Practicing Hospitality with Those in Need

Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12:13)

On July 18, a few hundred Catholic activists, including dozens of women religious and a score of Holy Trinity parishioners, gathered outside the U.S. Capitol for the Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children. Attendees demanded politicians stop the inhumane treatment of immigrant children at the border and reminded people of faith to take a stronger stand against current U.S. border policies.

“We had a wonderful morning at the protest,” one parishioner wrote. “It was peaceful and passionate.”

The Catholic Day of Action is just one of many ways parishioners are engaged in practicing hospitality. Through connections with the Kino Border Initiative—a Jesuit binational organization that provides direct assistance and accompaniment to migrants and promotes immigration policies that affirm the dignity of human person—Holy Trinity was connected in February with the Sevilla family. The Sevillas are Central American asylum seekers who arrived in one of the caravans. The family moved into their new apartment the same day as the Catholic Day of Action, July 18.

Holy Trinity’s migrant team, part of our Social Justice ministry, has helped the family find legal help, school for the kids, medical attention and access to other resources. They are very happy and grateful for Holy Trinity’s support. (Special thanks to Mike Conway for his leadership and constant coordination, Veronica Patricio’s family and Paul and Julie Wolfteich for hosting the Sevillas for the past two weeks, and for the many drivers and other helpers during this transition.)

Additional opportunities to “practice hospitality” are the Holy Trinity “come and see” trips to the Texas and

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Living Our Mission:
Accompany One Another in Christ

This week’s column is written by
Rev. Paul Brian Campbell, S.J.

In the course of my life as a Jesuit, I have been fortunate enough to visit many amazing places—the Vatican, Hiroshima, Bangkok, Lourdes, Hong Kong, Sao Paulo, etc. Having said that, the two places that stand out by far are sites associated with tragedy and death.

On an otherwise touristy trip to northern France with a couple of Jesuit friends several years ago, we went to visit the sites of the D-Day landings in Normandy. The sight of those beaches and, much more, the nearly endless rows of markers in the military cemeteries on the cliffs above has left an indelible impression on my soul.

Standing before an ocean of crosses and Stars of David and realizing that these brave—mostly very young—men and women gave their lives for our—my—freedom touched me to the very core of my being. Standing there, I realized for the first time why we call them “The Greatest Generation.”

The second heart-stopper was visiting the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Attending a conference in Krakow, we boarded a bus one morning and chatted convivially with each other until we approached the camp and a silence fell upon the group. Walking into the camp under the famous Arbeit Mach Frei [Work makes (you) Free] sign tore at me like no other experience I’ve ever had.

The tour of the camp, with its rooms full of shoes and human hair was as gut wrenching as I could just about endure. I couldn’t get over seeing that the Commandant’s house, where he lived with his wife and children, was less than a couple of hundred feet from the gas chambers and crematorium.

Why do I raise this with you? I do not wish to be partisan in any way but, given my experience at Auschwitz, the thought that we are separating families on our border and “housing” children in metal cages makes me want to scream.

At our recent 4th of July celebrations, we had tanks and aircraft to celebrate our armed forces. Is our military hardware what we should be proud of? Shouldn’t we rather pray that our soldiers, like those in Normandy, will sacrifice themselves to free those who today struggle under the yoke of oppression and tyranny?
Daily Mass Intentions

Week of July 29, 2019

Monday 7:00am  William and Catherine Ayers+
         5:30pm
Tuesday 7:00am  Elana A. Alvirez+
               5:30pm
Wednesday 8:00am  Grant Clifton+
                5:30pm  Nadine Kelley+
Thursday 8:00am  Carrie Rowan+
                5:30pm  Tim Winter+
Friday 8:00am
               5:30pm  Carlos McDonald+
Saturday 8:00am  Michael Burke+

Week of August 5, 2019

Monday 7:00am
         5:30pm  Karl Rabor+
Tuesday 7:00am
         5:30pm  Nelly Orozco Vda. de Elias
Wednesday 8:00am
         5:30pm  Patrick Sweeney+
Thursday 8:00am
         5:30pm
Friday 8:00am
         5:30pm
Saturday 8:00am  Rosemary Cummings

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, please email parishlife@trinity.org or call (202) 903-2801. 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.
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.

President  Chris Hannigan  ppppresident@trinity.org
Vice President  Jim Thessin  parishcouncil@trinity.org
35th Anniversary of Camp Trinity

All are welcome September 20-22 for a weekend of relaxing, playing and praying together at beautiful Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, VA, an historic and quaint resort in Shenandoah Valley at the foot of a mountain. What you do is up to you! There is something for all ages. Register by September 3 at www.trinity.org/camp.

