



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

August 25 & September 1, 2019

Please note: The Parish Center will be closed September 2 in observance of Labor Day.



Reflections from the Border

By Jeanne Rossomme

In June of 2014, Sister Norma Pimentel started Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center to respond to the large influx of refugees and migrants, many of them children. “Many people think that we’re harboring, or we’re helping people into the country,” Sister Norma said. “We’re not. We’re only responding to a reality we’re facing here in our own community and giving these families the care, any person deserves, the rightful care that a human being should be receiving.”

Earlier this month, Rabbi Jonathan Roos and his wife Elizabeth led a group of 17 from Temple Sinai and Holy Trinity in a trip to the border town of McAllen, Texas to serve and learn at the respite center. We heard stories of suffering, but also of bravery, kindness, dignity and the power of community. Here are our reflections:

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule



The Holy Trinity Logo

In 1995, Holy Trinity adopted an official logo for the first time in its history. The new logo was developed by Tim Kenney Design Partners of Bethesda. Inspired by the circle he found to be prominent in the church building, especially in the stained glass windows of the sanctuary, Kenney designed an emblem consisting of four design elements: cross, light burst, circle and Latin name. The cross, the central symbol of the faith, is the focus of the logo. It is a Greek variant of the Jerusalem cross and overlays a light burst, which represents the light of the world and is an emblematic element of Jesuit visual designs.

The circle of inclusiveness and unity ties the elements together. Imprinted on the circle is the church’s name in Latin. Father Madden said of the design, “We all, even in our precious diversity, are unified by what Holy Trinity means to each of us. Our logo...[is] a way of saying we share a common commitment, we speak the same language of peace and love.”

—Excerpt from Holy Trinity News, June 1995

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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 9** at
www.trinity.org/camp.

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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**Living Our Mission:
Accompany One Another in Christ**

A prayer by Rev. Brian McDermott, S.J.

Are you feeling anxious about the news, the economy, a loved one, or this feverish back to school time? Consider this prayer written by Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J. and reprinted with his permission:

A Prayer Process in a Time of Great Fear or Anxiety

Recall that you are in the presence of God, who looks upon you with unconditional love.

Ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to enter into the following process in dialogue with God and in companionship with the Risen Jesus.

First, seek to "embrace" the present situation, the full reality of it. In other words, say "yes" to the actuality of it. Not approval (of course), not acquiescence, but a full-bodied acceptance of it as your reality now: the physicality of it, and all the feelings roiling in you. This is in contrast to repressing/suppressing it, running from it, denying it, or trying to "transcend" it.

And then, acting as one who trusts God, or wants to trust God, tell God about all that you have "embraced": your pain, your huge fear or anxiety, your fantasies, your hopes, your desires, your rage or anger, all of it. Not to inform God, of course, but as an act of trust and intimacy. And then to ask for the grace to listen, to be quiet and listen after sharing with God your "stuff." If God speaks, good, if God is silent, what is the quality of the silence (friendly, hospitable, distant, etc.)?

And then, in a third step, ask for what you desire of God, perhaps first what you desire more immediately (for healing, for huge change of your bodily condition or your situation, etc.) and then pause and see if there arises in you even deeper desires (e.g., that you continue to love through all of this, no matter the outcome; or that you sense God's love and presence through all of it, no matter the outcome, and so on).

Conclude with the Our Father or this paraphrase of it:

Our Father, who are in heaven,
Gather your people from the four ends of the earth, renew them
and unite them by the power of your Holy Spirit. (cf. Ezekiel
chap. 36)

May your rule become our way of living.

May the world become what you desire it to be.

Give us today the sustenance we need to be faithful to you.
Forgive us our sins and let that forgiveness bear fruit in forgiving
those
who have sinned against us.

Lead us not into situations where temptation might be too strong
for us
and protect us from evil.
Amen.

Daily Mass Intentions

Week of August 26, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Mary Cathleen Crawford Zeni Campbell
	5:30pm	Gary Engelberg+
Tuesday	7:00am	Josefina Martinez
	5:30pm	Alfonso Pangilinan
Wednesday	8:00am	Mary Kathleen Crawford
	5:30pm	Cathie Titos+
Thursday	8:00am	Elaine Myers+
	5:30pm	Greg Bellis+
Friday	8:00am	Su & Don Gross
	5:30pm	Violeta Hernandez-Moya
Saturday	8:00am	Dr. Micheal Ogon

Week of September 2, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Inez Skinner
	5:30pm	
Tuesday	7:00am	Diane Robinson
	5:30pm	Phyllis Gaines
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Clark+ Spencer Lunde+
Thursday	8:00am	Su and Don Gross
	5:30pm	Mary Judith Colleran
Friday	8:00am	Su and Don Gross
	5:30pm	Alma Glower+
Saturday	8:00am	Elizabeth Anton+

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

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.

SERVE

Help lead the next Young Adult Community Retreat!

Core Team members, speakers, and small group leaders are needed for the next YAC Retreat (**November 1-3**). To serve as a leader you need to have a) attended a previous Holy Trinity YAC Retreat, b) be currently active in our young adult community, and c) have a desire to share your Catholic faith. Please come to an information meeting for potential leaders on **September 15** at 4:30pm in McKenna Hall. Contact Mary Cain at mary.cain323@gmail.com for more info.

