



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

June 16 & 23, 2019

What Makes a Mass Sacred?

By David Pennington

Person 1: Mass in a gym? All summer? Mass won't be the same.

Person 2: Yes. Absolutely. I can't wait for the church to reopen, too.

Person 1: But, Trinity Hall isn't even sacred space!

Person 2: Not so fast.

Churches, certainly, are sacred space. In fact, Catholics (for centuries) have dedicated churches liturgically, that is, we have formal, ritual celebrations that dedicate church for sacred use. This makes good sense.

Churches are places we come to pray, sing, and give praise to God, and so we set them aside for sacred use. We decorate them, not for our own edification, but to remind us of the beauty of God and of the new, eternal Jerusalem of which the Eucharist is a foretaste.

In our parish's 225 year history, the corner of 36th and N Streets has been a place where countless have been baptized, confirmed, married, celebrated with joy and cried with lament. For more than half our history, most of that has been done within the walls of our main church. That's sacred space, indeed.

In the early middle ages, liturgical practice differed widely based on geography. Liturgical rites celebrated in Rome were marked by simplicity and sobriety. Liturgy in Gaul, on the other hand, was ceremony marked by exuberance, repetition and ritual gesture.

Medieval Gallican dedicatory rites inform much of the ceremonies included in our current Rite of Dedication of a Church. These rites, in essence, baptized a church for sacred use. Ashes would be strewn on the ground and the bishop would carve symbols into the ashes using his pastoral staff. Holy water would be splashed on the walls, the aisles, and the altar. The church was given light by a procession of torches into the darkened room.

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule



A Fresco Over the Front Doors

Under the leadership of the Rev. Emory A. Ross, S.J., pastor of Holy Trinity in 1953, an outdoor fresco designed and created by Walter A. Carnelli (Tony) was positioned over the main doors of the church.

The mural depicted the Holy Trinity in a simple, clear symbol, surrounded by angels. Measuring six by nine feet and weighing a ton, the mural was completed after a year of work in a garage-studio behind the rectory, dubbed "Studio Trinitas" by the artist. Unfortunately, in the early 1960s as the mural was being lowered, one of the pulleys snapped causing the mural to break.

*—Submitted by Paula Carnelli
with pictures from the Catholic Standard*

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- Substitute Teacher

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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

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

Not long ago I was speaking with a friend, a lawyer by profession, who was saying that when he graduated law school, he was qualified to do one thing: go learn how to *actually practice law*. His point was that his formation up to that point, while necessary, was not enough to teach him how to ply his trade. He had to learn it in doing it, along the way.

This is true in many walks of life, and none more so than the priesthood. After eleven years of Jesuit formation, only in these last eight months at Holy Trinity have I begun learning how to *actually be a priest*. I have said often that my years as a parishioner here were deeply important for my own decision to enter the Jesuits. As I prepare to move to Baltimore in order to begin doctoral studies in history this fall at Johns Hopkins, I am aware of how much of my young priesthood has been shaped by this place as well. That is, it has been shaped by my relationships with you all—parishioners, lay colleagues, and brother Jesuits alike. I will take that formation with me wherever I go.

Last summer was not an encouraging time to be Catholic, still less to be ordained a priest. I was unsure about returning to Washington as our local Church was reeling from fresh claims of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up. But looking back now, it has been exactly where I needed to be. Your faith has buoyed my own. Your hope and action for reform in the Church has boosted my spirits when they have flagged. Your commitment to building a Church that is merciful, welcoming, and inclusive has returned me to the roots of my own call.

One of the very few things I dislike about being a Jesuit is how often we move, and the accompanying pain of leaving one place for another. (It is especially challenging when you love the place, as in this case!) It has been a privilege to walk with you all this year, and to begin learning how to be a priest here, with you. I thank you for welcoming me into your lives, often at moments of great joy or great sorrow. I thank you for your encouragement and your generosity. I thank you for your friendship. And, yes, I thank you for your always-candid, frequent feedback on my preaching!

Recently I learned of an old tradition in the Society of Jesus, that before leaving a place a Jesuit would ask forgiveness for his shortcomings, and also ask the community he was leaving to pray for him going forward. It is a wise tradition, and I ask both things of you. I take comfort in the fact that Baltimore is not far up the road, and will depart on June 30 in the hope that our paths will cross again soon. In the meantime, please know of my affection and, even more, my gratitude.

Daily Mass Intentions

Week of June 17, 2019

Monday	7:00am	The Gray Family
	5:30pm	Matt & Pat Kraemer+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Catherine T. McNicholl+
Wednesday	8:00am	Dora Pennington+
	5:30pm	Maureen Hartigan+
Thursday	8:00am	Sarah Bertrand & Leo G.
	5:30pm	Thomas & Catherine Hartigan+
Friday	8:00am	Ebony Campbell
	5:30pm	Margaret Hochholz+
Saturday	8:00am	Andrew Breidenbach+

Week of June 24, 2019

Monday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Greg Bellis+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Blake Butler+
Wednesday	8:00am	Alexander Johnson
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Keane+
Thursday	8:00am	Camille Daspit Lacy+
	5:30pm	Bill Hurley+
Friday	8:00am	Joe Roehrig+
	5:30pm	Bridget Gainer+
Saturday	8:00am	Dr. Michael Reilly+

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 Moira Duggan at (202) 903-2806 or mduggan@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.

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A Prayer for the Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

—Rev. Chuck Currie

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Sunday Morning Religious Education

Enrollment is still open for 2019-2020 Sunday morning Religious Education. Visit www.trinity.org/enroll to register.