LEARN

Sunday Morning Religious Education
Enrollment for 2019-2020 Sunday morning Religious Education closes on August 1. Families who register before are assured of placement. After August 1, placement is as space and catechists are available. Visit www.trinity.org/enroll to register.

Sacramental Preparation
Registrations for Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist are due! Be sure to check your inbox to make sure you have completed all the steps! For more information contact Judith Brusseau at jbrusseau@trinity.org.

Learn to be a Catechist
Stay at home and learn what it takes to be a catechist in the comfort of your own home. Judith Brusseau will walk you through the nuts and bolts in a one-hour webinar August 14 at 8pm. There’s no pressure to commit; we want to invite you to discern with an informed heart. RSVP for the webinar at www.trinity.org/webinar, and we will send you complete information on how to log on. If you need more information, please email rek6@trinity.org.

CONNECT

Washington Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves
Fr. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. and Principal Kevin McShane are hosting the annual Holy Trinity baseball outing on September 14, at 4:05pm. Join fellow parishioners to cheer on the Washington Nationals! Tickets are $14 and may be purchased at www.trinity.org/parish-life.

Holy Trinity eLetter
Stay connected this summer!
Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back!
Holy Trinity welcomed back Rev. Patrick Earl, S.J. this month. Write to Fr. Earl at pearl@trinity.org.

New PPC Leadership
The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has elected new officers for next year. For the 2019-2020 term, Chris Hannigan (top right picture) will serve as President, and Jim Thessin (bottom right picture) will serve as Vice President. Parishioners are invited to all PPC meetings to share their ideas and opinions. PPC meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of every month. The next PPC meeting will be September 18 at 7pm in McKenna Hall.

Founder’s Day Weekend
Save the date! Our 225th Anniversary Celebration concludes October 5 & 6. The schedule includes:

October 5
10am: Fr. Jim Martin, S.J., Trinity Hall
7pm: Mystery on Holy Hill, Church

October 6
11am: 225th Anniversary Mass, Church
*There will not be an 11:30 or 1:15 Mass
12pm-4pm: Arts & Crafts; Petting Zoo; Face painters; Silhouette artist; Prayer Labyrinth; Social Justice Grocery Challenge; Prayer Ribbons in the Garden; delicious food and more!
1pm: 225th History Panel Discussion, Church
2-3:30pm: Chapel Chats. Chapel of St. Ignatius
4pm: Mystery on Holy Hill, Church

The 225th Anniversary Committee is looking for support for the following Founder’s Day activities: non-alcoholic beverage donations; door prize donations; Videographer; Photographer. We need volunteers in order to offer the variety of activities. Join in the fun and planning! Contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org for more information.

Holy Trinity Merchandise Store
The Holy Trinity online merchandise store is now open at www.trinity.org/store (password is “htc”). The store includes umbrellas, hats, stationery, and more! Orders will be accepted through August 15. All orders will be fulfilled in September. If you have any questions about the items or you would prefer to pay by check with a paper form, email HT225@trinity.org

Summer Media Recommendations
Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World. The Holy Trinity School faculty is reading this book by Dr. Michele Borba. One of the ways we are called to be counter-cultural is to build our own empathy as we help the kids grow theirs.
—Kevin McShane, Holy Trinity School Principal

Death Comes for the Archbishop
This 1927 novel by Willa Cather chronicles the life of fictional French missionary Jean Marie Latour, whose experiences are based on those of the real life Jean-Baptiste Lamy, first Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico. With memorable characters and vivid descriptions of the landscape of the American Southwest, Cather’s novel shows how the call to ministry can lead us to unexpected places and decisions.
—Chris Hannigan, President, Parish Pastoral Council

Stewardship Update
New Donor Naming Opportunity
We are seeking a generous benefactor or benefactors who might appreciate the chance to restore the Stations of the Cross in the Church. In the course of the renovation work now underway, it became apparent that the Stations had multiple cracks and fractures, and were soiled by old paint and dirt. We have a bid to clean, strip, sand, repair and restore each of the 14 Stations. The cost is approximately $10,000.

One benefactor might be interested in donating this cost in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a blessing, or as a way to give thanks for her or his own family. Alternatively, several donors might be willing to join together in covering this expense.

As a new naming opportunity, Holy Trinity would place a brass plaque in the church recognizing this donation and those in whose name it is made.

Contact Rock Schuler, at (202) 903-2843 or rschuler@trinity.org for more information.

Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery
visit www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org.