



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 29, 2019



A Call to Action

By Ronnate Asirwatham

When Pope Francis declared September 29 as the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, he used the theme “*it is not just about the migrants.*” It seems curious that a day dedicated to reaffirming one’s commitment to celebrate and “welcome, protect, promote and integrate” the migrant should not be *only* about migrants.

In the U.S. and at Holy Trinity, a majority of us have a migrant story, whether recent or of a few generations past. I am an immigrant too. After being born in a war torn country and experiencing extreme personal trauma, I sought asylum in the United States in 2009. While working on the U.S. government’s immigration policies in the past two years, I have often felt excluded. Many faith traditions support migrants from the standpoint of “welcome the stranger.” But hearing those words, I would ask myself: “Would I always be ‘the stranger’?” When would I move from being “the stranger” in the U.S. to being “family”? If I became “family” would it mean I was no longer a “migrant,” a part of my identity that I am proud of?

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Holy Trinity Time Capsule

Alley Closings

An October 22, 1917 order from the Commissioners of D.C. to “Holy Trinity Church, et al” decrees that on Square 1227 (the block in which our campus is located), alley closings would affect lots 83, 94, 84 and part of lot 78. Holy Trinity’s lot is now all encompassed under lot 95, but it most likely absorbed lots 78 and 83 sometime after 1917. The closing order states that the parish “agrees not to erect any structure on the part of alley closed to obtain access to the sewer constructed therein.”

Narrower streets and more difficult street parking in Georgetown encouraged more garages to be built in alleys. Priests were often among the first to have cars and garages to make house calls quicker and more convenient.

A major blow to alleys came in 1934 when Congress established the Alley Dwelling Authority (ADA)—today known as the DC Housing Authority—to eliminate all alley dwellings and to encourage economic redevelopment.

Opponents of alley closings argued that alley closings encouraged greater density and altered the historic character of neighborhoods. Unlike Southwest D.C. where alley enclaves were demolished under eminent domain, alleys in Northwest D.C. were turned into parking areas, art centers, architecture studios, cafes, coffee shops, and entertainment areas. Despite the loss of alleyways and alley buildings in residential neighborhoods over the course of the city’s history, many survive as viable functional and cultural spaces.

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Welcome Sunday

New and current parishioners are invited to learn more about all that Holy Trinity has to offer. Pastoral Associate of Social Justice Ronnate Asirwatham, Coordinator of Youth Ministry Rebecca Hoesterey, and representative from Maria Madre and the Migrant Team will be present at the Welcome Table in McKenna Hall after the 9am & 11:30am Masses.

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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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by
Associate Pastor Rev. Pat Earl, S.J.*

Reflections of a Returning Jesuit

When approached to write these reflections, I was asked to do basically two things. First, I was to talk about how I feel being back at Holy Trinity after ten years away. And then I was to compare that parish I left in 2009 with the parish I've returned to.

I must honestly tell you the memories I have of the parish I left in the summer of 2009 are much clearer to me than the impressions I now have of the parish I've returned to. I must say I find myself still returning to the Holy Trinity of 2019 and still re-learning what it means to be the Jesuit parish in the nation's capital at this time in our history. But what is absolutely clear to me is that the people of this parish are extraordinarily hospitable. I have been warmly welcomed back. For sure I know I have returned to a community of people who have open arms, warm hearts and gracious words.

It's always people who make up what our experiences will be. That's certainly true of our parish. And for me as a Jesuit that also applies to my Jesuit community. I have returned to a completely new Jesuit community. When I left back in 2009 to go to Charlotte, NC, there was a separate, autonomous Jesuit community attached to the parish. That has changed. Parish Jesuits now form part of the larger Georgetown Jesuit community. That larger community is made of university Jesuits, Jesuits doing fundraising for the Gregorian University in Rome, Jesuits from Africa doing graduate studies at the university, and then Jesuits doing various other ministries. So I am living in a much bigger, more varied Jesuit community. I find it really enriching.

We have begun using the church. It feels refreshed inside. I look forward to celebrating God's gracious goodness in our lives in that renewed space. Yet there is something lingering in contrast to our refreshed worship space. It's my questions and concern about what happened in minds and hearts as you learned about scandalous behavior of former Cardinal McCarrick and went through all the events leading to the resignation of Cardinal Wuerl. I was in Atlanta as all of this unfolded. Even at a distance it was ugly and upsetting. I can only imagine what it was like here in the center of the storm. It's a time for hope. And it must be "we" who hope and face our future together as a parish, as an archdiocese and as a church.

