



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 22, 2019



The church as of publication time—a few details to finalize before reopening this weekend.

Our Historic Church Reopens

By Michael Gick

The Ad Hoc Committee enthusiastically welcomes you to our rehabilitated historic 1854 worship space. We invite you to notice the following:

- The overall liturgical atmosphere has been refreshed with great attention to color and lighting. While the colors are deeper and more contrasting, the basic all color is specifically tied to previous colors. Differences due to age and oxidation were taken into account in choosing the hues. Choice of color location highlight the stained glass frames more prominently than before.
- Acoustics, environmental temperature and humidity, sacred art as well as some new finishes and provisions for the handicapped.
- The heating and air conditioning system is new and

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule

Interior Changes to the Church

Did you know that interior of the church has changed dramatically over the past 165 years? The original galleries along the side walls, where slaves once attended Mass, were removed between 1881 and 1890. After 1890, stained glass windows were installed. Niches, statues, Stations of the Cross, and side altars were added.

The interior was further changed in 1900, 1945, 1963 and 1979 as parishioners remodeled “in conformity with contemporary tastes.”

(Picture circa 1960)



Counting Down to Founder's Day

Founder's Day is **October 6**. The day is the final celebration of our 225th Anniversary. The celebration begins with an Anniversary Mass at 11am, followed by food, games, activities, and more. For descriptions and schedules, please visit www.trinity.org/.225

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From the Pastor's Desk

When I arrived at Holy Trinity four years ago, one of the features that impressed me was a sense of the parish's potential. At the time when the parish and school Capital Campaign, "Building on Tradition," was nearing completion (eventually raising more than \$12.5 million), one had the sense that resources were available to fund not only programs in Ignatian Spirituality and Social Ministries, but also improvements in the church and the schools facilities.

And so, just as I arrived, there had been in the school the transformation of its auditorium into Trinity Hall, as well as the addition and enhancement of school classrooms and labs under Fr. Mark Horak's leadership. Meanwhile in the church during my first two years, there was the repair and refurbishing of the church's beautiful windows. Last in the campaign's lineup was the repair of the church. This weekend, after two years of meetings and careful planning and 15 weeks of assiduous labor within the closed ecclesiastical edifice, we have completed the Campaign's final project.

As you will read in the cover story of this bulletin, quite a lot has been done. I hope that you find the new environment aesthetically appealing and creatively conducive for prayer and worship. I am certainly looking forward to presiding there knowing that the acoustics have been upgraded, the lighting enhanced and the HVAC systems improved. The mahogany pews and matching sidewall counters, combined with the new rug and polished marble floors will serve to enrich the colorful rays of sunlight from the translucent windows. The confessionals have new doors with translucent windows placed there in accordance with best practices for a safe environment. The statue of the Blessed Mother and the Stations of the Cross have been cleaned and restored. (The latter, I should note, was one of the discoveries of the project as Charma Edmonds—who spent at least five hours on each station—remarked from her experience that each of the wooden station is an impressive work of art. A careful study of each, especially of the delicately crafted hands of Christ does indeed inspire contemplation.)

My hope is that the overall effect of the church's repair and improvements may lead the worshiper into meditative states of awe and wonder.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my heartfelt thanks to the following parishioners and staff who spent long hours helping to make it happen. They are: Michael Gick and Richard Podulka, who each chaired the group; Dino Campagnari, Mathilda Cox, Lisa Dittmeier, Helene Flanagan, Chris Hannigan, Charlie Hennessy, Joseph Luca, David Pennington and Barbara Zientek.

I am also grateful to the Campus Ministry of Georgetown University for allowing us to use Dahlgren Chapel this summer.

Last but not least, I am grateful to the parishioners who not only donated to the Campaign so generously, but also patiently spent the summer worshipping away from our Church. It is good to be back home again, isn't it?

