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Growing Into Our Third Century

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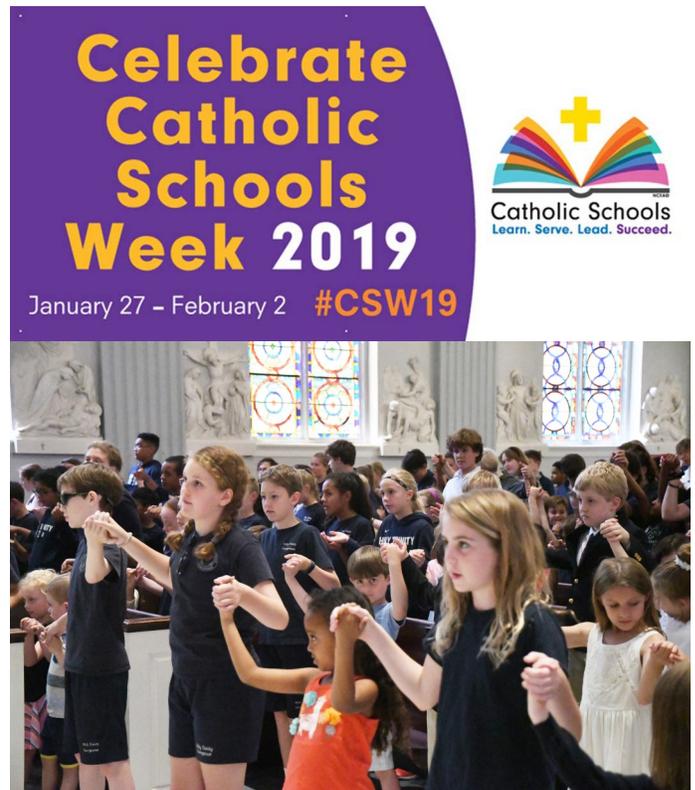
As we begin Catholic Schools Week in this auspicious 200th Anniversary year for Holy Trinity School (HTS), students and teachers are having fun studying the school's history and reflecting on the balance between the timeless qualities of a Catholic, Jesuit education and the ways in which we adapt in an ever-changing world.

As part of our anniversary celebration last fall, we hosted over 1,000 friends of the school for a street fair and reunion. A highlight was a discussion led by former Principals Charlie Hennessy and Ann Marie Crowley in which many alumni and former teachers reflected on the profound impact HTS has had on their lives. We also love reading reflections like the articles in *Pilgrimage to Our Past*, particularly Linda Nystrom's recollection of 65 first grader students in a room that now buzzes with 15. Additionally, our current students are working on writing projects to contribute to the body of history about the school. My favorite is one student's "Principals: Then and Now" comparison, writing, "while school founder Bishop Fenwick is dead, Mr. McShane is still alive!"

Just as the church building is at the center of our campus, faith is at the center of everything we do at HTS. Our students certainly learn about their Catholic faith in Masses, sacramental preparation and religion classes. I think the kids would say that we live our faith in our many expressions of Ignatian spirituality: praying the *Suscipe* every morning, practicing the *Examen* every afternoon, and most of all trying to live our call to be "students for others" in our many service activities, frequently done in conjunction with our Pastoral Associate for Social Justice Kate Tromble. Additionally, our parents and teachers work together to build community, whether it is relationship-based classroom management or school events like Christmas decorating, sporting events, Trivia Night, or the Annual Benefit. And of course, we are a school, and so academic excellence will always be a critical component of what we do.

We are also considering how we grow into our third century of educating our students for others: how do we set up

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Healing the Breach of Trust: Session 2

On **February 6**, The Catholic University of America will host a day of talks, which will constitute the second of a series of planned conferences on the Church's current crisis. You may attend all or any of the sessions during this free event by registering at ihe.catholic.edu under "upcoming events."

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Truly an amazing history," were the words that came readily to mind as I first gazed at our Anniversary Timeline, installed on the walls of McKenna Hall this past Monday. The timeline, commemorating the 225th Anniversary of our first Mass, was produced through the coordinated labors of more than a dozen parishioners and led by Ashley Klick. A quick survey of the timeline reveals many of the key factors that shaped not only our parish's history, but also the story of American Catholicism from the time the first English Catholics came to Maryland in 1634—the early Jesuit missions that eventually led to the establishment of Holy Trinity. Beginning with a memorial service for George Washington in 1799, the timeline tells anecdotally the parish's story through the subsequent decades up to 2018. Among the timeline's American history features are pictures of three presidents, Washington, Lincoln and Kennedy, each with a connection to the parish.

