



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

April 21 & 28, 2019



The Veil is Lifted

By David Pennington

Since the beginning of Lent, the large, lucite cross in our church, a piece of modern art called the *Crux Gloriosa*, has been covered by burlap and violet fabric. In front of it was placed a rough hewn, wooden cross made from beams salvaged from previous renovations of our parish campus. On Good Friday, we venerated the wood of this cross that has hung before us all of Lent. At the Easter Vigil, the *Crux Gloriosa* will be unveiled as we sing the Gloria for the first time in some 40 days.

The history of Christian worship tells us that the earliest forms of crosses used for devotion were not crucifixes (crosses with images of Jesus' body). Rather, they were decorated crosses, often made of precious metals and decorated with gems. These *crux gemmata* were lavish in appearance and very beautiful. They translated both the death of Christ (by their shape and association with the Roman method of execution) and his resurrection (by their gleaming jewels and shining metal).

In times of penance, like Lent, they would often be covered as a way of fasting from beauty and a reminder of the way sin separates humanity from God. Their metals and gems would be covered during the period of penance and uncovered during the joyful feast of Easter.

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Easter Mass 1917

The April 7, 1917 edition of the Washington *Evening Star* provided this notice of Easter Mass at Holy Trinity: "The services at Holy Trinity Catholic Church tomorrow will be the most elaborate that have been given there in years, as Archbishop Bonzano, the apostolic delegate, together with his suite, will pontificate at a solemn high mass at 11 o'clock; and will also be present in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, when a solemn reception of new members into the Holy Name Society will take place.

"The parishioners of Holy Trinity are making extensive arrangements for this occasion. The apostolic delegate and officials of the mass will leave the rectory at 10:45 a.m. and will march through a double line of Holy Name men, who will act as a guard of honor to the delegate during his stay in the parish. ... The sermon, appropriate to Easter Sunday, will be preached by Rev. Thomas F. Graham, S.J., president of Manresa College of Jersey City. The music, will be Gounod's "Twelfth Mass," and will be sung by the surpliced choir under the leadership of Prof. Ernest Behm. All the prominent Holy Name parish clergy and lay members are expected at the reception... and every man in the parish is expected to be present."

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Save the Date! Trinity Weekend

Celebrate Trinity Weekend **June 15 & 16.**

Power of One will be held on June 15

Be one of the "225" volunteers during our anniversary year as parishioners for others!

The **Annual Parish Mass & Picnic** will be held on June 16 at 10:30am at Visitation.

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

Some, like best-selling novelist Ken Follett, call them “pillars of the earth.” Commonly, they are called cathedrals. As I watched the fire raging through Notre-Dame de Paris, it seemed like one of the most beautiful “pillars of the earth” was going to be utterly destroyed. Fortunately, through the valiant efforts of more than 500 French firefighters, the iconic façade and much of the church were preserved. The cornerstone was laid in 1163, and the cathedral’s enormous and intricate structure have for centuries been held up by the innovative and sturdy “flying buttresses” that enable its immense windows, most especially its colorful rose windows, to drape Notre-Dame’s “rib vault.” Thankfully, they will remain for future generations to gaze and wonder at the sense of transcendence they evoke.



Having being inspired by Notre-Dame’s beauty, inside and out, on each of the three occasions I have visited Paris, I feel as if a close personal friend has been crippled and will require years of rehabilitation before ever being able to walk again. Coming as it did during the beginning of Holy Week, the blaze which for several hours engulfed the cathedral, offers a new meaning to the suffering and death of *Notre Dame’s* (Our Lady’s) Son. Was He not crucified on another “pillar of the earth?” Indeed, I find in the charred cathedral potential symbolic meanings. For instance, the call of Christ, “to rebuild my church” heard by St. Francis and again by Pope Francis has now both literal and metaphorical meanings. Already French leaders and philanthropists pledge to begin such rebuilding. And, as was the case of many cathedrals, it will take decades, if not centuries, before the repairs are completed. I find comforting the cogent the words of French President Emmanuel Macron, “We will build together.”

Similarly, the rebuilding of trust in some of the structures and systems of the Catholic Church, scorched by scandals, will require the efforts of many of us working together. And it may take a long time to rebuild. But, rebuild we must, and so I will find encouraging the efforts to rebuild the pillar of France’s faith for it may enkindle a new appreciation for what Notre-Dame really represents.

