



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

December 23 & 30, 2018

Light in the Darkness

By Martina O'Shea

As I drove around the corner from 35th to O Street NW, my attention was drawn to a light shining brightly against the darkness of a pitch-black sky. The light atop Georgetown University's Healy Hall seemed brighter than in years past. I felt uplifted and was reminded of the light that illuminated the path for the shepherds and wise men in a dark and turbulent time.

Advent has been spent pondering my experience that early morning of being captivated by 'light shining in the darkness'. There are so many dark places in our church, our families, our country, and our world. How do we live noticing the glimpses of light in the darkness?

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1: 4-5) The darkness into which Jesus was born in 1st century Palestine is the same, albeit with different names, as the darkness we experience in the 21st century. Mary and Joseph were told "there is no room at the inn" (Luke 2:7); today refugees and migrants are denied asylum at our borders. Innocent children were slaughtered by Herod; today children are the victims of the war in Yemen. The Roman occupiers silenced dissent; today some in power silence voices at the ballot box. Synagogue leaders focused on the size of their phylacteries; today some Roman Catholic bishops are blind to the impact of their complicity in covering up child sexual abuse. The vulnerable begged Jesus, have mercy on me; today, we suffer from addictions, busyness, and loneliness. What is the light to be found in the dark places of our lives?

Isaac Pennington in *Select Essays on Religious Subjects* says "it is light that flows from life... it is the life of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St Ignatius Loyola in his *Spiritual Exercises* invites the woman or man to come to know Jesus more intimately, love him more deeply so to be more like him in her/his



*Lo, in the silent night
A child to God is born
And all is brought
again
That ere was lost or
lorn.*

*Could but thy soul, O
man,
Become a silent night!
God would be born in
thee
And set all things
aright.*

—Unknown, 15th
Century verse

daily life. A person is encouraged to encounter Jesus through sharing his/her authentic self in a dialogue about his/her pain and joys – Ignatius says, "talk with Jesus as you would a dear friend" *Spiritual Exercises* [109].

When a man/woman attempts to engage with Jesus this way, he/she is waiting for Jesus to companion, comfort, encourage, strengthen, challenge, heal, and love the person. For Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14:6)

As we celebrate the Love of the Holy One of God coming to be with us finite, frail, and finicky human beings, let us ask for the grace to receive Jesus so he can companion us as we become light in the darkness.

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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
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 10am, Church

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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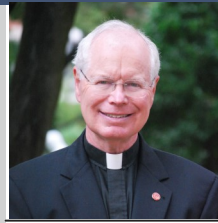
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From the Pastor's Desk

Each year at this time, as the old year recedes and a new one begins, I perform an Ignatian Examen so as to gain insight into how God's Spirit may be found through the year. The year 2018 certainly has had many challenges, one of them was writing an article in which the task was to describe some of the primary features of a contemporary Catholic parish. It was a challenging endeavor because it seemed that almost every week there was another revelation of clerical abuse and/or cover up, resulting in our parish's and my personal desolation.

Mindful of the negative impact of clerical abuse that has led to an increasing disaffiliation of Catholics from their parishes, in August I submitted the article with the title: "Toward a Pastoral Theological Understanding of the Parish as a Place of Eucharistic Pilgrimage." It was published in the *Journal of Pastoral Theology* this past September. The full article can be accessed at www.trintiy.org/resources.

There are many ways by which one may define a contemporary parish. In the article, I did so by stating: "a Roman Catholic parish can be understood theologically as a place for pilgrimage toward a Eucharistic place in and through which a 'culture of encounter' occurs and is fostered." I then go on to describe three components of a parish, namely: a *place for pilgrimage*, a *Eucharistic place* and a place that promotes a *culture of encounter*.

The later term I borrow from Pope Francis, who in his writings considers the seven Sacraments as the common pathways by which we encounter Christ. But, he also believes that there are other ways and he highlights the face-to-face meetings with the poor and marginalized. Holy Trinity is manifesting this *culture of encounter* through its various educational, social and spiritual ministries, most especially its support of a refugee family from Syria as well as most recently an asylum seeker from Nicaragua.

In discussing the parish as a *place of pilgrimage*, I note that the etymological meaning of parishioner to be pilgrim: to be a parishioner then is to be a pilgrim. Think of it this way, each time you wade through Georgetown's traffic you are on a pilgrimage. And the place toward which you are on pilgrimage to the Eucharistic place whereby you as a believing Catholic may encounter Jesus the Christ in a distinct manner is in the Eucharist as well as in the Blessed Sacrament.

And so fellow pilgrims, as 2018 wanes and 2019 begins, I pray that despite the sins and scandals of the Catholic Church, you may find the parish of Holy Trinity to be a meaningful place of pilgrimage. May our parish be place where, "Christ is encountered in and through the Eucharist and...that a 'culture of encounter' is built and sustained, guiding you as a pilgrim to seek and find where and how Christ lives in the world."

