



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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Spirit@Work: Faith & Friendship at Camp Maria

By Leigh Anne Tiffany

Nestled on Breton Bay in southern Maryland—two hours away from the gridlock commutes and nonstop sirens of D.C.—lives the Camp Maria Retreat Center, home to the Young Adult Community (YAC) Retreat. Held in the spring and fall each year, this peer-led retreat is a weekend for young adults to delve deeper into their faith through reflections rooted in Ignatian spirituality.

Victoria Thompson, former co-chair of the YAC Steering Committee, has been a part of five YAC Retreats. She assisted in the initial planning stages for the May retreat, bringing together the young adults who will organize the retreat and lead the prayers, small group discussions, and thematic talks.

“I really enjoy Camp Maria as a retreat location because of its proximity to the water and restful location,” said Thompson. “I find peace and clarity of mind when I’m out in nature, and this retreat location definitely makes that possible for me.”

Each YAC Retreat’s theme centers on an important phase of life and celebrating God’s love in those moments. The May retreat is called Spirit@Work, focusing on making decisions, spiritual guidance, and discernment using the tools of St. Ignatius of Loyola. YAC Retreats are designed to meet people where they are in their faith journey and personal life.

“It offers a chance to escape from daily personal and professional responsibilities in order to focus on their faith,” said Marianne Grima, a three-time YAC Retreat participant. “I find that oftentimes I lose sight of my spiritual goals, and love that these retreats give me a chance to re-connect and re-energize my faith life.”

For many participants, they become more connected with Christ through the community formed with their fellow retreatants.

“In a secular society, it can feel isolating when trying to live a faithful life, which makes things unnecessarily difficult,” said Mike Daniel, who attended his first retreat this past October. “Being able to exercise that part of your life with peers really helps strengthen resolve at an individual level to live one’s faith.”

In addition to a deeper connection to one’s faith, participants take away new friendships.

“During the bonfire on Saturday night, a large group of retreatants, including myself, sat by the warm fire, sang cheerful campfire songs while someone played a guitar, and shared personal stories,” said Thompson. “Few people—if

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Future of Our Church Next Steps: Energize, Educate and Prioritize

April 7, 2-4pm, Trinity Hall

Speakers include Fr. Gerard McGlone, SJ, a specialist in child protection practices, and Dr. Susan Timoney, an expert on the role of lay leadership. Kathleen Coogan will offer highlights from our process before we break out into groups to discuss ongoing initiatives.

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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From the Pastor's Desk

*Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
 When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
 Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
 Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
 The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;*

Spring is certainly springing and lines such as these from Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. describe some of nature's vernal energies. Have you noticed the cherry tree in full bloom beside the church? This Saturday, our parish gardeners were at it again busily preparing our gardens for the new season's blossoms. Be sure to check out our renovated area in the Chapel Garden.

Besides nature's change of seasons we have reached a new stage in our parish's Season of Discernment. Since last June, when the news about Cardinal McCarrick's abhorrent behaviors was first reported, our Parish Pastoral Council, parish staff and a host of other parishioners have engaged in a Season of Discernment. This season has been marked by a prayerful collaboration of ways for parishioners to voice their anger and sadness about the Roman Catholic Church as well as express ways to repair and to reform it locally and globally. Building on these efforts the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is having a meeting today from 2-4pm in Trinity Hall in which we will discuss what we have done, what we are doing and what new initiatives are possible. In effect, the meeting may be viewed as preparing our Second Season of Discernment. All are welcome and encouraged to join the process, even if you were unable to attend earlier meetings.

In anticipation of this important meeting, allow me to briefly review some recent Season of Discernment programs. Last weekend the parish co-sponsored a dialogue and panel discussion with Fr. Hans Zollner, S.J., president of the Centre for Child Protection (CCP) at the Gregorian University. A recording of the dialogue may be viewed at www.trinity.org/zollner. We also hosted Dr. Phyllis Zagano, a member of the papal commission on woman deacons. All of these programs served as ways in which the parish is confronting some of the neuralgic issues facing the Church.

