



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

December 9, 2018

## An Icon to Celebrate Our 225th Anniversary

By Daniel F. MacDougall

In March 2018, the Iconographers Guild was asked by Pastor Kevin Gillespie, S.J. to consider writing an icon to celebrate Holy Trinity's 225th Anniversary. Members of the Guild agreed that we would write Andrei Rublev's Old Testament, the "Holy Trinity."

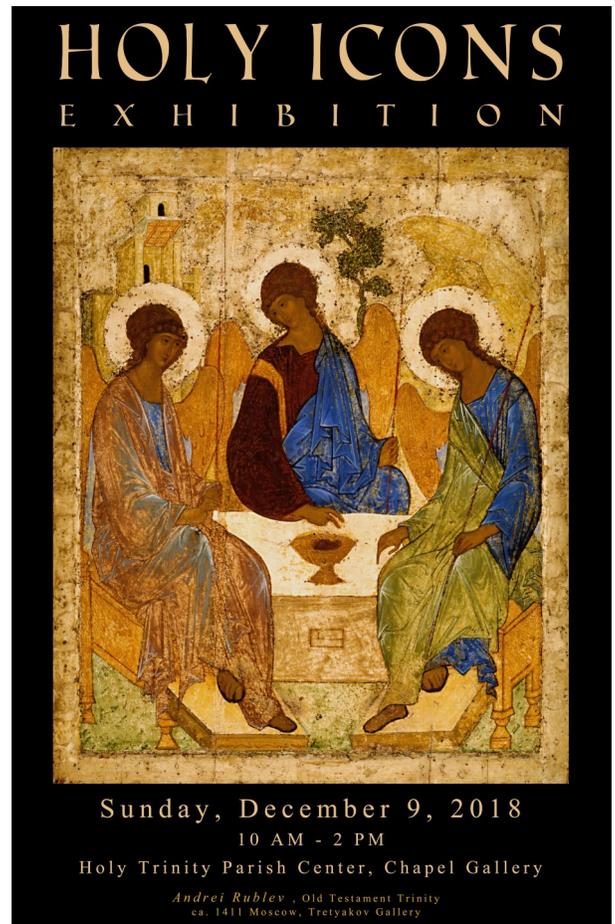
We were commissioned to write an icon that would measure 22 by 18 inches—large enough to be seen from a distance. The icon, once completed, will be unveiled on Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019 and carried in procession whenever we celebrate significant Holy Days like Easter and Christmas.

The board arrived from St. John's Workshop this past summer, and Father Eric Studt, S.J. blessed the board July 5, 2018.

In *Praying with Icons*, Jim Forest writes about Rublev's icon:

*The icon refers to the story of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to strangers by the oaks of Mamre near Hebron. Three nameless visitors who appeared in front of their tent were provided with food and drink, then they promised the aged couple that barren Sarah would soon bear a son (Genesis 18). Finally Abraham and Sarah understood their guests were angels. Throughout the biblical account the three acted in perfect unity and spoke with one voice. In this the early Christian community recognized a revelation of the Holy Trinity: three Persons within one God.*

We invite you to see the progress we have made in painting the icon, along with other icons we have worked on throughout the year, **today** from 10am-2pm in the Chapel Gallery. For our anniversary icon, George Ziobro did the drawing, Dan MacDougall transferred the drawing to the icon board and painted all lines black. Brooks Hernandez gilded all three angel's halos and began laying colors on the Holy Spirit, the angel on the right of the icon. Dan MacDougall continued laying paints on the angel on the left, who iconographers suggest, symbolizes God the Father. Soon, other members of the Guild will contribute their talents by painting different sections of the icon.



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## Thomas Merton's Life and Legacy

**Today! December 9**

10:10am Lower School Big Room *or*  
4pm, Lower School Big Room

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of  
Thomas Merton's death, Fr. Kevin Gillespie  
will offer an overview of Merton's life and legacy,  
with a discussion to follow

## 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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## From the Pastor's Desk

Through sacred songs and profound symbols, the season of Advent provides a time for prayerful preparation of God's never ending incarnational presence. One means in which we prayerfully prepare is by recognizing the ways in which Jesus is made visible by present realizations and future opportunities. It is a story that never grows old.

Likewise, our parish has been undergoing a season of preparations that offer present realizations and future possibilities. Allow me to discuss three of them:

This fall, we saw the completion of the Chapel's East Garden project in which the ceilings our ground floor parish center offices were sealed from leaks caused by the tree roots in the garden overhead. In addition to sealing the leaks, we installed some 40 new granite pavers. Moreover, through the generous dedication of our Garden Ministry, a new landscape was created for this garden area. The brilliant autumnal colors of the garden's new plantings were spectacular and prepared one to look forward to the garden's future vibrancy this spring.

This autumn also saw the realization of the parish's efforts to use Holy Rood Cemetery for the purposes of constructing a columbarium. As Grace Bateman recently described in this bulletin, it took some eight years before the possibilities once dreamed of by a group of ardent parishioners to come to fruition through negotiations with Georgetown University and the Archdiocese of Washington. With all the legal documents now signed, we have begun to sell the 645 available niches and are preparing to build the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery (You can learn more about the project at [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org)). Our goal is to have the columbarium fit and ready for a dedication next All Souls' Day, November 2, 2019. Amazingly, in the past two weeks, some 100 niches have been sold to parishioners.