Finally, and obviously, I must conclude with words of thanks. Thank you for making me realize I have come back home.

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 30, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Hope M. Donovan+ Leonor Bohorquez+
	5:30pm	Angela Manno+
Tuesday	7:00am	Marie Gennis+
	5:30pm	Walter Zientek+
Wednesday	8:00am	Charles Donovan+
	5:30pm	Spencer Lunee+
Thursday	8:00am	Diane Robinson
	5:30pm	Rosemary Albus Jones+
Friday	8:00am	Ana Driscoll
	5:30pm	Phil Decara
Saturday	8:00am	Michael Burke

Pray for those who are sick: *Zina Sherozia; Rebecca Shaljo; Mitzi Arena*

Pray for those who are dead: *Margarita Olga Ferro; Nelly Pavisich; Lea Meas*

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.

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LEARN

Women in the Bible

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

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.

Baptism Preparation

A Baptism Preparation session is offered **October 7** at 7pm in McKenna Hall. Please register at www.trinity.org/infant-baptism or contact jbrusseau@trinity.org for more details.



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 htmog@gmail.com.

Chapel Chat: Writing an Icon

The Holy Trinity Iconography Guild wrote an icon of The Holy Trinity for the 225th Anniversary celebration. Join guild member George Ziobro on **October 20** at 10:15am in the Chapel of St. Ignatius for a conversation about the writing of the 225th Anniversary icon as well as its symbolism. Learn more about contemplative prayer through the ancient practice of iconography. All are welcome!

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.

Fall YAC Retreat - The Jesus Retreat

November 1-3; Register by October 13 at www.trinity.org/yac-retreat. Wherever you are in your relationship with Jesus -- trying to find your way back after being away from Jesus, or perhaps searching for a deeper relationship with him -- we invite you to join other young adults as we journey together to explore who the person of Jesus is for each of us. The retreat is held at Camp Maria in Leonardtown, Md., and carpools are available.



The Jesus Retreat

Youth Confirmation

Youth Confirmation preparation begins on **November 20**. If you are interested in registering your child to receive the sacrament at Holy Trinity, please email Rebecca Hoesterey at confirmation@trinity.org.

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.

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

Jesuit Alumni & Friends Mass

October 19, 5:30pm, Church

Please save the date for the annual Jesuit Friends and Alumni Mass, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to celebrate our common bond through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception in the east garden highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

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.

Holy Trinity 50+ Winter Weekend Getaway

The HT50+ Mid-Winter Getaway Weekend is scheduled for January 31-February 2, 2020 at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV, a lovely Alpine-inspired boutique resort about 70 miles from Washington. Space for the weekend is limited. Reservations must be made by **October 31**. For more information, contact Laurie Wallace (wallace1216@gmail.com) or Rosemary Chalk (rosemary.chalk@gmail.com).

Holy Trinity eLetter

Stay in the know! Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

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Pope Francis addresses this saying that this day is not only about accommodating everyone with a migrant story, but that inclusion must be at the very heart of our faith in action: "In every pastoral action we must always put the person in the center ... And this applies to all people, whose fundamental equality must be recognized."

Holy Trinity has ably put its faith into action accompanying and supporting migrants such as the Cheiko family and the Sevilla family. However, seeing widespread inhumanity in the immigration system today, the Jesuit Conference President and Provincial Superiors of the United States and Canada, have called us to action more emphatically by expanding our advocacy efforts.

"Advocacy for just policies is an integral component of living out a faith that does justice," they say in a letter to all Jesuit Parishes. Advocacy together with accompaniment allows us to recognize that we are all equal and all need Just systems. The Jesuits urge us to enhance our advocacy in order that "we may create the opportunity to build a more just society, a more united country and a more fraternal world." To create a world where we can say to each other "you are no longer strangers or sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God" (*Ephesians 2:19*).

Holy Trinity parishioners can heed the Jesuits' call to contact our political representatives by taking action. Visit www.trinity.org/social-justice/advocacy for more information. For more information on social justice at Holy Trinity or our migrant support work, please email me at rasirwatham@trinity.org or call (202) 903-2809.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crosses for Sale October 6

Crosses crafted from the salvaged pews will be on sale beginning **October 6** during Founder's Day. Ornaments, stationery, candles and mugs will be on sale in the Upper School Cafeteria from 12-4pm. For more information, contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org.

