



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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Encountering God: An Incredible Experience!

By Martina O'Shea

"The retreats in daily life are such an amazing gift – it met me where I was a few years ago when I was learning about Ignatian spirituality and still meets me today after I made the full Spiritual Exercises."

In the middle of September, 28 women and men who ranged in age from their 20s to 70s made our God's Abiding Love retreat in daily life. Most participants were Holy Trinity parishioners; however, we also welcomed individuals from other Catholic and Protestant parishes in the Washington metro area.

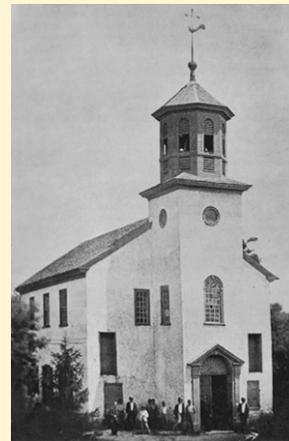
The retreats have been offered at Holy Trinity since 1988 when, following the guidance of Fr. Jerry Campbell, S.J. and the retreat team, Linda Arnold brought the parish directed retreat from Guelph, Ontario, Canada to Holy Trinity. For the past 30+ years, individuals have encountered God in new and surprising ways through the parish's retreats in daily life.

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Founder's Day
Today! October 6
Full Schedule: www.trinity.org/225

Holy Trinity Time Capsule



The First Jesuit Novitiate

The first Jesuit novitiate in the United States began at a celebratory Mass held in Trinity Church on October 10, 1806. Rev. Francis Neale, S.J., as both pastor and *Magister Noviciorum*, welcomed some 10 novices, five of whom were descendants of old Catholic families of southern Maryland. On the following November 13, after 30 days of prayer and meditation in the house across the street, the 10 novices were again honored at Trinity. Three of the novices—Enoch Fenwick, Benedict Fenwick, and John McElroy—were members of the Trinity congregation. The novices were praised as “young men of great promise, far above the average in personal appearance and mental endowments.” Among their number included a future bishop, a president of Georgetown College, and the founders of both Holy Cross and Boston Colleges.

Excerpt adapted from “At Peace with All Their Neighbors: Catholics and Catholicism in the Capitol, 1787-1860” by William W. Warner.

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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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From the Pastor's Desk

In 1794, seven years after Georgetown businessman John Threlkeld sold a 60' x 120' plot of land to Archbishop John Carroll for five shillings—and two years after money was raised to build a chapel on that plot of land—Fr. Francis Neale celebrated the very first Mass in the small but inspiring “Trinity Church.” For the past year, in celebrating the 225th anniversary of this historic event, we have sought to recognize the faith and the sacrifices of the men and women, some of them enslaved, who built and founded Washington, D.C.’s first Catholic parish.

In 2018, we commemorated the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Trinity School, complete with a street fair and reunion for some 1,000 students, parents, alumni and parishioners. As the “anniversary baton” was passed from the school to the parish, a stunning timeline—designed by Danielle DeGarmo with research from our History Committee—was installed in McKenna Hall. The timeline depicts the arrival of the first Catholics to the English colony of Maryland in 1634 and travels through our history to the present day. Over the past year, this weekly bulletin has featured “Holy Trinity Time Capsules” and 14 special issues of *Pilgrimage to Our Past*, with articles and reflections from our parishioners, have been published. (The final issue will come out later this month.)

Last spring also saw the presentation of the first of eight videos celebrating Holy Trinity’s various ministries. The full collection may be accessed via www.trinity.org/videos.

Last winter, we commissioned the writing of a hymn in commemoration of our anniversary. In addition, we approached our Iconography Guild to produce prayerfully a facsimile of Rublev’s famous icon of the Holy Trinity. This beautiful icon will be part of the procession at this Sunday’s 225th Anniversary Mass, a liturgical celebration which will also include the premiere of the commissioned anniversary hymn.

Certainly one of the highlights of our anniversary celebrations occurred on March 2, 2019 as the parish and school joined together in a grand benefit at Sequoia on the Georgetown Waterfront. More than 500 guests raised \$275,000 and proceeds were distributed to several urban schools affiliated with the parish.

Throughout the year, we hosted a lecture series that included a pilgrimage to the southern Maryland historic sites, one of the highlights being meeting a tour guide who was also a descendant of Father Francis Neale.

This weekend’s festivities represent the conclusion of our 225th Anniversary Celebration. More than 60 parishioners have been engaged in the planning of this past year and this weekend’s events. Special kudos goes to the original 225th Anniversary History Committee, who have led the efforts throughout the year: Peter Higgins, Natalie Ganley, Mary Moran, John George, Rosemary & Bernard Cook, Lorena Permuy, Linda & Duane Nystrom, Alicia Weber, Pat McCourt, Karelia Pallan and Ashley Klick. Like the image of the mustard seed in this Sunday’s Gospel, one may be amazed and inspired at what has happened in and through the church built on land purchased so long ago for just five shillings!

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 October 7, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Erin Elizabeth Hunter+
	5:30pm	George Santa+
Tuesday	7:00am	Lydia Byrne+
	5:30pm	Patrick Ring+
Wednesday	8:00am	John Krambuhl
	5:30pm	Gregory J. Alheid+
Thursday	8:00am	Candido Carbajo+
	5:30pm	Roger Raber+
Friday	8:00am	Elizabeth Anton+
	5:30pm	Rev. Eugene Prior, S.J.+
Saturday	8:00am	Ann Conroy+

Pray for those who are sick: *Jean-Phillipe Graff*

Pray for those who are dead: *Jack Campbell; Fredric Hyder*

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.