Third, members of our Facilities Committee have been hard at work preparing for this summer's repair of the church. As many of you may recall, one of the main goals of the parish's recent Capital Campaign was to repair the inside of the church. This repair will involve the procurement of new pews, a new HVAC system, an improved audio and wiring system, a fresh coat of paint (same colors), and the lighting repair of the church's main altar glass cross. I wonder how many parishioners have seen the cross fully lit? I haven't.

After almost a year's worth of preparation, we submitted two weeks ago the plans to the Archdiocese for review. If all goes as planned, we will close the church from June 2, 2019 to September 1, 2019. I should note that during the summer, in addition to the use of the Chapel of St. Ignatius and Trinity Hall, we are planning to use Dahlgren Chapel for some Sunday Masses thanks to the courtesy of Georgetown University's Campus Ministry.

As we journey through Advent and prepare for 2019 we may look forward with hope and enthusiasm toward the realization of using our parish's new and repaired facilities so as to further recognize the presence of Christ among us.

*Rev. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.*

## 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 10, 2018

Monday	7:00am	William Watts Sr.+
	5:30pm	Jane Kelly Courney+
Tuesday	7:00am	Rosemary Hosey+
	5:30pm	Joseph A. Catanzano III+
Wednesday	8:00am	Josefa Asperilla+
	5:30pm	Josefa Asperilla+
Thursday	8:00am	Ted Pohdrylo+
	5:30pm	Dr. Amal Olaimy+
Friday	8:00am	Alma Belgado Glower+
	5:30pm	Greg Bellis+
Saturday	8:00am	Josefa Asperilla+

**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](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, 9:00am, 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](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
- 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](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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## Second Sunday of Advent

*Advent calls us to make a commitment to watchfulness, looking outside ourselves, expanding our minds and hearts to open them to the needs of people, of our brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.*

—Pope Francis

## 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 15\*, 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](mailto:moshea@trinity.org). \*Held in McKenna Hall December 15



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

**December 12**, 10:30am, Church (with Holy Trinity School) and 7pm, Church (Evening Prayer)

### 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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Last Week of Giving Trees

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 **December 16**. Gifts may be left under the trees in the church and Trinity Hall. As a guideline, the value of each gift is a *maximum of \$50 per person*. You may also access our virtual Giving Tree on the Social Justice webpage and have items shipped to Holy Trinity. Thank you!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

### Youth Confirmation

The first session will be held on **December 12** from 6:30-9pm in Trinity Hall. Parents will begin in prayer at the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service and then return to Trinity Hall for the conclusion. This session is for all candidates and their parents.

### Children's Bible Story Hour

Children's Bible Story Hour will be offered on **December 16** at 10:10am in the Lower School Big Room. The Nativity story will be featured.

### Jesse Tree Prayer Service

On **December 16**, you are invited to a prayer service led by the RE 6th graders to remember the lineage and family history of Jesus. The service will begin at 10:25am in the church.

## PARISH LIFE

### Carol in Georgetown

**December 10**, 6:30-9pm

No singing experience required and all ages welcome! Meet in the Upper School Cafeteria. We will visit the sisters of Visitation and home-bound parishioners. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served! Contact Lisa Dittmeier at [ldittmeier@trinity.org](mailto:ldittmeier@trinity.org) for more details.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Make your way through the Holy Land **June 14-24**, 2019 with Fr. Brendan Lally, S.J. To view the itinerary and learn more about the pilgrimage, please visit, [www.pilgrimages.com/frlally](http://www.pilgrimages.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 [agrad@trinity.org](mailto:agrad@trinity.org) or mail to Attn: HR Director Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3513 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

## STEWARDSHIP

The 2019 Pledge Drive is well underway! We will begin reporting results to-date soon! In the meantime, if you have not yet had a chance to pledge please do so online at [www.trinity.org/give](http://www.trinity.org/give), or by sending in the pledge brochure form that accompanied Fr. Gillespie's pledge request letter. Holy Trinity relies on donors like you! We fund nearly 100% of our ministries on behalf of Christ's mission through the annual gifts people offer.

### Donated but Not Acknowledged?

We have had a few questions from supporters asking when statements are coming out, and inquiring if donations have been received because they have not been acknowledged. Because of staff turnover earlier in the year, a lengthy transition process to new staff, and ongoing issues with a software transfer, we did not issue statements earlier this year. Additionally, while we have been working hard to acknowledge all donations that came directly to the Stewardship office (or that were made known to us by another Department) via a hard copy check, we have not acknowledged donations received online, due to the same issues. However, year-end statements and acknowledgements will be issued after 1/1/19. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

### 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](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org).

For more information on the 2019 Pledge or the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery, please contact Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship at [rschuler@trinity.org](mailto:rschuler@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2843.

## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL



### Open House Dates

Holy Trinity School provides a distinguished program that focuses on the education of the whole child. To learn more about our school, please visit [www.htsdc.org/visit](http://www.htsdc.org/visit) and attend an upcoming Open House: **December 14** from 9-10:30am or **January 10** from 9-10:30am.

## 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](mailto: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 dinner with Father Ben—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](mailto: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](http://www.trinity.org/225). A current schedule of speakers and events is available on our website.

### December's Pilgrimage to Our Past!

This month's issue offers some history on the Chapel of St. Ignatius and a reflection by parishioner Natalie Ganley. See this month's and past issues at [www.trinity.org/225](http://www.trinity.org/225)