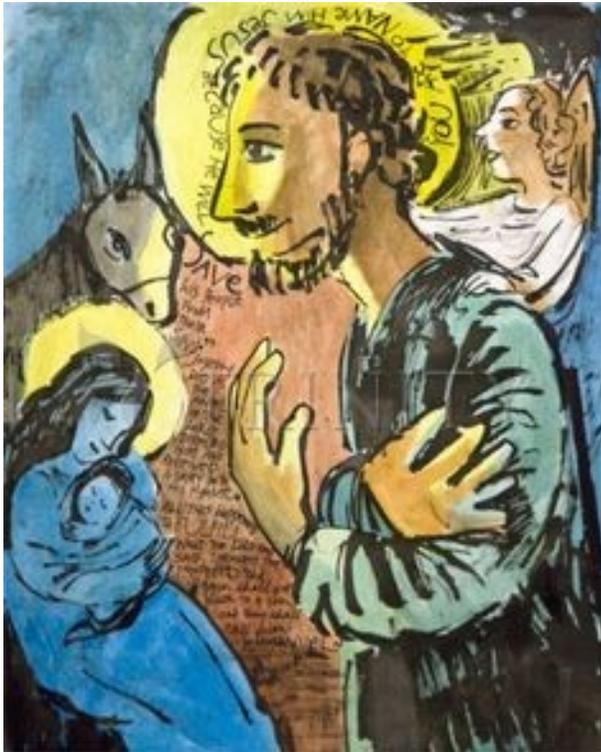




HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

December 16, 2018



Life's Essentials

By Kate Tromble

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:4-8)

We all know the Christmas story. We all know that Mary, Jesus and Joseph were journeying and found themselves homeless on the night of Jesus' birth. Our Savior was born simply—in a manger under the night sky, surrounded by his family and God's creatures. This story is our reminder of what is essential in life—the love of our God and family, basic shelter, food and clothing.

As we know, not everyone has those basic necessities. It is why we host a Giving Tree that includes ornaments for coats, boots and long underwear as well as toys and books. It is also why we host Georgetown Ministry Center's (GMC) hypothermia shelter during the two weeks surrounding Christmas.

GMC's shelter was established in 1991 and rotates throughout Georgetown-based congregations from November until the end of March each year. The shelter serves 10 homeless individuals. The guests are chronically homeless, meaning they have been homeless for more than one year or they have had four or more

episodes of homelessness in the past four years. Our guests tend to be the most vulnerable among the homeless people GMC works with, so most of them have been homeless for well more than a year. But on the bright side, most are working with GMC and on a path to housing.

Our shelter is open from 7pm until 7am from December 17 through December 31. Parishioners bring dinner and companionship (and sometimes karaoke) each night. Breakfast is also served each morning, though it is a decidedly lower-key affair than dinner. Children from Holy Trinity School make decorations for the McKenna Hall windows and individualized placemats for our guests. They also provide Christmas gifts for our guests.

Although only a small number of parishioners can serve at the shelter, all of us can keep our guests in our prayers. Add them to your regular prayer list or say a special directed prayer, whatever works for you. Just keep it simple—offer up your love for them and ask God to keep them in his heart this Christmas season.

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William Byron, S.J.: A Biographical Essay by Patrick Samway, S.J.

Pastor of Holy Trinity from 2000-2003, Byron is a leading figure of Catholic education. This insightful book of our former pastor makes a wonderful Christmas present.

Copies are on sale during the week for \$30 at the Parish Center reception desk.

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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Emergencies Only: (202) 903-2817

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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by Lisa Dittmeier,
Assistant to the Pastor and Coordinator of Parish Life*

Arlington, Bethesda, Slovenia and Guatemala are some of the places where recent Holy Trinity members were raised. Each month, approximately 30 families register here as new parishioners; college students, young families, single adults and 50+ empty nesters are all looking for a Catholic community where they feel comfortable, connected and included.

With over 5,000 active families, the Jesuits, staff and volunteers of Holy Trinity welcome all to live our mission: accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives. Whether through helping to feed the homeless, teaching Religious Education, assisting in the Liturgy or more personally through Ignatian prayer, each person finds their own path. All are welcome to participate in one or more of over 96 different ministry groups available.