Communion of Saints Celebration

The annual Communion of Saints Celebration is scheduled for **October 26** at 4pm. The parade will be followed by Mass and family pizza dinner. There will not be RE class on October 27 due to the Marine Corps Marathon. See the October RE Family Newsletter for more details or email readmin@trinity.org

Becoming Catholic

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 7pm in the Faber Room.**



Founder's Day Weekend

OCTOBER 5-6, 2019
CELEBRATING 225 YEARS

On Relics

A vivid memory of my Jesuit High School years in the 1950s was our veneration of the right arm of St. Francis Xavier, one of the founders of the Society of Jesus and its first missionary. Housed in a rectangular box with a glass window for viewing, bones of his forearm and a blackened hand became an indelible memory of my senior retreat. As we filed by the case to plant a kiss and murmur a prayer, we were asked to ponder the countless blessings the arm had bestowed on non-believers and the other priestly functions it had performed. Permanently housed in the Jesuit Church of the Gesù in Rome, the arm periodically resides in Jesuit churches around the world. Last year, it was displayed in Canada.

Holy Trinity parishioners who have experienced the five day immersion trip to the Jesuit-run Kino Border Initiative on the Arizona/Mexico border have come to understand relics from a unique perspective. One of the activities of those intense days is to hike along the trails of the high Sonoran Desert that migrants use to begin their daunting trek through the tangled flora to reunite with family members or encounter friendly circumstances for a new life. On our trek, as we spotted objects strewn about the mesquite groves and sacaton grass, we were encouraged to consider them, not as litter, but as the valued belongings of desperate persons, lost in the brambles as they were being tracked-down by the U.S. Border Patrol. Family pictures, a baby bottle, a rosary, an identity card, a tiny stuffed animal, objects easily observed as discarded trash, would be better understood as treasured possessions, unwillingly lost by fellow human beings, lost while in terrified flight; relics left for us to ponder their identities and their plight.

A compelling collection of these objects found on the Arizona migrant trails are being shipped to Holy Trinity for display during the parish's Founder's Day Celebration on **October 6**. They will be on display in Trinity Hall from 12-4pm. They will be available for participants to observe and handle. Each one holds the story of a man or woman like us, whose fate is unknowable but whose human situation can be imagined by respectful consideration of relics left behind.

- Ash Hawk

Sunday, September 29**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Amos 6:1z, 4-7/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

10:10 AM**Welcome Sunday**

McKenna Hall, following 9am & 11:30am Masses

10:10 AM**Religious Education**

Assigned Classrooms

10:15 AM**Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting**

Trinity Hall

Symbolism in the Stations of the Cross

Church

Monday, September 30**MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME**

Zechariah 8:1-8/Luke 9:46-50

7:00 PM**Women in the Bible Series**

McKenna Hall

7:30 PM**Separated Divorced Widowed Group Meeting**

Neale Room

Tuesday, October 1**MEMORIAL OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS**

Zechariah 8:20-23/Luke 9:51-56

7:00 PM**RCIA**

McKenna Hall

Wednesday, October 2**MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Nehemiah 2:1-8/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 3**THURSDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Luke 10:1-12

6:00 PM**Christian Meditation**

St. Ignatius Chapel

7:00 PM**Iconography Guild**

Parish Center Library

7:00 PM**Young Adult Faith Sharing**

St. Ignatius Chapel

7:15 PM**Book Discussion Group**

Neale Room

Friday, October 4**MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Baruch 1:15-22/Luke 10:13-16

4:30 PM**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Ignatius Chapel

Saturday, October 5**SATURDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/Luke 10:17-24

7:30 AM**Zen Meditation**Parish Center Upper Room, rdreucker@aol.com**7:00 PM****Mystery on Holy Hill**Church, *Free Admission, www.trinity.org/225***Sunday, October 6****TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14/Luke 17:5-10

11:00 AM**Anniversary Mass**

Church

12:00 PM**Founder's Day Festivities**

Campus

1:00 PM**Anniversary History Panel**

Church

2:30 PM**Chapel Chats**

St. Ignatius Chapel

4:00 PM**Mystery on Holy Hill**

Church

COMING UP!**October 20: Chapel Chat– Writing an Icon, 10:15am****October 20: Fr. James Martin, S.J., 3pm****October 21: 28th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic www.Trinity.org/golf****Daily Readings:**www.usccb.org/bible/readings**For a complete list of events, visit:**www.trinity.org/calendar**Coffee & Fellowship**

Sundays after 9am & 11:30am Masses