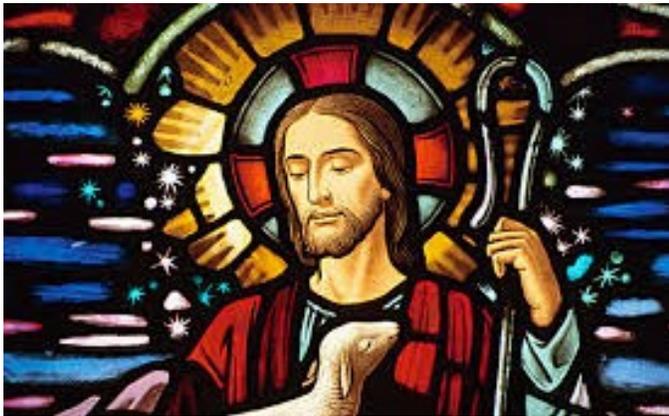




HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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What Would Jesus Do?

By Rev. Ben Hawley, S.J.

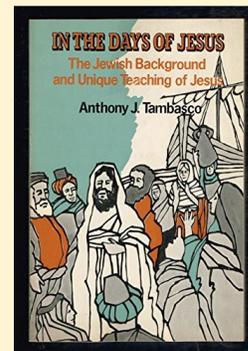
On June 9, 1954, Joseph Welch, chief counsel for the United States Army, addressed Senator Joseph McCarthy. "Until this moment, Senator, I think I have never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness," Welch said. "May we not drop this?...Have you no sense of decency, sir?" One need not look up the definition of decency ("behavior that conforms to accepted standards of morality or respectability") to feel Welch's angry dismay.

Vulgar speech degrades us. Indecent behavior betrays us. Politicians' speech here and abroad grows increasingly vulgar, and the silence of bishops betrays the figurative and literal indecency of priests.

WWJD? "[Jesus] looked at them with anger and sorrow at their hardness of heart" (*Mark 3:5*). The "them" are the Pharisees, the lay religious elite. The "them" of our world are not only national and international leaders, both secular and religious, but also those who follow them and—astonishingly—feel not dismay but elation and vindication at their leaders' words, hence the

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule



Newman Book Store of Georgetown

Did you know that there was once a Newman Book Store of Georgetown located across the street from Holy Trinity? It opened on January 2, 1986 and was one of five retail stores owned by Paulist Press. The store made a "special effort to have available books written by the speakers at the 10:30 Sunday lecture series.... Books by Monica Hellwig and Anthony Tambasco, favorite speakers at the lectures, are on the store's 'best seller' list."

Best Seller List, March 1987

1. Walter Burghardt, "Grace on Crutches"
2. M. Scott Peck, "The Road Less Traveled"
3. Ignatius of Loyola, "The Spiritual Exercises"
4. John B. Breslin, "The Substance of Things Hoped For"
5. Charles Curran, "Faithful Dissent"
6. Monica Hellwig, "Understanding Catholicism"
7. Anthony Tambasco, "In the Days of Jesus" and "What Are They Saying about Mary"

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Back to School Drive for Housing Up

Help students start the school year dressed for success! We are collecting Target & Walmart gift cards to be used towards school uniforms.

Please bring donations by **August 19** to the Parish Center during business hours or donate directly to Housing Up at www.housingup.org/donate. Thank you!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH CENTER

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Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat & Sun: Closed

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From the Pastor's Desk

We have reached the halfway point of a summer that has produced some changes and challenges.

Among the changes is the arrival of three new staff members. First, as was noted in last week's bulletin, Rev. Pat Earl, S.J. has rejoined our parish staff after a decade away. Prior to his return, Fr. Earl served at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Decatur, Georgia with my predecessor, Rev. Mark Horak, S.J.

I am also happy to announce the hiring of two other staff members. Rebecca Hoestery will serve as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Ronnate Asirwatham will serve as the Pastoral Associate for Social Justice.