Kevin Gillespie

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 23, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Joan Esslinger+
	5:30pm	Evelyn Keahon+
Tuesday	7:00am	Ocie Ellis+
	5:30pm	Margaret Moore+
Wednesday	8:00am	Edith Frank+
	5:30pm	Josephine Tayar+
Thursday	8:00am	Zeni Campbell
	5:30pm	Alfred "Bo" Naunhelm+
Friday	8:00am	Tracy L. Giacchetti+
	5:30pm	Angela Manno+
Saturday	8:00am	Barbara Scott+

Pray for those who are sick: *Jean Luchi; John Albertini; KK Piper; Rebecca Schaljo; William Klick*

Pray for those who are dead: *Pinkus Elkin; James Thompson*

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

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 ppepresident@trinity.org

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LEARN

Women in the Bible

Our Women in the Bible series continues with "Women Who Proclaimed Meaning."

September 23: Debora & Jael (Book of Judges)

September 30: Priscilla (Acts of the Apostles)

October 7: Phoebe (Romans)

Please join us at 7pm in McKenna Hall. For more information contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting #2

The second parent will be held **September 29** at 10:10am in Trinity Hall. The meetings will offer parents resources and discussion to assist in the preparation of their child. Child care is available in the Upper School

Symbolism in the Stations of the Cross

September 29, 10:15am, Church

Included in the summer repairs project was the restoration of the Signs of the Cross that adorn the walls of the church. Join Nora Heimann, Chair & Associate Professor at The Catholic University of America, and artist Charma Edmonds of Shelter Studios for a conversation on the restoration process and the

A Discussion with James Martin, S.J.

Please Note: The Fr. Martin discussion "Showing Respect and Welcome to LGBT People in the Church," originally scheduled for Founder's Day Weekend, has been rescheduled for **October 20** at 3pm.



MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

Presents

"The Children Act"

October 12, 6:30pm in Trinity Hall with refreshments and discussion to follow in McKenna Hall.

Synopsis: In the midst of a marital crisis, a High Court judge (Emma Thompson) must decide if she should order a life-saving blood transfusion for a teen with cancer despite his family's refusal to accept medical treatment for religious reasons. RSVP to

Fall YAC Retreat - The Jesus Retreat

November 1-3; Register by

October 13 at www.trinity.org/yac-retreat. It has been more than two thousand years since Jesus of Nazareth walked the earth. Yet his presence still stirs our imagination, invites us to put on his mind and heart, and challenges us to bring God's goodness, mercy, and beauty

into our world today. The retreat is held at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, Md., and carpools are available.



The Jesus Retreat

SERVE

Volunteer for Founder's Day

Volunteers are needed on Founder's Day! If you are interested in being a part of the celebration on **October 6**, please email HT225@trinity.org. Volunteer hours are available for students! Sign up at www.trinity.org/225. Descriptions and updates to events are available on the website.

Landings Ministry

The invitation to those contemplating returning to active participation in the Church is extended through Landings, a ministry begun last year. We are looking for active parishioners of a variety of ages, genders and experiences who are sensitive, nonjudgmental listeners to be part of a short-term prayer and discussion group. To volunteer or learn more about how to help, email landings@trinity.org or call Judith Brusseau at (202) 903-3807.

2019 Giving Tree Program

We are in need of volunteer coordinators for this year's Giving Tree program.

Coordinators are needed to work with A Wider Circle, St. Ann's Center, Hope & a Home, Housing Up, and Northwest Center. For more information, please contact Ashley



Peer Ministers

Interested in serving as a Peer Minister at Holy Trinity? Email confirmation@trinity.org or complete the interest form at www.trinity.org/peerministry.

CONNECT

LGBTQIA+ Ministry

The LGBTQIA+ ministry will host an organizational meeting today, **September 22** at 1pm in the Neale Room. Anyone interested in participating in this ministry is invited to attend. Questions? Please email LGBTQIA+@trinity.org.

Shepherd's Flock

Shepherd's Flock's first Mass and Potluck will be held on **September 28** at 4:30pm in the Chapel. The potluck dinner follows Mass in the Neale Room. Contact Judith Brusseau at jbrusseau@trinity.org for more

28th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic

The proceeds of this special event support our scholarship programs for Holy Trinity School students. Golf is played in a scramble format so that golfers of all skill levels are sure to have a great time; tennis is played in a round robin format. Please consider joining us **October 21!** Learn more and register at www.trinity.org/golf.