The inception of the timeline occurred three years ago. I met with several parishioners to discuss ways to celebrate the anniversaries of the founding of Holy Trinity School in 1818 and the first Mass at Holy Trinity in 1794. From these meetings, there emerged a series of organized activities, the installation of the timeline being the latest.

As noted in the Chapel's vestibule, the historic edifice has served a variety of parish ministries. From 1794-1850, it was used as a church; 1877-1918 as a school; 1918-86 as a convent; 1986-98 as the parish offices.

Often, when I preside at Mass in this sacred space, I think of the men, women and children who have worshiped here before me. And I have wondered: if these walls could talk what would they say? What stories would be told about the Catholics who worshiped there during the 18th, 19th, 20th and now 21st centuries? How many Catholics, individually and collectively, have had their faith formed and sustained through the regular sacramental practices in the Chapel's beautiful and sacred space. How many people were baptized, married and buried from there? What did Holy Trinity parishioners pray for at the birth of the new American nation or during the War of 1812 when past of the new nation's fledgling capitol city was set on fire by the British forces?

And what about us now? In the distant future, what will be remembered about our stories in this historic parish 225 years from now? As I imagine that distant date, I wonder where would the parishioners of 2019 fit on a timeline extending 450 years—from 1794 to 2244. However they will gather for worship, our faith assures us with the hope that these parishioners will, like us, center their lives around the personal love of Jesus Christ.

Anniversary Timeline Debut & Talk

Join us in McKenna Hall **today** after the 9am and 11:30am Masses for cake and remarks with Pastor Kevin Gillespie

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 January 28, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Charlie Stathacos+
	5:30pm	Joan DeGioia+
Tuesday	7:00am	Mary Grace Davies+
	5:30pm	Nasr Zahedi+
Wednesday	8:00am	Richard Rogers
	5:30pm	Joyce Rogers+
Thursday	8:00am	Catherine Francis Degnan+
	5:30pm	Josefa Aperilla+
Friday	8:00am	John G. Laytham+
	5:30pm	Anne P. Hartigan
Saturday	8:00am	O'Donoghue, Donoghue & Porter+

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

Vice President Chris Hannigan parishcouncil@trinity.org

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



Afternoon with a Jesuit

Join us today, **January 27**, at 4pm in the Chapel as Tim O'Brien S.J. shares his journey from being a YAC at Holy Trinity discerning his calling to the Jesuits to his experience as a novice.

Hosted by the Young Adult

Community (YAC) and open to the whole parish.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Women Who Persisted



On **February 4** we will begin our third short series reflecting on women in scripture. Led once again by Anne Koester and Liz McCloskey, this series will focus on Miriam, Hannah & Peninnah, the Canaanite Woman and Martha & Mary. We will meet from 7pm to 8:30pm in McKenna Hall. Women and men are welcome! Contact Kate

Tromble, ktromble@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Children's Bible Story Hour

January 27, 10:10am,

Upper School Lobby

The story of Joseph and his brightly colored coat will be shared.



RE Room Parent Meeting

January 27, 10:15am,

Upper School Cafeteria

This meeting will begin to plan for building greater community awareness among RE families.

Returning & Inactive Catholics Welcome

Landings offers Catholics who has been away from active practice, "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Judith Brusseu at 202-903-2807, or Brian Flanagan at landings@trinity.org.

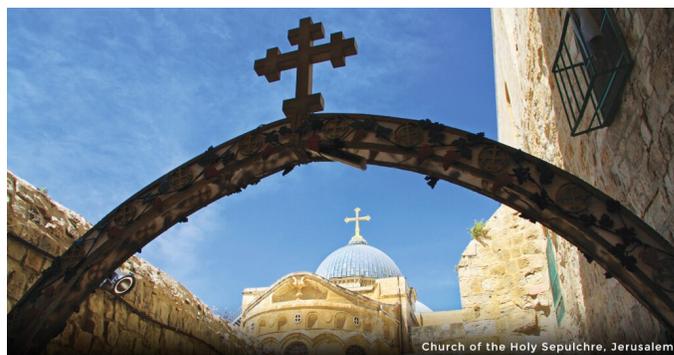
Missed the January Pilgrimage to Our Past?

Read past issues at www.trinity.org/225

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

PARISH LIFE



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Information Session

February 10, 1pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Father Gillespie will answer questions and share past experiences from Holy Trinity pilgrims for those interested in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Brendan Lally, S.J. **June 14-24** (deadline to register is March 1). Learn more about the pilgrimage at www.pilgrimages.com/frlally.

