



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 8, 2019



## Arriving Where We Started By Rev. Paul Brian Campbell, S.J.

In "The Little Gidding," the last of T. S. Eliot's "Four Quartets," we read:

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*

I've been thinking a lot about these lines in the context of the repairs we've been making to our church this summer. We've had to leave it to "explore" having Sunday Masses either in our own Trinity Hall or in the quiet splendor of Georgetown University's Dahlgren Chapel.

Sometimes Trinity Hall has been too warm, other times too cool (for some, but never for me...), but at least it was "home turf." I've only presided at Mass in Dahlgren Chapel twice this summer but, hospitable as the university has been and lovely as it is, it didn't feel like home. I had the faint impression of visiting a distant relative's home.

By the end of this month, we will be back in our repaired

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## Founder's Day Weekend

OCTOBER 5-6, 2019

CELEBRATING 225 YEARS

### Saturday, October 5

**"Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Church" with James Martin, S.J.** | 10am, Church

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., is a Jesuit priest, author and editor-at-large at America, the national Catholic magazine. His most recent books are "Building a Bridge," "Seven Last Words," and "Jesus: A Pilgrimage." (HarperOne) and "In All Seasons, For All Reasons" (Liturgical Press). In 2017, he was appointed by Pope Francis as a consultant to the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication.

**Premiere of "Mystery on Holy Hill"** | 7pm, Church

"Mystery on Holy Hill" takes you through the history of Holy Trinity from the eyes of three children. Written and directed by parishioner Duane Nystrom, the play entertainingly highlights how our church and school fit into moments in American history, with cameo appearances from notable figures in your history books. You may recognize a face or two from Holy Trinity today, too! (Free Admission)

### Sunday, October 6

**225th Anniversary Mass** | 11am, Church

In 1794, the first church building was completed and the first Mass at Holy Trinity was celebrated. Gather for the Eucharist in community at our Anniversary Mass, featuring a new anniversary hymn and Holy Trinity icon.

**Founder's Day Festival** | 12-4pm, Campus-Wide

Arts & Crafts, Petting Zoo, Prayer Labyrinth, History Tours, Historical Displays, Prayer Ribbons, Food, Beverages & More!

**History Panel** | 1pm, Church

Peter Higgins will moderate a panel featuring Linda Arnold, Natalie Ganley, Ned Hogan, and Pat Towell as they share reflections and memories of Holy Trinity post Vatican II.

**Chapel Chats** | 2-3:30pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Learn more about the 1999 renovation of our "First Church." Speakers include Jeanne Ruesch, Barbara Zientek, architects Tom Kerns and Sean Reilly and artist Carol Huh.

**Matinee of "Mystery on Holy Hill"** | 4pm, Church

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

*This week's column is written Judith Brusseau,  
Pastoral Associate for Religious Education*

*What does a Church open to LGBTQIA+ Catholics look like?*

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. This raises the question of how our parish can be more embracing of individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual, as well as others on the gender and sexuality spectrum and their families and friends.

Recent articles in America magazine and the National Catholic Reporter have highlighted and energized the discussion of the people of God as our faith community ponders the call for a deeper openness to all LGBTQIA+ Catholics—a recognition of their presence, gifts and talents.

"You belong to the heart of this Church," said Archbishop Gregory to LGBTQIA+ Catholics at a Theology on Tap event this summer, "And there is nothing that you may do, may say, that will ever rip you from the heart of this Church. There is a lot that has been said to you, about you, behind your back, that is painful and is sinful...We have to find a way to talk to one another. And to talk to one another, not just from one perspective, but to talk and to listen to one another. I think that's the way that Jesus ministered. He engaged people, He took them where they were at, and He invited them to go deeper, closer to God."

Pastor Kevin Gillespie, S.J., as well as our Jesuit priests, staff and Parish Pastoral Council support a lay-led LGBTQIA+ ministry as a part of fostering a vision of a more welcoming Church. Interested parishioners have begun exploring what other Jesuit parishes are doing and discussing how to adapt those helpful models to Holy Trinity.

For the past six months, interested parishioners have thoughtfully explored what we are being invited to do. The fruit of their thoughtful process is a Day of Reflection for LGBTQIA+ individuals, friends, and family.

