying theology prior to ordination. In early October, I moved to Washington to begin my ministry at Holy Trinity. Though it was difficult to leave France after a very rich experience there, coming to Trinity has softened the transition. It is a homecoming for me: I became a parishioner here in 2006, when I graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. A low-level bureaucrat by day, at that time I was also discerning a vocation to the Jesuits and felt that sense of calling confirmed through my life in this parish. When I left in 2008, it was to begin the roughly ten-year journey of formation to become a Jesuit priest.

What a gift it has been to have Trinity, my last home before joining the Jesuits, as my first home following ordination! My first month back as a member of this community has been a source of great joy and consolation. In this time of beginnings and endings in my own life, I have been buoyed by your warm and generous welcome, and I have been greatly helped by that sense of coming home as I've returned to DC.

Even setting aside a transatlantic move, the last few months have been disorienting. My ordination in June occurred just days before the revelations about Archbishop McCarrick, and two months before the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. The result has been a kind of spiritual whiplash as a moment of great joy in my own life has sat uncomfortably alongside the feelings of anger and grief, of frustration and shame that I share with each of you. I have drawn hope and strength from being in your midst: from your faith in God, from your desire for justice, and from your commitment to needed reform in our Church. In this time of giving thanks and of giving and receiving gifts, I am profoundly grateful to be at Holy Trinity.

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, the one who called himself Beginning and End, Alpha and Omega. As we conclude our liturgical year this week—probably the most difficult yet in the history of the Church in Washington—I pray that we will also know the hope that can come with each new beginning.

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 26, 2018

Monday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Donald J. Cunningham+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Nancy Touchette+
Wednesday	8:00am	Nancy Touchette+
	5:30pm	Dr. Albert Fleury+
Thursday	8:00am	Donald Gross
	5:30pm	Bill Noonan+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Nan Peck
Saturday	8:00am	

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 (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 Toups	ppcpresident@trinity.org
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WORSHIP

Journey in Prayer

There are many opportunities to pause, reflect and prepare for God's love over the coming weeks:

Pray in Sacred Space: Messengers of Joy

December 1, 8, 15*, 22, 4-5pm, St. Ignatius Chapel

Hosted by the 5th Week Group:

Living the Spiritual Exercises

You are invited to take one hour during each week of Advent to pray with Advent Scripture passages using the Advent Sacred Space books. All are welcome. Registration is not necessary— come as you are! Please contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.



*Held in McKenna Hall on December 15

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

December 7

4:30pm. St. Ignatius Chapel

Eucharist on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 8

10am, Church

Youth Mass

December 9, 9am, St. Ignatius Chapel

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12

10:30am. Church (with Holy Trinity School)

7pm, Church (Evening Prayer)

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Reflect with the Holy Trinity 50+ Group

December 4, 10am—to 3pm; RSVP by **November 27**

Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Ignatian Retreat Team, the day will include two guided prayer opportunities with Barbara Bordelon and Marilyn Merikangas, individual quiet reflection, social time and praying as a community. No charge to attend. Drinks, snacks and lunch will be provided. The space will accommodate 25 individuals. Location: Potomac, Maryland 20854; RSVP is required by **November 27** to hosts Mike and Susan Dunn at susandunn@aol.com Please call Susan Dunn at (301) 469-5889 for more information.

Receive Weekly Updates!

www.trinity.org/eLetter

Calendar of Advent Offerings

www.trinity.org/Advent

Pray with the Women of Advent

December 6, 6:30pm, McKenna Hall

Many Holy Trinity parishioners have supported the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) through donations of hospitality bags or shawls -- and the women who receive them have expressed a desire to meet you! All parishioners, whether you've previously participated or not, are invited join the ladies who participate in ISP for Praying with the Women of Advent. This evening of supper, fellowship, and prayer brings together Ignatian and 12-step traditions. A simple meal of soup and bread will be followed by prayer and discussion. ISP is a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through offering retreats in the Ignatian tradition.

