



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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## Holy Trinity Church Rehabilitation

*By Michael Gick*

Progress continues with the Ad Hoc Committee on the rehabilitation of our main worship space. This installment will bring you up to date on our progress on the heating, ventilating & air conditioning system (HVAC) as well as the lighting system upgrades. As noted previously, the parish (and the Archdiocese of Washington) has retained CCSI as our Project Manager for the rehabilitation.

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## Holy Trinity Time Capsule

### Leonard Harbaugh: Builder of Holy Trinity's First Church



The Acts of Congress of July 16, 1790 that created the District of Columbia required the commissioners to provide suitable buildings for the President, the Congress and the executive branches of government within 10 years. Leonard Harbaugh (1749-1822), a building contractor from Baltimore, came to

Washington, DC in 1792 with his wife and 14 children, to work on constructing Federal buildings. Harbaugh, a business partner of George Washington, received Federal contracts to construct the Treasury and War Department buildings. He also oversaw the construction and opening of the Great Falls locks and served as president of Georgetown's Architects and Carpenters Society.

When Harbaugh lost a Federal bid, he was asked to build Trinity Church. From 1793 to March of 1794, Harbaugh devoted his full attention to building the District's first Catholic Church. He is also credited with building Georgetown College's second building, Old North. While our first church was described as plain and "neither grand nor assuming," it remains the oldest church in continuous use in the District of Columbia.

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## Fundamentals of Christology

Fundamentals of Christology offered by Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J. continues **March 31** and **April 7** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. This presentation will examine Christ's passion and death both historically and theologically, asking in what sense his death (and resurrection) are saving for us.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives.

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## Living Our Mission: Celebrate God's Love

*This week's column is written by  
Fr. Timothy O'Brien, S.J.*

This Sunday is “Laetare Sunday,” and like its Advent counterpart (“Gaudete Sunday”), today’s liturgy encourages us to be joyful. Actually, it practically shouts at us to do so: both “laetare” and “gaudete” mean “rejoice,” but grammatically they are commands. The subtle changes we notice in Church today—notably the rose-colored vestments, the occasional flower, or slightly more elaborate music—are meant to remind us that the penance of Lent is almost done and the great feasts commemorating Jesus’ death and resurrection are near.

For most of my life I dreaded Lent and found church-y talk about the supposed “joy” of this season ridiculous. I dreaded “the question”: “What are you giving up for Lent?” I dreaded the disappointment I felt when I inevitably failed at whatever I had tried to sacrifice for 40 days.

My resistance came from how I understood both “the question” and the season overall. Lent always seemed like a time of liturgical self-help. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were things that *I did* – or failed at doing. The inner rationale started as: “If I can just ‘be good’ in this or that way, or give up something I really like, then maybe...” The logic ends here. Then maybe *what?* God will forgive me? I’ll discover I’m spiritually self-sufficient, after all? This kind of Lent is an endurance contest, or a bartering session with a God who delights in tallying sins, a false god of rules and loopholes—not a true God of love and mercy.

Over time, my attitude has changed, and with it the way I think about Lent. A friend recently asked me: “Well, what changed?” The answer: someone sent me an email.

More specifically, in 2011 a friend forwarded an email on Ash Wednesday with the subject: “For this day, and every day.” Inside were several paragraphs from a reflection on a fairly obscure Christian blog. These words come rushing back each Lent:

*Ash Wednesday, then, should be seen as standing guard over Lent, reminding us at its start of the core truth of Christianity: we must give up. **We must give up not this or that habit or food or particular sin, but the entire project of self-justification, of making God’s love contingent on our own achievements.** And the liturgy of [Ash Wednesday] goes right to the ultimate reality we struggle against, which is death itself.*

For years, Lent was about me. It was about ‘proving myself’ before God. That’s a losing game no matter who’s playing it. As we enter the last weeks of Lent, let us remember what these weeks really offer: an opportunity for honesty about who we are, and who God is. For in this season, we do not “pretend to be anything other than the flawed human beings we are,” we give up pretending to be able to earn the love that God gives freely, and without regret.

That is a reason for joy, this day and every day.