Here are a few reflections from some of HT's newest parishioners:

"I am a teacher and will marry my fiancée, Susan on December 29. I came back to DC from Boston and found Holy Trinity because of its Jesuit presence." --Bradley Boyle

"My Dad, an active member of the parish, brought me to Holy Trinity. My plan is to get involved in social justice and work in the community through SOME". --Jane Luxner

"Father Kevin reached out to us at donuts and being involved in Jesuit education and ministry, Holy Trinity was a natural place for us. We look forward to starting a new group of Parent of Young Children with our newborn." --Annie Selak and Matthew Hoelle

"We recently moved from Connecticut. My husband Don is participating in the RCIA program and our two daughters are in 5th and 7th grade at the school. I am a member of the auction committee for the Anniversary Benefit." --Melissa Coffman

"We completed the Marriage Prep Program here. I attended Regis University, a Jesuit school in Colorado and my husband John is from L.A. We found Holy Trinity and chose to make it the place we will raise our infant son." --Emily Siciliano

"We are an interfaith couple with two children. We joined Holy Trinity because we felt so accepted. Our son, Fritz is in 5th grade at HTS and our 5 year-old Grace wants to be here next year for kindergarten. She met some new friends tonight Christmas caroling with the Parish." --Katie Barron and Eric Tobias

"I began attending Holy Trinity at first because of the convenient location and availability of mass hours. However, once I began attending mass, I felt a personal and positive connection with the church and its community. I am looking forward to being a parishioner of this warm and welcoming church." --Kristin Rudman

From all backgrounds and for different reasons, we are all here to celebrate God's presence.

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 December 17, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Deceased family members of the Knights of Columbus+
	5:30pm	Matt & Patricia Kraemer+
Tuesday	7:00am	Dorothy Wienczek+
	5:30pm	Carlos Miguel Marnghitr+
Wednesday	8:00am	Robert C. Goodpasture+
	5:30pm	Gloria Wills+
Thursday	8:00am	Monsignor William Kane+
	5:30pm	Pilar Saenz+
Friday	8:00am	Rosemary Cummings
	5:30pm	Catherine Leisher
Saturday	8:00am	James S. Kernan, Jr.+

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

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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
Vice President	Chris Hannigan	parishcouncil@trinity.org



Third Sunday of Advent

“Man should take joy as seriously as he takes himself... And he should believe in himself, believe in his heart and in his Lord God, even through darkness and distress, that he is created for joy. ... We are created for a life that knows itself to be blessed, sent and touched at its deepest center by God himself.”

—Alfred Delp, S.J.

WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

December 24, 4pm, Church & Trinity Hall
5:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, Church
11:15pm, Lessons & Carols
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

December 25, 8am, 10am, 11:30am, Church

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Pray in Sacred Space: Messengers of Joy

December 22, 4-5pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

*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.



YAC Faith Sharing

Every Thursday from 7-8pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, members of Holy Trinity’s Young Adult Community (YAC) gather for Faith Sharing. We use the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday as a starting point for discussion of faith in our own lives. Dinner and fellowship in the Georgetown area follow. To learn more, contact Mary & Alvin at yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Please note!

Religious Education will not gather on December 23 or December 30.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation and registration and calendar information may be found on our website. The session will begin January 2019.

First Eucharist

There will be a parent meeting for those who will be preparing for First Eucharist on **January 6** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. This session offers parents a theological reflection on the Eucharist followed by a prayerful reflection.

PARISH LIFE

Parents of Young Children

Looking to meet other parents of young children at Holy Trinity? Please join us **January 4** from 9:30-10:45am with your children (newborn–5) in McKenna Hall. Contact Kelly Rogers at kellyrogers615@gmail.com for more details.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Make your way through the Holy Land **June 14-24**, 2019 with Fr. Brendan Lally, S.J. View the itinerary and learn more about the pilgrimage at www.pilrimages.com/frlally

Holy Trinity is Hiring!