During this Easter Season, when we commemorate how a wooden cross became a pillar of the Catholic Church, the determination to work together to rebuild Notre-Dame Cathedral may serve as a source of hope to rebuild the pillars of the Catholic Church. With the arrival of Archbishop Wilton Gregory next month, we as a parish in a scandal-scorched archdiocese will be given these opportunities. As the rebuilding of Notre-Dame begins, may we find the determination to work together so that our church’s structures are rebuilt; and that through our common belief in the glorified pillar on which *Notre Dame’s* Son once was crucified, will enkindle new flames of faith.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Daily Mass Intentions

Week of April 22, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Samantha Josephon+
	5:30pm	Sanitago Lim+
Tuesday	7:00am	Ryland Farmer+
	5:30pm	Bill Gainer+
Wednesday	8:00am	Marthe Norbury
	5:30pm	Bernard DeLury+
Thursday	8:00am	Zeni Campbell
	5:30pm	Victor Paolantonio+
Friday	8:00am	Jean-Nicolas DuPont+
	5:30pm	Susan Hurley DeConcini+
Saturday	8:00am	Louis Maher+

Week of April 29, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Alexander Johnson
	5:30pm	Maureen Foley+
Tuesday	7:00am	Velma Darby+
	5:30pm	Victor Paolantonio+
Wednesday	8:00am	Mary Hart+
	5:30pm	Delores & Kenneth Bellis+
Thursday	8:00am	Jack Dolan+
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Miller+
Friday	8:00am	Robert & Frances Warner+
	5:30pm	Carole Ewens
Saturday	8:00am	Dominic Pecoraro+

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

Pray for those who are dead: *Renee Shearier; Jan Tobin*

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

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 Brusseau at 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.

President	Ellen Toups	ppcpresident@trinity.org
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PRAY

Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years and will be celebrated **June 16** at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register, please contact David Pennington at dpennington@trinity.org with the couple's name as it should appear on a certificate, the anniversary year celebrated, mailing address, telephone and email by **April 25**.

Young Adult Faith Sharing

Come celebrate the joy of Easter by sharing faith with other young adults. Young Adult Community (YAC) Faith Sharing is held every Thursday at 7pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, using the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday as a starting point for a discussion of faith in everyday life. Dinner and fellowship in the Georgetown area to follow. No preparation is required. For more info contact Mary and Eileen at yacs+faithsharing@trinity.org.

LEARN

Building Your Toolbox for Justice

In this session we will look at how our individual actions, governmental policies, social systems, and structures impact the Earth and those with whom we share it. We will also look at *Laudato Si'* and other Catholic teachings about caring for creation.

April 27, 10am-12pm (McKenna Hall). RSVP at www.trinity.org/building-your-toolbox-for-justice



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

Movie Moments of Grace

A Civil Action on **April 27** at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall. Trailer: www.trinity.org/MMOG
RSVP to htmmog@gmail.com.

Holy Trinity eLetter

Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

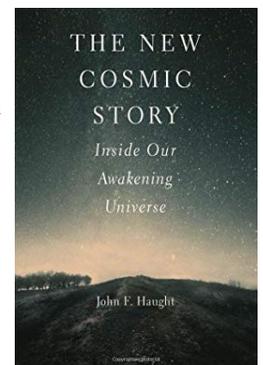
Religious Education Reminders

Enrollment is open for **2019-20 Sunday Morning Religious Education**, as well as sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation. Complete all the steps by **May 31**, and we will guarantee your child's placement and section. To get started, visit www.trinity.org/enroll.

A 2019-20 sacramental preparation meeting for parents will be held **April 28** at 10:10am in Trinity Hall. If you have a child currently in K or 1st grade, 6th or 7th grade, come learn about the expectations for beginning the journey of sacramental preparation. Bring your questions. **This is an important meeting to attend.** For more information, contact REAdmin@trinity.org.

Book Discussion Group

The Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group will resume meeting in the evenings on Wednesdays at 7:15pm in the Neale Room beginning on **April 24**. On May 8, the next book for discussion will be *The New Cosmic Story: Inside Our Awakening Universe* by Dr. John Haught. Parking is available at Visitation. Email grobertystewart1@mac.com for more information.