With the imminent announcement of our new Archbishop one finds a greater hope for healing and hopefully the beginning of a new phase of responding to the clergy abuse scandal. Members of the PPC have already drafted a letter to the new Archbishop welcoming him to the Archdiocese, inviting him to visit Holy Trinity in the near future and to learn about the fruits of our Season of Discernment. Through the amazing parishioner engagement of time, talent and treasure Holy Trinity may promote within and beyond our parish a spring-like hope for the repair, renewal and reform of the Roman Catholic Church.

Rev. C. 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 April 8, 2019

Monday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Gerald J. Sullivan+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Greg Bellis+
Wednesday	8:00am	William Watts, Sr.+
	5:30pm	Denise Dittrich McGivern+
Thursday	8:00am	James Kelley Courtney+
	5:30pm	Maureen DuFour+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Jean Johnson & Family
Saturday	8:00am	O'Donoghue, Donoghue & Porter Families+

Pray for those who are sick: *Carolyn Walsh*

Pray for those who are dead: *Joan Oakley; Dale Peterson*

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 Brusseu, (202) 903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseu, (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 Brusseu, (202) 903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseu, (202) 903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Judith Brusseu, (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

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. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for Children for children and youth who are not baptized (ages 7 through high school) Please contact Judith Brusseu at jbrusseu@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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HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14

Regular Mass Schedule. All Masses except 7:30 & 9am will begin in Trinity Hall for the Palm Procession. Please arrive immediately to the Hall on Palm Sunday.

Holy Wednesday, April 17

Parish Penance Service, 7pm, Church. After a short Liturgy of the Word, priests will be available for individual confessions.

Holy Thursday, April 18

Morning Prayer, 8am, Church. Prayerfully enter Triduum with the psalms and songs of Holy Week. A small breakfast will follow.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, Church. Begin Triduum with the Washing of Feet, the Celebration of the Eucharist, and the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday, April 19

Morning Prayer, 8am, Church. Gather with other parishioners to begin Good Friday with morning prayer.

Ecumenical Good Friday Prayer Service, 12pm, Christ Church Georgetown. Christian clergy will gather from Georgetown congregations to preach in a traditional Seven Last Words service.

Stations of the Cross, 4pm, Church. Pray the traditional Stations of the Cross in a new way by following the way of Jesus from his sentencing to his crucifixion.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 8pm, Church. On Good Friday night, the Triduum celebration continues with the formal commemoration of Jesus' Passion with the reading of the Passion Gospel, the Veneration of the Cross, and reception of Holy Communion reserved from Thursday night's celebration

Holy Saturday, April 20

Morning Prayer, 8am, Church. Pray with those who be baptized at the Easter Vigil as they recite the Creed for the first time. The church will be decorated after Morning Prayer.

Easter Vigil, 8pm, McKenna Courtyard. The holiest of nights in the Christian calendar begins with a bonfire and service of light in McKenna Courtyard. We'll process through the streets of Georgetown in a candlelight procession as we re-enter the church to hear the story of creation and redemption, baptize and confirm new Catholics, and celebrate Easter Eucharist.

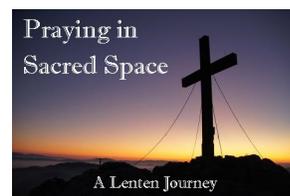
Easter Sunday, April 21

Easter Masses are celebrated at:
7:30am, Church
9:30am, Church, Trinity Hall, Visitation
11:30am, Church, Trinity Hall
1:15pm Church

PRAY

Praying in Sacred Space

You are invited to take one hour this final Saturday of Lent to pray with scripture passages using the Lenten Sacred Space books. **April 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*



Contemplative Retreat

June 18-26

Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD
Facilitated by Marilyn Merikangas, Martina O'Shea, & Thomas Gavin, S.J. Space is limited to 15 participants. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously made this retreat with John Govan, S.J. Visit bit.ly/RetreatCont to apply.