May the Lord bless you this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Daily Mass Intentions

Week of December 24, 2018

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday 8:00am Siobhan Sharkey+
5:30pm Einar Solberg-Johannessen+

Thursday 8:00am Joanne Donovan
5:30pm Sheila C. Oldham

Friday 8:00am Jane Spotts+
5:30pm Violeta Delgado Moya

Saturday 8:00am Jane Wilder
Peter DeGorter

Week of December 24, 2018

Monday 7:00am Elizabeth Keane+
5:30pm

Tuesday

Wednesday 8:00am Carol Lane Klick+
5:30pm Bob Frank+

Thursday 8:00am
5:30pm Alma Belgado Glower+

Friday 8:00am
5:30pm

Saturday 8:00am Phillip J. Krochmal

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

Pray for those who are dead: *Mary Wickline; Hugh Neill; John McGough*

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

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

God's Abiding Love Retreat

February 3-9, 2019

Registration deadline: January 20



"I enjoyed this retreat immensely. I started out feeling disconnected from God and now I feel more connected and hopeful. I received many graces. The spiritual direction was fantastic."

—Retreat participant

Brochures with registration forms are at the entrances to the church and chapel as well as online at www.trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats. Questions or additional information, please contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org or (202) 903-2810.

Young Adult Community Epiphany Party

The 2nd annual Young Adult Community Epiphany Party will happen **January 5** from 6:30-10pm in McKenna Hall. Join us for an evening of celebration with trivia, themed food and drink, as well as music and dancing. This 21-and-older evening is a potluck, so please sign up using our Perfect Potluck at bit.ly/2C5o3fi.

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. Reports to the Finance Director. 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Thank You for Giving!

We had a tremendous response to our inaugural Giving Tree/Toy Sunday Christmas Giving project as well as to our religious education classes' Families to Families project. Thank you to everyone who took a tag, bought a gift, or donated money. As a result of your generosity, Holy Trinity was able to provide almost 1,200 gifts to men, women and families in need this Christmas season.

Building Your Toolbox for Justice II: Homelessness in DC

is it so hard to find housing? What is rapid re-housing and does it work? What are we invited to do as Catholics, to change the systems that keep people without housing? We will explore these questions with Ann Friedman, parishioner and co-leader of Good Faith Communities Coalition, and Patty Fugere, Executive Director of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. **January 12**, 10am-12pm in McKenna Hall. Learn more at www.trinity.org/social-justice.

Save the Date: Joint Prayer and Service with Mt. Zion Methodist Church

We will commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. day this year (**January 21**) with a joint prayer service and service project with our neighbors at Mt. Zion Methodist Church. We will gather at 9am to travel to A Wider Circle in Southeast, DC and return by 2pm. More details to follow, but please email Kate Tromble if you would like to participate, ktromble@trinity.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Please note!

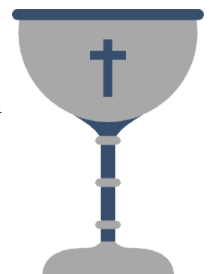
Religious Education will not gather on December 23 or December 30.

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

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.pilgrimages.com/frlally

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.

STEWARDSHIP

2019 Pledge Update

Fr. Gillespie thanks everyone who has pledged to support the parish's ministries in 2019, and especially to those who answered his request to increase their giving. To-date, more than one-third of our expected pledge total of over \$3M has been received. A number of new pledges have been offered, and many existing pledges have been increased - an average of 9% at present! After many years of flat income and rising costs, we are seeking to secure our worship and sacramental life for the future, even as we extend our many services on behalf of others. If you have not yet sent in your 2019 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Pledges may be made www.trinity.org/give or you may mail in the pledge form sent by Fr. Gillespie.

The Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

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

Save the Date: Anniversary Benefit

Holy Trinity will celebrate our 225th Anniversary and the 200th Anniversary of our school on **March 2** at Sequoia. Proceeds from the event will benefit Jesuit education and our social justice programs. The evening is a cocktail event with buffet style stations and will include entertainment and a live and silent auction. Individual tickets are \$100 and go on sale January 13 online and after all Masses. There are no table sponsorships. Host committee sponsorships are available and include two tickets. If you would like to donate to the auction or have questions about the event, please email htbenefit@trinity.org.

Anniversary Lecture Series

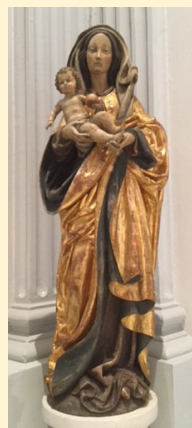
The 225th Anniversary Lecture Series begins **January 26** at 10am in Trinity Hall and will explore the **Implementation of Vatican II Liturgy**. The panel includes: Msgr. Kevin Irwin, Gail Ramshaw, John Buscemi, and Deacon Paul Covino. The panel will be moderated by Jim Sabak, OFM and David Pennington.

Future lectures include Tim & Susan Muldoon, Sr. Barbara Reid, O.P., a bus tour of Maryland Jesuit sites, and private tours of religious art at the National Gallery. To RSVP for a lecture and to see the schedule of speakers to date, visit www.trinity.org/225.

What is Your Favorite Memory?

Parishioners are invited to share their memories and photos as we celebrate 225 years as parishioners for others. You may read a few of these reflections, as well as stories about our past (written by members of the Anniversary History Committee), in our monthly *Pilgrimage to Our Past*. If you missed a print edition, please visit www.trinity.org/225 for some holiday reading. If you have photos or stories to share, please email them to HT225@trinity.org. Thank you!

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Mary & the Christ Child

A copy of the 15th Century Madonna of Blauberger by Gregor Erhart, the sculpture of Mary and the Christ Child was commissioned as part of the 1979 renovation of the church.

It was carved from a single piece of wood by Conrad Moroder Studios in Germany.