SERVE

Soccer Cleats for Haiti

The soccer team at our sister parish, St. Jean Baptiste, in Haiti needs adult size soccer cleats for its players. Specifically, we need sizes 8, 9, and 10. If you have any gently used or new cleats in these size, please drop them by the parish center. Please contact Kittie Fitzgerald at kmbfitz@gmail.com for more information.



CONNECT



New Parishioner Wine & Cheese

If you have registered at Holy Trinity during the past year, please join Father Gillespie for a Wine & Cheese Reception **May 5** at 6:30pm in the Chapel Gardens. Email Lisa Dittmeier for more information at ldittmeier@trinity.org.



Annual Garden Party: Spring Awakening

Enjoy a magical evening in the Chapel Gardens on **May 10** from 6:30-8:30pm. Featuring a festive reception with gourmet hors d'oeuvres and champagne cocktails, all funds raised support the care and maintenance of our beautiful gardens. Tickets are \$40. Tickets and sponsorships are available online at www.trinity.org/gardenparty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

225th Anniversary Lecture Series

June focuses on Art & Faith, and we are fortunate to have partnered with the National Gallery of Art for a variety of opportunities. Visit www.trinity.org/225 for details on the opportunities at the National Gallery of Art.



Founder's Day is October 6!

Planning continues for our Founder's Day celebration on **October 6**. The celebration will begin with a Mass at 11am, followed by an afternoon of fun, food, and festivities. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in supporting this special event, please email HT225@trinity.org.

Auditions for *Mystery on Holy Hill*

As part of Founder's Day, we are performing the play *Mystery on Holy Hill* October 5 at 7pm and October 6 at 4pm. The play traces the 225 years of Holy Trinity's history and includes roles for children and adults ranging in ages from 12 to 70+. Auditions will be held **May 29** in two sessions: 3:30-6:00pm or 6:30-8:30pm, both in McKenna Hall. Dialogue from the script will be available to read. If you are interested in learning more or joining the crew, please email HT225@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.

Veil is Lifted, *cont. from page 1*

Many of us remember the times of yesteryear when statues would be veiled in violet or black cloth through Lent. This discipline had its origin in the more ancient practice of veiling of the cross.

In a certain way, our own decorated cross has been veiled for longer than this Lent alone. When it was exhibited in 1980, just after the renovation of 1979, many recall how the glass and metal of the *Crux Gloriosa* shone brilliantly. We can admit that, in the last several years, the original brilliance of this art piece has been lost. The central glass of the cross is wired for fiber-optic illumination, bringing out the glass' etchings. The fibers used in the original piece, while at the time innovative and modern, have aged poorly and some have smoldered over years of heat and use, leaving the cross dimly lit.

This summer, the church building will close for repairs and refurbishment. Re-lamping the *Crux Gloriosa* was on the to-do list, but because of the hard work of those on the Ad Hoc Committee, parish staff, and contractors at Alliance Lighting, repair on the cross was accomplished on Wednesday of Holy Week. If all goes according to plan, a brighter, more brilliant *Crux Gloriosa* will be lit during the Gloria at this Easter Vigil.

When this veil is lifted, let's hope our hearts surge with the joy and beauty of the Risen One whose triumph over sin and death has gained for us the light of eternal day. •

The Light of Stewardship

We are fabric of a curtain swayed by the breath of the Spirit's wind, each fold uniquely capturing and casting the one light of the morning's rising sun into places once beset only by darkness. A swaying curtain is gentle and translucent as it disperses light.

We are the gentle touch of a caring soul upon a hurting body. An attentive face listening without judgment to the brokenness felt by another. A courageous heart willing to step between a fellow human being and whatever dark force would rob her of the life God dreamed for her. How does love shape the world if not by a shared smile, a common touch, a listening ear, the joyous laughter of hope reborn?

These are precious gifts of transforming grace that each of us can birth into the world every day. And they are likewise gifts we help make possible for so many others, in our parish family, in our city, within our sister parishes and in scattered places across the world when we give money to support those ministries we share as a parish community.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. Thank you for being the gentle yet unstoppable light of God's love. Give today at www.trinity.org/give. For more information about giving at Holy Trinity, contact Rock Schuler at rschuler@trinity.org.