Icon Exhibit: Holy Icons

December 9, 10am – 2pm, Chapel Gallery



You are invited to join the Iconographers' Guild for a prayerful exhibition of icons they have written/painted on the grounds of Holy Trinity. The exhibit includes the work-in-progress which the iconographers are writing for our 225th anniversary. For additional information, contact Dan MacDougall at danmacdoug@aol.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Build Your Toolbox for Justice II Racial Justice

Georgetown University professor Marcia Chatelain will lead a discussion about race, historical structures that created racial inequities, and what we as people of faith are called to do to remedy those inequities. We will look at the lingering effects of these historical problems across a variety of issues such as education, poverty and health care. **December 1**, 10am-12pm, McKenna Hall. For more information contact Kate Tromble at ktromble@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809. Please RSVP: www.trinity.org/social-justice.

Shop for a Cause

On **December 2**, show your support for St. Jean Baptiste (Haiti) and Maria Madre de los Pobres (El Salvador) while you shop for names on your "Nice" list. Our sister parishes will be selling coffee and alternative greeting cards to support our work. 225th Anniversary commemorative items will also be available for purchase. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Please join us in McKenna Hall after all Masses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

First Reconciliation

Celebration of First Reconciliation for those who have registered and prepared will be on **December 1** at 9:30am in the Church. For more information, contact Judith Brusseau.

Presentation on the Gospel of Luke

Many of our favorite Gospel stories and parables are ones that only appear in Luke's Gospel, like the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, The Rich Man and Lazarus, and the Tax Collector, Zacchaeus. As we prepare to read Luke's Gospel in the coming liturgical year, delving into the richness of Luke's imagination will afford us opportunities as a parish to deepen our Ignatian heritage. Professor Alan Mitchell of Georgetown University will present on the Gospel of Luke on **December 2** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius.

PARISH LIFE

Christmas Caroling in Georgetown

December 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Join with other parishioners of Holy Trinity of ALL AGES for Georgetown Christmas Caroling. Meet in the Upper School Cafeteria at 6:30pm. Song booklets will be available and hot chocolate and cookies will be served afterwards. No RSVP necessary.

200TH/225TH ANNIVERSARY

Join the Crew of Holy Trinity's *Mystery on Holy Hill*

As part of our Anniversary Founder's Day Weekend in October 2019, we are performing the play *Mystery on Holy Hill*, by Dr. Duane Nystrom. Casting for the show will happen in May, but we are now looking for volunteers to fill the following behind-the-scenes roles: Stage Manager, Production Assistant, Lighting Coordinator, Sound Coordinator, Costume Designer, Photographer and Videographer and House Manager. If you have a talent in any of these areas and are interested in being a part of the production, please send an email to Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org

Join the Celebration!

Plans are underway for the 200th/225th Anniversary Benefit on March 2. You are invited to learn more about how you can be a part of the planning. We are hosting two meetings **November 27** to share plans and ideas and recruit volunteers. If you are able to join us please RSVP to HTbenefit@trinity.org. All are welcome!

8am, McKenna Hall
6pm, Parish Center Library

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volunteers dedicated to this project, have borne fruit: Holy Rood Cemetery will be restored and maintained, and once again will provide a final resting place for parishioners and others. By this work we are reconnecting Holy Trinity with its cemetery, and will honor the memory of the thousands of those buried at Holy Rood who built the parish.

For information about Holy Rood Cemetery, and about purchasing a columbarium niche, or supporting this project, please see www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org, or contact Director of Stewardship Rock Schuler at (202) 903-2843.

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Minuteman Joseph Nevitt

The gravestone for Revolutionary War soldier Joseph Nevitt can be found in Holy Rood Cemetery. Nevitt was born in St. Mary's County between 1749 and 1752, fought the British along the Potomac River and moved to Georgetown in 1791. He married Barbara Willet, daughter of a tavern owner, at Holy Trinity in 1805.

Source: Carlton Fletcher, www.gloverparkhistory.com

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 **every Tuesday** evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center.

Please visit www.trinity.org/become-catholic/ for more information.