Sacramental Preparation

For those seeking to prepare for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist as well as Confirmation, you **must register** at www.trinity.org/sacrament. For more information contact Judith Brusseau at jbrusseau@trinity.org.

Women Who Acted with Resolve

The next session of our Women in the Bible series, Women Who Acted with Resolve, will begin again on **July 11** at 7pm. For more information, contact Anne Koester at akoester@trinity.org.

SERVE

Grades 9th-12th Peer Ministers Needed

Incoming 9th-12th graders are invited to join the Peer Ministry team to connect with peers, grow in faith and serve others. Team members will have an opportunity to lead and take part in a formation retreat, planning sessions, Confirmation prep sessions, and the annual 8th grade Confirmation Retreat. Attend an information meeting on **June 30** or **July 14** at 10:45am in the Parish Center Library. Email Kristen Wise at confirmation@trinity.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations and Thank You to the HTS Class of 2019!

On May 31, Father Gillespie and Holy Trinity School Principal Kevin McShane joyfully celebrated the graduating class of 2019 with a Mass and formal ceremony. Each graduating 8th grade class offers a parting gift. Under the leadership of the Roy and Gallagher families, the Class of 2019 donated \$30,000 to "spruce up" the Chapel of St. Ignatius as we celebrate its 225th year. Holy Trinity will use the funds to commission a new set of Eucharistic vessels (chalices and bowls) and new vestments that will be used at Masses. The vessels will be engraved and the vestments will be marked with memorial labels to acknowledge the Class of 2019. The oriental carpet will also be restored. Thank you to the Class of 2019 for their thoughtful gift which will enhance another one of our sacred spaces this year.

YAC Recognized with Discipleship Award



Congratulations to Young Adult Community Steering Committee Spirituality Co-Chair Mary Finkbone, who has been recognized with the Fr. Ed Fitzpatrick Discipleship Award by the Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa. This award is given to alumni who carry on the center's mission of being a disciple for the Church and for the world through involvement in a Catholic parish or community nonprofit. In honor of Mary, and at her designation, the center has made a \$500 gift to Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community. Our gratitude to the Newman Center and especially to Mary, who has served the YACs and parish on the Steering Committee, on YAC retreats, on this year's 8th grade Confirmation retreat, and as a lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Founder's Day

Founder's Day is **October 6**. Mark your calendar and celebrate 225 years as parishioners for others. Events are scheduled between 11am- 4pm and include: Anniversary Mass; Chapel Chats; YAC Prayer Labyrinth; Arts & Crafts; Petting Zoo; Food and fun! Join in the planning--contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org.



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Chrism or other oils were poured on the walls and altar to anoint them. Incense would burn constantly through these rites, until the altar was dressed in white, ready for the Eucharistic celebration. It must have been a sight to behold.

Consider this exuberance in contrast to places who have no churches. Those places decimated by hurricane or earthquake. Consider Masses celebrated outside churches—in retreat centers, at living room tables, hospital bedsides, catacombs or a Mass rock in times of suppression. Do these places make the Eucharist any less special, any less sacred?

Certainly, we are not in such a dire situation, but they serve to show that the celebration of the Eucharist, not always the place, is what makes a place sacred. Thankfully, we'll return to the church in the fall to celebrate the Eucharist in a beautiful room which will be more comfortable and easier to hear and see. In the meantime, we'll make Trinity Hall a sacred space.

(By the way, the medieval Roman dedication of a church went like this: the community gathered in the new church and celebrated the Eucharist. The Eucharist was enough to make a space holy.)



Summer Media Recommendations

What Do You Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise by Michael J. Buckley. Buckley's meditations on the questions Jesus asks in the Gospels are learned and spiritually profound.
—Fr. Tim O'Brien, S.J.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean. By the author of the *Orchid Thief*, *The Library Book* details the 1986 fire that burned the Los Angeles Central Library. Orlean digs into the still unsolved arson and more generally explores the role of modern libraries in building and sustaining communities.
—Kate Tromble

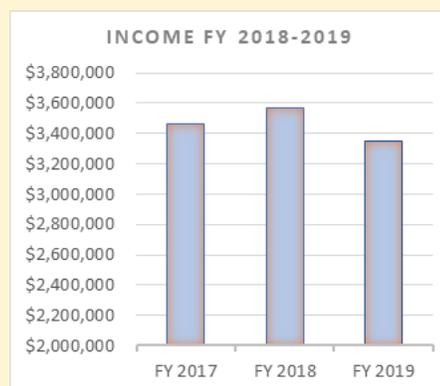


Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

To learn more about the project or purchase a niche, visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org.

Stewardship Update

The generosity and commitment of Holy Trinity's parishioners make it possible for us to live out our Jesuit mission. The below chart reflects that 2019 income to-date is behind previous years. We recognize the scandal of abusive clergy may have an impact. However, our local mission depends on you, and we respectfully request continued support for our worship, social justice, education, and spiritual formation ministries. If you have pledged, we are grateful for your continued commitment. If you have not offered a 2019 pledge, please consider doing so by contacting Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at rschuler@trinity.org or 202-903-2843.



The **Income Chart** reflects the bulk of our proceeds: Pledge payments, Easter/Christmas donations, and Offertory gifts. Income data is for the Fiscal Year to-date through 5/31.



The **Pledge Chart** shows the amount pledged for 2019 so far, and the amount paid on those pledges through 5/31/19. We are dependent on pledge payments to employ staff, conduct worship, and fulfill our many ministries. With the Church closed for repairs over the summer, please be especially diligent about keeping your pledges up-to-date when you are not here. Payments can be sent to the Development office at 3513 N St., NW WDC 20007, or consider establishing a recurring credit card payment schedule (contact Rock at rschuler@trinity.org). Thank you!