Rebecca is an alumna of the University of Florida, where she worked as a student leader of retreats. More recently, serving as a Jesuit Volunteer, Rebecca worked as the campus minister at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis, MN. Rebecca will begin her ministry here August 26.

Ronnate will join our ministry team September 3. For many years, she has served as a public advocate for human rights and social justice. A native of Sri Lanka, Ronnate has expertise in international human rights and refugee law. In addition, she has done community organizing and coordinated volunteer services. Related to her new ministry, Ronnate has two graduate degrees: a degree from the Fletcher School of Tufts University in Law and Diplomacy as well as a graduate degree in International Human Rights from the University of Essex, in the United Kingdom. Last but not least, Ronnate and her husband, J.S. Tissainayagam have, for a number of years, been parishioners of Holy Trinity.

Among this summer's challenges has been our being without the use of our main church, due to the major repairs that are currently underway. I am grateful to the way parishioners have patiently born the change of attending our Sunday liturgies in Trinity Hall and Dahlgren Chapel. I am happy to report that the project of painting the church and upgrading its physical features is progressing and we will have an update on the reopening date soon.

A final and ongoing challenge this summer has been the divisive rhetoric in our national discourse. It has been on high volume. In response to this challenge, Archbishop Wilton Gregory issued a statement:

As an American, a Christian, a Catholic pastor, I pray that our President, other national leaders and all Americans will do all we can to respect the dignity of all God's children and nothing to further divide our nation. The growing plague of offense and disrespect in speech and actions must end.

The full statement may be accessed via www.trinity.org/gregory.

Let us pray that the changes and the challenges we face as a nation and as a parish will be graced by the presence and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Daily Mass Intentions

Week of August 12, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Lucia Lyn Olson+
	5:30pm	Joseph Dougherty+
Tuesday	7:00am	John E. Gillick, Jr.+
	5:30pm	Donald L. Nicoll+
Wednesday	8:00am	Ernesto Ladrido+
	5:30pm	Nadine Kelley+
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	8:00am	Joe Roehrig+
	5:30pm	Eleonara "Sunshine" Luciano+
Saturday	8:00am	Matt & Pat Kraemer+

Week of August 19, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Kristopher Ferris+
	5:30pm	Kenneth & Delores Bellis+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	Giuseppe Nati+
Wednesday	8:00am	Claude Shirai+
	5:30pm	Ruth McGovern Gillick+
Thursday	8:00am	Alexander Johnson
	5:30pm	Patrick J. Larrey, Jr.+
Friday	8:00am	Charles Myler
	5:30pm	Catherine Leisher+
Saturday	8:00am	Margaret Jean McGroarty+

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.

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.

President Chris Hannigan ppcpresident@trinity.org

Vice President Jim Thessin parishcouncil@trinity.org

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“hardness of heart” of them all. Followers can reflect their leaders, but our leaders today reflect their followers. “We have met the enemy, and he is us,” said Pogo.

Elections should be about vision, issues, and programs. Faithful Catholics and others of good will can also want elections to be about decency and values: honoring one's relationship to self, to other, and to God, per the two Great Commandments.

We can be tempted to righteous anger, like Jesus railing against the Pharisees: “You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him” (*John 8:44*). Needful as such speech was to Jesus' mission, it left his hearers unchanged, and it won't restore decency to our world.

As Catholics we can, like Jesus, try to make things better: “He said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ So he stretched it out, and it was restored” (*Mark 3:6*).

We can avoid assigning labels and calling names—like “racist” or “socialist” or “rat-infested mess.” Labeling and name-calling incinerate discussions of content and offend decency, McCarthy-style.

But sometimes we can only kneel down and doodle in the dirt as Jesus did when he witnessed the Pharisees' hypocrisy against the woman caught in adultery. A wise Jesuit told me once that sometimes our only recourse is to stand mute before God—and human indecency—as Jesus did.