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is hiring for the following position:

Parish Accountant

(Full-Time) Candidate will have knowledge of accounting and internal controls, computer aptitude to learn parish accounting system along with experience with MS Office software. Responsibilities include timely and accurately reviewing, recording, reconciling and reporting all financial related transactions and accounts for the organization and oversight of related systems and processes. The Accountant reports to the Finance Director.

Candidates must have a finance or related degree with at least two years of accounting experience. This is a full-time position: Monday – Friday.

Please send cover letter and resume to Angela Grady at agrady@trinity.org or mail to Attn: HR Director Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3513 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

STEWARDSHIP

One Hundred Percent to Holy Trinity

A brief reminder that 100% of our Christmas and Easter offerings stay in the parish, no matter what time of year they are given. We also offer the option to designate your 2019 pledge as Christmas or Easter offering.

Getting the Most Tax Benefit from Your Donations: Using Donor Advised Funds

The non-profit and religious communities nationwide are seeing a marked increase in the use of Donor Advised Funds (DAF), most likely in response to the new tax law. Donors take the amount they would have given to an institution over two + years and give it all at once to their DAF, since DAFs qualify for a tax deduction. This “bunching” allows donors to take a tax deduction in the years it is done, as the “bunching” is calculated to exceed the standard deduction for that year. The DAF is then instructed to make regular “grants” to recipient institutions, thus ensuring that their cash flows and budgets are not affected by the “bunching.” For example, a family giving \$5,000 a year to Holy Trinity may no longer qualify for a tax deduction. They would bunch three years and make a \$15,000 donation to a DAF, which likely would qualify them for a deduction, instructing the DAF to award \$5K a year for the next three years to Holy Trinity. Taking the “bunched” deduction in years when increased income is expected also helps offset the tax burden of that income. See your financial advisor for more information about setting up and using a DAF to maximize the tax benefit of your charitable work.

The Holy Trinity Columbarium

Holy Trinity and Georgetown University have announced a plan to restore Holy Rood Cemetery on Wisconsin Avenue, including repairs to existing infrastructure, enhancements to landscaping and improvements to the cemetery entrance. The plan will also allow Holy Trinity to build a columbarium at the cemetery. If you are interested in learning more about the project or purchasing a niche, please visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org.

For more information on the 2019 Pledge or the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery, please contact Rock Schuler at (202) 903-2843.

Do you know someone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic?

Anyone who wants to learn more about 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.
www.trinity.org/become-catholic

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 contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org

Sign-Up Parties & Auction Items

Thank you for your generosity! We are excited about the items available for the Anniversary Benefit on March 2. *A private behind-the-scenes tour of Mount Vernon...wine tasting with Fr. Paul... an escape to Deep Creek Lake...gift certificates to Georgetown favorites!* Do you have access to behind-the-scenes tours or other unique experiences? Nats, United, or Wizard tickets? Email the committee at HTbenefit@trinity.org for more information about the event and donation opportunities.

Anniversary Lecture Series

The 225th Anniversary Lecture Series begins **January 26** and will explore the **Implementation of Vatican II Liturgy**. Since the 1970s, Holy Trinity has been a place where the implementation of the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council was taken very seriously. As we celebrate 225 years as a parish, we will have an expert panel discussion on the implementation of the new liturgy, how we arrived here and the work still left to do. The panel includes: Msgr. Kevin Irwin, Research Professor of Liturgical and Sacramental Theology at the Catholic University of America; Gail Ramshaw, a crafter and theologian of liturgical language and professor emerita at La Salle University; John Buscemi, a noted liturgical artist and liturgical consultant; and Deacon Paul Covino, a former staff member of Holy Trinity and the Georgetown Center for Liturgy, the author of several pastoral books and Director of Campus Ministry at Assumption College. The panel will be moderated by Jim Sabak, OFM and David Pennington. All are welcome and questions encouraged.

To RSVP for the lecture, visit www.trinity.org/225. A current schedule of speakers and events is available on our website.



225th Anniversary Ornament

To purchase a 225th Anniversary ornament, please email Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org. Ornaments are \$20 and proceeds will support Founder's Day (October 6, 2019).