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state of the art. The high efficiency equipment will save on energy and the controls will allow for a very comfortable spaces — summer and winter.

- The lighting is greatly improved in terms of color rendering of interior finishes. Again, energy efficient LED lamps save on power and burn cooler than incandescent lamps. The lighting density is improved for congregational reading as well as focused on liturgical action. Additional light fixtures have been added over the pews for better light and reading.
- The sound system is greatly improved with both the audio equipment—including celebrant, ambo and lectern microphones, and speaker arrays designed to reach to the far corners of the worship space. For the hearing impaired, we have a Wi-Fi system that can be accessed using your smart phone and personal earphones. Instructions will be printed in the bulletin as it becomes functional.
- Our pews are new and more comfortable while maintaining the character and color of our former seating. You may note that the pews were installed to allow more room at the foot of the sanctuary that allows easier communion flow. Balcony pews and stairs were arranged for safer movement.
- Doors to the church have been configured with ADA push plate automatic operators to ease the movement at the rear left door.
- Please note that the Stations of the Cross have been completely restored. Originally wood carvings, they have been stripped of years of unflattering paint accumulation and painstakingly returned to their former glory. Please look closely as many details formerly lost are now visible.
- New doors and windows have been added to the confessional rooms.
- New carpet has been installed, the marble floors have been polished, and the Blessed Mother statue has also been cleaned.

It is the belief of the Ad Hoc Committee that the parish has benefited immensely by the efforts of so many participants including the contractors, the project managers, the consultants, and indeed a host of dedicated Holy Trinity staff. We thank them all.▪

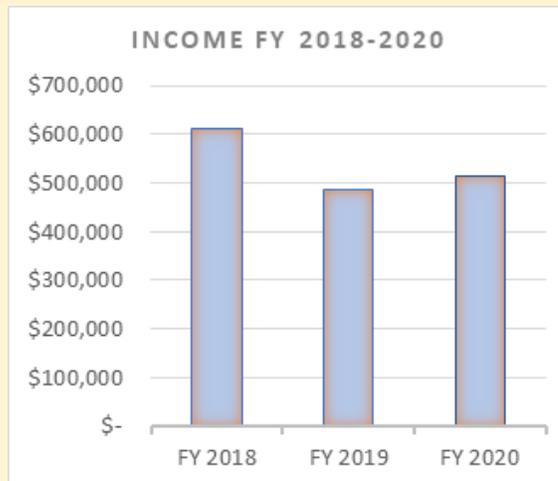
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ADW is Hiring!

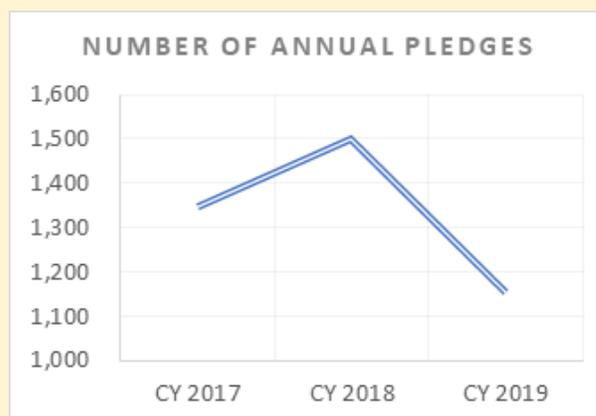
The Archdiocese of Washington is hiring! They are seeking those who are experienced in accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and human resources to work in Parish offices throughout the Archdiocese. The work is interesting and the hours are flexible if needed. Kindly send your resume to russl@adw.org or if you have any questions.

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 two months of the new **Fiscal** Year (which began 7/1) are positive - reflecting a good response to our call for parishioners to keep up their pledges over this summer when the Church was closed for repairs.



However, throughout 2019 the number of households offering a pledge has remained about 23% below 2018. We recognize the scandal of abusive clergy may have an impact. However, our local mission depends on you and we hope to reverse this trend as we launch our 2020 pledge drive later this year.



—Rock Schuler
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