The Museum of Bible with Fr. Gillespie

Join the 50+ Group to visit the Museum of the Bible on **February 21** at 10am. The group will also have lunch together. Please RSVP by to Bonnie Shelor at bps929@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group Resumes March 2

Have you experienced a death in your family, or among your close friends, and are dealing with protracted sorrow or spiritual emptiness associated with that loss? Grief support group meetings will deal with the effects of such bereavement and to provide an enabling space for healing and spiritual renewal. The next group session will meet weekly on Saturdays 10:30am-12:30pm from **March 2-April 6**. For further information on the group, and to register, please contact Peggy Cloherty (301) 320-1775, mlcloherty@verizon.net or Joe Brittain (202) 658-8791, jbrittain3@verizon.net.

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Sign up for weekly updates at www.trinity.org/eLetter

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students to grow in their faith for their whole lives in a world that offers so many distractions? How do we send them forth to be people for others in a world that celebrates selfishness? As technology grows in power, how do we balance its use judiciously? How do we encourage face-to-face contact in an often detached world? How do we help our students develop cultural competency in an increasingly diverse and shrinking world? We must always consider sustainability: balancing our tuition costs with being able to provide need-based financial aid while also improving teacher salaries. And finally, how is our precious time together during the school day best spent?

We are fiercely proud of being a ministry of this parish, sending the name "Holy Trinity" onto courts and fields around the area, and contributing our time, talent and treasure to the parish. As we celebrate what is timeless—Catholic faith, Jesuit identity, affordability, community and academic excellence—we also strive to grow in each of these areas, enjoying the process of finding balance between the timeless and the innovative. ▀

STEWARDSHIP

Phone-A-Thon



This week we are holding our annual Phone-A-Thon in support of the **2019 Parish Pledge** campaign. Phone-A-Thon volunteers personally call parish households who have not yet had an opportunity

to offer a pledge to the parish or a financial commitment for 2019. The Phone-A-Thon is needed this year more than ever as we strive to spread the good news of what Jesus Christ is accomplishing through the worship and ministries of our parish—especially in this current moment when good news about the Church is so needed and such a powerful witness! The Phone-A-Thon will take place the evenings of **January 28** through **January 31** from 6-9pm each night. Dinner is provided. Please contact Rock Schuler, at rschuler@trinity.org or (202) 903-2843 if you are able to help! PS. If you have not yet made your 2019 pledge, you may do so at www.trinity.org/give.



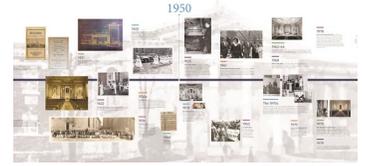
Purchase a Niche at the HT Columbarium

Holy Trinity and Georgetown University have announced a plan to restore Holy Rood Cemetery on and allow Holy Trinity to build a columbarium at the cemetery. To learn more about the project or purchase a niche, visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org.

225TH ANNIVERSARY

History of Holy Trinity Anniversary Timeline

Please stop by McKenna Hall to see the History Timeline created by members of the 225th Anniversary Committee and made possible by Peter Higgins. Special



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Anniversary Lecture Series

Applying Principles of Ignatian Spirituality in Relationships: A Discussion with Tim & Susan

Muldoon. February 23, 6:30pm, McKenna Hall: Focus is on adult relationships/marriage; **February 24**, 10:10am, Trinity Hall: Focus is on family life. Visit www.trinity.org/225 to RSVP and to learn more about future speakers.

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Holy Trinity's Urban Playground

We often see children at play on N Street, but how did this originate? A 1947 letter (reproduced below) from Pastor O'Leary to the DC Metropolitan Police asks for permission to block the street. You will notice a reference to Georgetown Hospital, which moved to its present location on Reservoir Road that same year.

September 13, 1947

Dear Major Barrett,

I wish to apply for permission to close N Street, NW from 35th to 36th Street to traffic during the noon recess of our grade school children.

Formerly, we had a playground on the lot at 37th & N, but as that has been built on, the children are forced to use N Street, which is a serious hazard if traffic is permitted at that period.

I would like to ask that you allow us to obtain from the Department two standards to place at the end of the block during the recess period. As the building along the block is no longer used for hospital purposes, I do not think the close of the street will seriously inconvenience anyone else.

With kind personal regards, and with deep gratitude...

Fr. Arthur A. O'Leary, S.J.