## 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 April , 2019

Monday	7:00am	Wyatt Princen
	5:30pm	James Lawlor+
Tuesday	7:00am	Bill Butler+
	5:30pm	R. Damian DuFour+
Wednesday	8:00am	Eileen Vanderwerf+
	5:30pm	Sara Kelley Lacopo+
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Genevieve Godfrey+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Carole Ewens
Saturday	8:00am	George & Margaret Norris+

**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](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
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- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, (202) 337-2840 x128
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
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## 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

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. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for Children for children and youth who are not baptized (ages 7 through high school) Please contact Judith Brusseau at [jbrusseau@trinity.org](mailto:jbrusseau@trinity.org) for more information.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

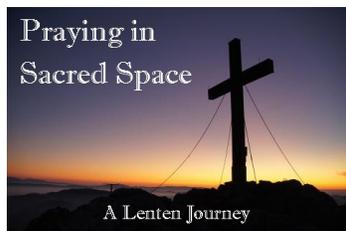
PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission.

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## PRAY

### Praying in Sacred Space

You are invited to take one hour each Saturday of Lent to pray with scripture passages using the Lenten Sacred Space books. **April 6 and 13** from 4-5pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. All are welcome. Registration is not necessary—come as you are, and bring a friend! *Hosted by the 5th Week Group: Living the Spiritual Exercises.*



### Stations of the Cross with the YACs

Every Friday during Lent, Holy Trinity hosts Stations of the Cross from 6-6:30pm. On **April 5**, the Young Adult Community will attend the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel of St. Ignatius and go for a meat-free dinner in the Georgetown area afterwards. Email Mary at [yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org](mailto:yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org) with any questions.

### Mass with Bishop Dorsonville

In conjunction with Georgetown University and its Center for Multicultural Equity and Access, Holy Trinity will be celebrating undocu-Hoya week at the vigil mass on **April 6**. Bishop Mario Dorsonville will preside, friends from Georgetown will celebrate the liturgy with us, and we will cap the evening off with a reception in McKenna Hall.

### April Young Adult Community Mass

YAC Mass is a week earlier than usual in April! The YACs will celebrate the monthly Mass on **April 7** at 7:15pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, followed by the potluck YAC Café for food and fellowship. All are welcome! Bringing food to share is appreciated.

### Young Adult Community Spring Retreat

**May 3-5; Registration deadline: April 11**



Do you wonder how to discern God's will? Do you have some big decisions to make and need spiritual guidance? Come encounter the Holy Spirit at work in your life and learn tools of decision making developed by St.

Ignatius of Loyola. This Ignatian weekend for adults in their 20s and 30s includes time for individual and small group reflection, free time, and fun, and the celebration of the Sacraments, including Sunday Mass. Learn more at [www.trinity.org/yac-retreat](http://www.trinity.org/yac-retreat).

### Holy Trinity eLetter

Sign up at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter)

## LEARN

### Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparation will be offered **April 6** at 10am in McKenna Hall. Please register on our website. Contact [readmin@trinity.org](mailto:readmin@trinity.org) with any questions.

### Institute on Sacred Scripture

The 56th Annual Rev. Joseph A. Fitzmeyer, S.J. Institute on Sacred Scripture takes place **July 11-13** at Georgetown University. Lectures and discussions will enable the participants to increase their understanding of the Bible and its continued relevance to modern life. Register by **May 15**. [www.faculty.georgetown.edu/mitchela/guiss](http://www.faculty.georgetown.edu/mitchela/guiss).

### 225th Lecture Series: Jesuit Tour of MD

The all-day bus tour will leave the Chapel of St. Ignatius **May 18** at 8am and will include historic Old St. Mary, St. Inigoes, St. Ignatius Chapel/St. Thomas Manor. There is a fee of \$35 per person; itinerary subject to change. Seating is limited to 52 guests. Email [HT225@trinity.org](mailto:HT225@trinity.org) if you would like to reserve a seat.



### 225th Lecture Series: Art & Faith

Plans for the June Art & Faith Lecture Series with the National Gallery of Art are still underway. We are currently taking reservations for the behind-the-scenes "Old Masters' Print Room" tour with Assistant Curator Ginger Hammer at the National Gallery of Art on **June 20 & 22**. Space is limited to 15 guests per tour. Visit [www.trinity.org/225](http://www.trinity.org/225) for more details.

## SERVE

### Liturgical Ministers for Triduum

Many volunteers are needed to help with the liturgies of the Paschal Triduum on the morning and evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Sacristans, lectors, communion ministers, ushers and greeters, and other volunteers are needed in great number for each day. You need not be a current liturgical minister to help. Morning Prayer is celebrated at 8am, and the Triduum liturgies are celebrated at 8pm on April 18, 19, and 20. Please email David Pennington ([dpennington@trinity.org](mailto:dpennington@trinity.org)) with the liturgies you plan on attending and how you'd like to help by **Monday, April 8**. For some ministries, rehearsals may be required.