We must neither lose our Welchian dismay and outrage nor hold onto it lest it eat us alive. Perhaps we could adapt Fr. Kelly's proposal of last week in this space: pray for three minutes each day for a week that all honor the two Great Commandments. Then, after your 21 minutes of prayer, take a concrete action: email a congressperson, register to vote, urge others to vote, resolve to build community, especially the community of the church. Let's keep hope alive—pray always, St. Paul says, and keep building the kingdom. ■

PRAY**God's Abiding Love: September 15-21**

Do you wonder where God's love is in the midst of so much hateful and violent rhetoric? Please consider spending a week on retreat with God's love. This is an individually directed retreat, made at home, for individuals who want to be reminded that “the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end...

therefore I will hope in him.” (*Lamentations 3:22, 24*). Register online at www.trinity.org/retreats or pick up a brochure at the entrance to the chapel. Deadline to register is **September 3**. Contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org for more information.

LEARN**Sunday Morning Religious Education**

Enrollment for 2019-2020 Sunday morning Religious Education closed on August 1. Families who registered are assured of placement. After August 1, placement is as space and catechists are available. To register, visit www.trinity.org/enroll or contact readmin@trinity.org.

Sacramental Preparation

Reminder emails have been sent to those who have NOT registered for Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist! 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.

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.

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. There is something for all ages. Register by **September 3** at www.trinity.org/camp.

HT Green Team Suggestion**Buy Fresh, Local, Organic**

Food travels an average of 1200 miles before it reaches your plate, so buying locally grown can save energy and prevent air pollution. Also, fresh foods require significantly less energy than frozen foods (but watch out for spoilage which contributes to food waste!). Organics benefit the environment by not relying on synthetic pesticides or fertilizers which can contaminate soil and water. Other benefits of fresh, local and organic can be healthier foods with better taste. Farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) are both great ways to support a local food system. Learn more about the HT Green Team at htgreenteam@trinity.org.

SERVE

Catechists Needed!

Catechists are needed at all grade levels. Please consider serving in our Religious Education and Youth programs as a catechist! Contact Sandy Nugyen at REK8@trinity.org.



Volunteer for 225th Anniversary!



The 225th Anniversary Committee is looking for support for the following Founder's Day activities: *non-alcoholic beverage donations; door prize donations; Videographer; Photographer.* Join in the fun and planning! The next meeting **August 15** at 6pm in McKenna Hall. Contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Staff!

We are excited to welcome two new members to the Holy Trinity staff. Rebecca Hoestery joins as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry and will begin on August 26. Ronnate Asirwatham joins as the Pastoral Associate for Social Justice, and she will begin on September 3. Thank you to the parishioners who participated in the interview process.

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 be no a 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

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. Sample sizes are in the Communications Office. If you have any questions about the items or you would prefer to pay by check with a paper form, email HT225@trinity.org

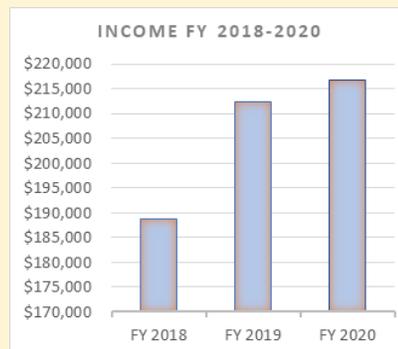
Stewardship Update

The generosity and commitment of Holy Trinity's parishioners make it possible for us to live out our Jesuit mission. While our overall pledge income in this Calendar Year remains behind 2018, the first month of the new Fiscal Year is positive - reflecting a good response to our call for parishioners to keep up their pledges over this summer when the Church is closed for repairs.

Throughout CY 2019, our per household pledge has been consistently up, averaging almost \$2100 per household, even as the number of households offering a pledge has remained about 22% below 2018. 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 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.



The Pledge Chart shows the amount pledged for CY 2019 so far, and the amount paid on those pledges through 7/31/19. Pledges make up the single largest share of our revenue. We are totally dependent on pledge payments to employ staff, conduct worship, and embark on the many worthy ministries of Holy Trinity.