Support a New Community Center in Haiti

Members of our St. Jean Baptiste Sister Parish Committee are working with Food with the Poor to raise money to build a new community center at St. Jean Baptiste. The center will replace a chapel destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. Food for the Poor will build the center. The group has raised \$37,500 of the \$74,000 needed (\$10,00 from the Anniversary Celebration, \$16,000 from Social Justice Tithe, and \$11,500 in private donations). Learn more about the project at www.champions.foodforthe poor.org.

Catechists Needed!

What does it take to serve as a catechist? Check out our website and the upcoming webinar to learn more! In this encore presentation, you can learn what it takes to be a catechist right from the comfort of your own home. Judith Brusseau will walk you through a one-hour webinar on **September 5** 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



LEARN

Sunday Morning Religious Education

Religious Education will begin **September 15**. Complete information will be emailed early September to all families.

Sacramental Preparation Registration

Registration for Preparation for 1st Reconciliation / Eucharist and Youth Confirmation is ongoing. Please visit our website and register today! For more information contact Judith Brusseau at jbrusseau@trinity.org.

Celebrate the Season of Creation

From September 1 to October 4 each year, the Christian community celebrates the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. We Catholics are uniting with others in the Christian family to protect every creature in God's beautifully complex web of creation.

This is a time to celebrate the abundance of life and to refocus our efforts to protect creation in all its glory. Pope Benedict XIV told us protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation. Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it" (*Laudato Si'* 139).

Learn more about the HT Green Team on **September 8** at 10am in the Faber Room!

CONNECT

Washington Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves

Pastor 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

It is going to be a busy fall at Holy Trinity! Stay in the know with our weekly eLetter. Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

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We arrive to the respite center's new facility, a large, recently repurposed nightclub across the street from the bus station. A guard buzzes us in—a needed security measure for the protection of immigrant families. We are warmly greeted and then escorted to different ways we can help.

The first group of migrants arrives after being processed by Border Patrol and is welcomed by the Respite Director. These migrants are not from Mexico (as Mexicans are now directed via another process), but from all over Central America and beyond: Venezuela, the Caribbean, Africa. They shuffle in, exhausted by their travels and fears, instinctively clutching their children and few possessions. They patiently wait in line to receive personal care kits with soap, diapers and toothbrushes.

Within a few hours, this quiet group of migrants changes. They are showered, fed and refreshed. The men ask for razors and shaving cream; the women for hair ties. Teenage boys ask for hair gel and shyly flirt with Alexis, a 16-year-old fellow volunteer from Charleston. Children laugh while jumping rope, kicking a soccer ball or drawing funny pictures. Many of the migrants now have arranged bus tickets to family or friends in different parts of the U.S.

There are some families, however, who are unsure where they will go next.

Gertrude, a woman from Cameroon who is five months pregnant, cries as she tells us how she was tortured in her home country, then escaped and was smuggled into Turkey. From there she took a plane to Ecuador (which does not require visas for Africans) and made the dangerous trek up through South and Central America to the U.S. Border. She has come here looking for asylum but knows no one. Fortunately, the respite center was able to make a connection with a group of nuns who run La Posada Providencia Shelter, in nearby San Benito, Texas where Gertrude can stay, protected and supported as she goes through the asylum process.

Another family from Nicaragua approaches. The father was a lawyer who represented a government protester. Government-hired criminals broke into his house and tried to kidnap his 5-year-old son. He fled with his young sons, his wife, and baby daughter. In Mexico, they were robbed of all their money and possessions. The respite center provides them clothing and basic items as we secure them bus tickets to Houston where a friend could provide at least a place to stay for the next few months.

Our group of parishioners meets other volunteers. They come from all parts of the country and are all different ages and religious backgrounds: Jews, Catholics, Evangelicals and agnostics. And when current news stories come up, it is clear that we can have very different views of the same facts. Nevertheless, it is easy to move beyond political debates and focus on the common reason we are all there. Cleaning floors, sorting clothes, drawing with the kids, handing out needed personal hygiene products. Each volunteer feels joy in the act of service to others.

On Friday night, we all attend a Shabbat service. This weekend marks Tisha B'Av—regarded the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. It mourns the destruction of the sacred temples when the Jewish people were stripped of their homelands and forced to be refugees with nothing but their faith and each other. This 30-day period taken from the book of Lamentations ends on a verse of total despair. But in the practice, Rabbi Roos tells us, this verse is swapped with the one before it that speaks of hope.

Perspective is everything. We have the power to change despair to hope—to change alienation and fear of other to an inclusive and loving community.

It is this perspective that Sister Norma gives to all of us: “These five years have brought together the good work of so many people—kind people with generous hearts that have demonstrated that there is a better part of us that comes forward, that can come together, work together and respond together to defend life.”-

Note: For the complete reflection as well as resources for additional reading, visit www.trinity.org/resources.

What Can You Do to Help?

Join our Migrant and Refugee list via an email to communications@trinity.org

Learn about upcoming service-learning trips to the border, El Salvador and Haiti on **September 8** at 10:10am in the Parish Center Library (Contact Margie Legowski at margielegowski@gmail.com for more information.

Contribute to the Holy Trinity Migrant Fund at www.trinity.org. Due to the donations of generous parishioners, we were able to buy hundreds of needed shoes, belts and other clothing. You may donate directly to Sister Norma's work at www.catholiccharities.org/donations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Founder's Day Weekend

Save the date!

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 11:30 or 1:15 Mass
12pm-4pm — Arts & crafts; petting zoo; face painters; silhouette artist; prayer labyrinth; 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



Learn more at www.trinity.org/225