## CONNECT

### FMS World Care Benefit

Franciscan Mission Service invites you to attend the World Care Benefit and Celebration on **April 5** at 7pm at St. Francis Hall (1340 Quincy Street, NE). Join us for this memorable night of fellowship, festivities, and inspiration. Tickets may be purchased at [www.franciscanmissionservice.org](http://www.franciscanmissionservice.org).

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

*April 1 Deadline to Authorize a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA (from a recent Post article)*

People reaching 70½ must begin taking withdrawals from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and workplace retirement plans under the rule for “required minimum distributions” or RMDs. The distribution means paying taxes on the withdrawn amount. There is, however, a provision in the regulations that would allow a RMD to be paid directly to a charity, excluding that required distribution from a person’s income and taxes. It’s called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (or QCD) and many donors are authorizing them in lieu of weekly donations, many of which no longer qualify for deductions (since when you take the standard tax deduction, you can’t itemize and claim certain deductions such as charitable contributions).

QCDs offer a way for some seniors to still get credit for their giving, thereby reducing their taxable income even if they don’t itemize. Having required retirement distributions diverted to charities via a QCD in effect creates a deductible charitable contribution even while taking the standard deduction. Be aware that a QCD is available only to IRA owners 70½ or older. And the maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000. If you can afford to be charitable, this is certainly a way to be kind and get a good tax break. For more information, please contact Rock Schuler at [rschuler@trinity.org](mailto:rschuler@trinity.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Returning & Inactive Catholics—Welcome!

If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of Holy Trinity. Landings is an 8 week program that offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and for being heard, a place for questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We will begin our next session of lay-led Saturday programs in April, after Easter. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested please contact Judith Brusseau at (202) 903-2807 or Brian Flanagan at [landings@trinity.org](mailto:landings@trinity.org).



### Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

To learn more about the project or purchase a niche, visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org).

## Church Rehabilitation. *cont. from page 1*

**HVAC.** One of the largest components of work is replacing the HVAC system that serves the main worship space. Being mindful of energy efficiency, ease of control and limiting background noise, CCSI has assembled a package of components that will replace our current system. This will include new rooftop condensers, new heating and air conditioning components, humidity controls, modified ductwork and an assortment of minor supportive parts. Parishioners will be kept very comfortable dealing with winter’s cold and dry ambient temperatures as well as hot and humid summer conditions. CCSI is aided by Hurst Engineers—a firm that has a long history with Holy Trinity.

The components described above are located in a variety of places from the church rooftop to an area below the sanctuary. Efforts have been made to make sure appropriate insulation, electrical modifications and upgrades as well as points of access for maintenance are provided. Keep in mind that this system will be in place for the next 20+ years.

**Lighting.** Trinity’s worship space lighting has been relatively unchanged for the last 20 years. Comments have been made relevant to dim lighting in the congregational areas and insufficient accent lighting focused on the altar and ambo. In addition to these problem areas, the lighting control system is fragmented. It requires special knowledge to control the current lighting system. To aid our efforts in this complex area, we enlisted the aid of Maureen Moran of MCLA, a DC lighting consultant. Maureen has visited the church numerous times, met with the Ad Hoc Committee and provided a wide range of ideas on how best to improve our lighting. Maureen’s efforts are in two areas—the lighting fixtures and their specific locations, and, the control and modulation of these fixtures.

Inadequate lighting for congregational areas stems from two sources. The first is the hanging chandeliers and the second is the recessed ceiling lights that are over 30’ above the pews. Maureen has supplemented the downlights in the ceiling as well as added fixtures that focus on the altar and ambo area. These will be controlled with a system that is used in many churches and provides the ability to pre-set up to eight different scenes. One can imagine that a lighting preset scene for Sunday Mass might be quite different than a Wedding or a Funeral or the Easter Vigil.

As we are all sensitive to energy efficiency, all incandescent and fluorescent lamps and their housings will be removed and LED lights (appropriately chosen for warm color rendition) have been selected for replacement. This will include the chandeliers. These changes will not only improve the ability to read in the congregational areas, but will reduce the energy consumption and the heat gain from the old lamps.

Last, the Holy Trinity Crucifix that many remember being a very special work of sacred art is being restored in terms of the internal fiber-optic lighting of its etched storytelling. The “repair” is complex, but we have found the original technician that made the crucifix so magnificent. He will lead the effort of this restoration.▪