Along with prayer and reflection, the afternoon will include a discussion about activities and events to make the LGBTQIA+ community's needs and gifts more present in our community. The LGBTQIA+ ministry will gather the graces and resources of the Day of Reflection and make them available through future programming, this bulletin, and the Holy Trinity website and eLetter.

The Day of Reflection will be held in McKenna Hall on Saturday, **September 14**. Hospitality begins at 12:30pm, and the Day of Reflection begins at 1pm. All are invited to celebrate at the 5:30pm Liturgy in Trinity Hall afterward.

If you have questions about the Day of Reflection or the LGBTQIA+ Ministry, please email me or Catherine Heinhold at [LGBTQIA+@trinity.org](mailto:LGBTQIA+@trinity.org).

## Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all of the dead every day at Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners may also request that a specific person be remembered by name at a particular weekday Mass by calling or visiting the receptionist's desk in the Parish Center during normal office hours.

Names must be submitted one week in advance. Persons to be so remembered at weekday Masses this week are:

### Week of September 9, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Joan Loomis+
	5:30pm	Warren "Put" Putman+
Tuesday	7:00am	Bill Wall+
	5:30pm	Patrick J. Garvey+
Wednesday	8:00am	Families of 9/11
	5:30pm	Bruce Miller+
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Michael Eagan+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	John O'Connell+
Saturday	8:00am	Priscilla Esquirel+

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.trinity.org/register). Questions about registering can be directed to [registration@trinity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org">ppcpresident@trinity.org</a>
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## PRAY

### Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

## LEARN

### Sunday Morning Religious Education

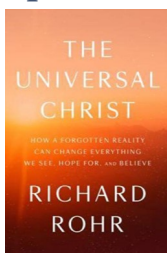
Religious Education will begin **September 15**.

### Sacramental Preparation Registration

Registration for Preparation for First Reconciliation/  
First Eucharist and Youth Confirmation is ongoing.  
Please visit our website and register today! For more  
information contact Judith Brusseau at  
[jbrusseau@trinity.org](mailto:jbrusseau@trinity.org).

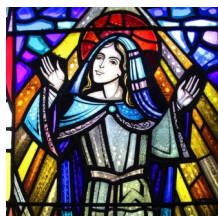
### Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group

The Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group  
kicks off **September 12** at 7:15pm in  
the Neale Room with a discussion of  
"The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten  
Reality Can Change Everything We See,  
Hope For, and Believe" by Richard Rohr.  
Please note that the Book Discussion  
Group meets on Thursdays this year. All  
are welcome!



### Women in the Bible

Our Women in the Bible series continues with "Women  
Who Proclaimed Meaning" on **September 16**. The  
series includes:



September 16: Debora & Jael (Book  
of Judges)

September 23: Esther (Book of  
Esther)

September 30: Priscilla (Acts of the  
Apostles)

October 7: Phoebe (Romans)

Please join us at 7pm in McKenna  
Hall. For more information contact Anne Koester.

### Holy Trinity eLetter

Stay in the know! Sign up at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter)

## 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 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](mailto:mary.cain323@gmail.com) for more information.

## CONNECT

### Washington Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves

Time is running out to buy tickets!  
Join Pastor Kevin Gillespie, S.J. and  
Principal Kevin McShane at the  
annual Holy Trinity baseball outing on  
**September 14**, at 4:05pm. Tickets  
are \$14 and may be purchased at  
[www.trinity.org/nats](http://www.trinity.org/nats).



### Youth Ministry Parent Coffee

Parents of teenagers are invited to meet Rebecca  
Hoesterey, our new Coordinator of Youth Ministry at a  
coffee hosted by parishioner and parent Lauren Roy on  
**September 20** at 8:30am in the Parish Center  
Library. Learn more about Rebecca and share your  
ideas on programs for parish teens.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Becoming Catholic

It's up to all of us to invite people  
who might be interested in learning  
more about living the Christian life  
in the Catholic tradition (whether  
they are unbaptized or already  
baptized in another Christian  
communion) to inquire, that is, to  
ask questions and engage in  
personal conversations with our faith community.  
Anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of  
becoming Catholic is welcome to come to the RCIA  
Inquiry meetings held **every Tuesday evening at pm  
in the Faber Room**. Parishioners are welcome to  
accompany potential inquirers to these meetings to help  
them feel at ease as they begin the process of looking at  
the Catholic Church. Contact Anne Koester  
[akoester@trinity.org](mailto:akoester@trinity.org) or visit the RCIA page to learn  
more.