LEARN

Fundamentals of Christology Concludes



Fundamentals of Christology offered by Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J. concludes **April 7** at 10:10am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Today Fr. McDermott will explore Jesus' resurrection as the radical transformation of his whole person and as the hope of transformation for all humanity.

Northwest Center to Visit Trinity

Meet and chat with representatives of the Northwest Center on **April 14** after the 9am and 11:30am Masses in McKenna Hall. The Northwest Center was founded in 1981 by Georgetown University alumni and is one of only two pro-life pregnancy centers in DC. In 2018, their pregnancy center assisted more than 1,035 mothers, fathers, and children and their maternity home housed 4 women and 4 babies.

Curious about the Spiritual Exercises Journey?

We invite you for a one hour conversation about the history of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the gifts of making the Exercises, and the commitment needed to make the Exercises Journey: **April 27**, 4pm, Upper Room and **May 13**, 7pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius. Registration is not required. Contact Martina O'Shea for more information.



Movie Moments of Grace Presents:

A Civil Action on **April 27** at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall. RSVP to htmmog@gmail.com.

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. Email David Pennington at 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.

Earth Day Service with Rock Creek Conservancy

In honor of Earth Day, we will help the Rock Creek Conservancy clean trails near the parish on **April 13**. We will meet at Glover Archibald Park at 10am. Visit www.trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new for more details and to sign up.



Triduum/Easter Decorating

Help is needed to decorate the Church and Hall before Triduum and Easter. There are two times to help—**April 18** from 12-3pm and **April 20** from 8:45-11:30am. Please contact David Pennington if you would like to help.

Dig in the Garden!

Share your gardening skills on **April 13 & 20**. Meet in the Chapel Garden at 9am. Email htgardeners@gmail.com for more information.

CONNECT

Mark Your Calendars!

For more information, visit the Parish Life webpage or contact Lisa Dittmeier.

April 28: Young Married Couples Blessing and Reception, 6:30-8:30pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

May 5: New Parishioner Wine & Cheese Reception, 6:30-8:30pm, Chapel Gardens

May 10: Annual Garden Party: Spring Awakening, 6:30-8:30pm. A magical evening in the Chapel Gardens, featuring a festive reception, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and champagne cocktails. Tickets available soon at www.trinity.org/gardenparty.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

CLARIFICATION to last week's article. The April 1 deadline to make a required minimum distribution, including a qualified charitable distribution, from a traditional IRA or 401(k) applies only those who turned 70.5 the year preceding. These individuals, having reach the requisite age, must begin distributions by April 1 of the year after they turned 70.5. Thereafter the deadline is 12/31 to take that year's distributions. For more information, please contact Rock Schuler at rschuler@trinity.org.

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any—had their cell phone out; it was just us under the stars. Several of my best friends in DC are people I met on that retreat and shared this experience with."

"Probably the best moment, although this sounds odd, was saying goodbye to everyone on Sunday morning," said Daniel. "The reason I say this is by that time I had gotten to know a number of people who I knew I would be seeing in the future and who had already been so welcoming and friendly, in a really genuine way. So really it was more of a 'see you later, I'm happy we met more than just goodbye.'"

Registration deadline: **April 11**
To learn more about the YAC Retreat and to register, visit www.trinity.org/yac-retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Founder's Day is October 6

Be a part of the celebration! You are invited to the next committee meeting on **April 15** at 6pm in the Faber Room. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to sponsor the event, please email HT225@trinity.org.



Holy Trinity Time Capsule



The Sisters of Saint Joseph

The Sisters of Saint Joseph had a long tradition of teaching and working at Holy Trinity. They were first missioned in 1968 to teach at the parochial schools and their presence remained until 2016, when the last two sisters, Sr. Anne Muriel Ronan and Sr. Regina Maureen Smith, retired to St. Joseph Villa.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Villa invite you celebrate the 75th Jubilee of Sister Ann Muriel Ronan on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at eleven o'clock in the morning with the Eucharistic Liturgy in Saint Joseph Villa Chapel. You may send notes of celebration to:

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