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and renovated church and we'll "arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time." What you'll first notice, I expect, will be the color of the walls. With fresh paint and new, brighter LED lighting, It looks crisp and clean to my eyes.

Michael Gick, chair of the ad hoc committee for the church repairs, writes, "While the colors are deeper and more contrasting, the basic wall color is specifically tied to the previous colors. Differences due to age and oxidation were taken into account in choosing the hues. Choices of color location highlight the stained glass frames more prominently than before."

A major revelation of these repairs has been the Stations of the Cross. Charma Edmonds, the restorer, spent hour upon hour scraping away layers of paint and discovered that they were wood-carved, and had originally covered in gold leaf and over time painted white. It was decided to keep them white, but you will now be able to see much more detail in them. For me, it's as if fuzzy photos have now come sharply into focus.

There are new pews, flooring, climate control, and better lighting. As I'm writing this, the new sound system has yet to be installed, but, as Michael Gick writes, it will be "greatly improved with both the audio equipment—including presider, ambo and lectern microphones, and speaker arrays designed to reach to the far reaches of the worship space." (By the way, did you know that the globes at the bottom of our chandeliers have speakers in them? Sadly, they stopped working long ago.) Additionally, a new Wi-Fi system will allow the hearing impaired to connect directly to our audio feed using a smartphone and personal earphones.

Returning to the familiar routines of the church will be a great comfort. The church has been renewed and refreshed. What about us? Are we returning renewed and refreshed? The church is now ready to serve us for many years to come. In what ways are we ready to serve?

### Symbolism in the Stations of the Cross

September 29, 10:15am, Church

Included in the summer renovation projects was the restoration of the Signs of the Cross that adorn the walls of the church. Join David Pennington and artist Charma Edmonds of Shelter Studios for a conversation on the restoration process and the symbolism within our Stations of the Cross.

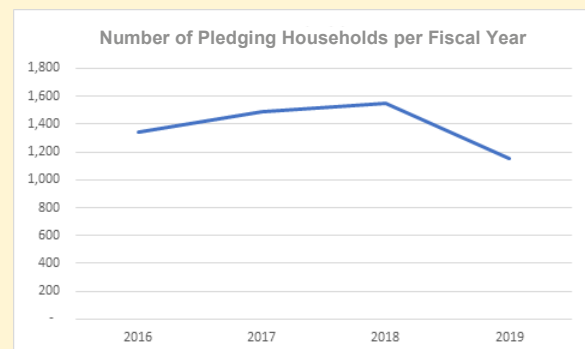


**Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery**  
visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org).

**Stewardship Update**

Holy Trinity's fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. The chart below shows a precipitous decline this past fiscal year in the number of households offering a financial pledge commitment—a drop of 23%. **This is a critical trend that must be reversed as we begin the 2020 pledge drive this autumn.** No institution can sustain the loss of a quarter of its financial supporters and remain financially healthy. If this trend is not reversed, Holy Trinity's ministries, along with our community and our staff, will suffer.

The drop in the number of pledging households has resulted in a loss of actual pledge income of around 12%. This is less than the drop in pledging households because the amount of money being given by those who continued to pledge rose 22%—to an average of nearly \$2,400 per household. This means that fewer households were giving more money to sustain Holy Trinity's worship and sacramental life, our multiple ministries, and the staff and facilities that support our mission.



Nevertheless, the loss in our pledging households is not sustainable. We recognize that the ongoing scandal of clergy sexual abuse has had an impact, and we have worked tirelessly in collaboration with parishioners and outside groups to address specific areas of concern and take action. Our local mission and the many thousands of people blessed weekly by our worship and ministries—here in Georgetown, throughout DC and around the globe—depend on those who offer their money to sustain the work of Jesus Christ in our midst.

If you have not pledged for 2019, we request your support—2019 pledges can be received through December. If you have pledged this year, we thank you with deep appreciation.

And for all our parish households—everyone who worships with us occasionally or regularly—we respectfully ask you to support Holy Trinity by making a 2020 pledge when we ask later this fall. Thank you.

—Rock Schuler  
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