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PRAY

Young Adult Community Monthly Mass

Celebrate Mass with Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community (YAC) on **October 13** at 7:15pm in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, followed by our potluck YAC Café for food and fellowship. Bringing food to share is appreciated! The Young Adult Community is made up of young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married.

Day of Healing

The Holy Trinity Chapter of the Order of Malta is sponsoring a Day of Healing on **October 26** at Georgetown Visitation for persons who are sick or have physical challenges that keep them from participating in religious activities. The program will include a Mass, Anointing of the Sick, recitation of the Rosary, and opportunities for socializing. Breakfast and lunch will be served and transportation will be provided if needed. For more information, contact Priscilla Ryan at (202) 262-6585 or priscilla.ryan4307@gmail.com.

LEARN



MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE

Presents

Movie Moments of Grace "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 htmmog@gmail.com.

HT Green Team

Thank you to all parishioners who joined in the Global Climate Strike on September 20. The next meeting of the Holy Trinity Green Team will be **October 13** at 10am in the Faber Room. All are welcome! For more information, please contact John Hisle at htgreenteam@trinity.org.

Children's Bible Story Hour

Children's Bible Story Hour will be offered **October 20**, at 10:10am in the Lower School Big Room. We invite children 3-5 years old to explore some of the well-known Bible stories through hands-on activities, music and drama. No registration is necessary.

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.

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.

SERVE

Social Justice Volunteers Needed

Our Social Justice Ministry is building its volunteer list for monthly service opportunities, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Winter Shelter. We are also recruiting parishioners for the Social Justice Committee (this is a three year commitment and responsibilities include administering the annual tithes). For more information about social justice volunteer opportunities, contact Ronnate Asirwatham at rasirwatham@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809.

CONNECT

Grief Support Group Resumes

The Holy Trinity Grief Support Group begins meeting on **October 19**. For details and to register, please visit www.trinity.org/parish-life.

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 50+ group 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 at wallace1216@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Trinity School Admissions Open House

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our curriculum and student life, meet the principal and our admissions team, and take a campus tour led by current parents and students. Upcoming dates: **October 17** and **November 21**. Register online at www.htsdc.org/visit.



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During the week, retreatants are introduced to many of the 17 ways of praying that St. Ignatius Loyola enumerated in his book, the “Spiritual Exercises.” As one retreatant said, “This may sound trite, but for me the retreat was life-changing. I learned to pray deeply. I learned to really believe God loves me.”

The retreat opens Sunday afternoon as we gather in community composed of retreatants and spiritual guides. Members of the Ignatian retreat team introduce various ways of praying that the retreatant can use during the week. “I found the opening of the retreat very powerful. The guided prayer set the tone for the whole week and I liked hearing others’ desires for God.”

Each retreatant is invited to pray for 30 minutes at home Monday-Friday with scripture passages that focus on God’s care and love for the person. “I had hoped to begin to learn an Ignatian way of praying and I have done that.”

Meeting with an Ignatian-trained spiritual guide Monday–Friday also for 30 minutes allows the retreatant to articulate how God has revealed God’s self to the retreatant through the suggested Scripture passages and in daily life. “My experience of talking with my spiritual guide was an indispensable part of this experience and it would not have been the same without her. She truly cared about my spiritual experience and wanted me to be with God, which animated my meditation with so much vitality—I looked forward to sharing with her each day.”

If you are new to the parish or have been in the parish since you were baptized, you are invited to consider making one of our retreats in daily life. You may “rediscover joy and a loving God, someone who has been waiting for you, someone who loves you.”

For more information, please see our website, www.trinity.org/retreats or contact me at moshea@trinity.org.

Upcoming Retreats

Inner Peace in Divine Love

October 27-November 24; Register by **October 14**. Register online at www.trinity.org/retreats. This Ignatian retreat made in a small group will focus on the loving relationship each of us has with God. Beginning with our own experience of love, we will be asked to contemplate all the gifts we have received from God.

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.



Stewardship Update: Holy Rood

In less than one month, on All Souls Day (**November 2**), we will dedicate our new Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery. This beautiful occasion will mark the fulfillment of a long dream to provide new resting places in a way that honors our parish’s deep roots in Holy Rood and our Catholic belief in the dignity of human life and its eternal destiny.

To date, we have sold nearly 200 burial niches. Additionally, nearly \$600,000 has been donated to help bring this dream into reality. Generous benefactors have provided an originally commissioned Cross that will crown the historic Crypt, ornamental metalwork entrance gates, and numerous benches and trees.

As we near the conclusion of this project, only a very few memorial funding opportunities remain. Through these gifts, benefactors can provide a legacy or a memorial that will endure in support of our most cherished Catholic values.

Please let me know if you might be interested in any of these opportunities (donations of \$25,000 or more receive a complimentary niche or niches):

- Ornamental metalwork fence across the top of the existing stone retaining wall (\$150,000)
- Especially commissioned and crafted liturgical furniture for the celebration of liturgies on-site (\$100,000)
- Stone benches (\$25,000 each)
- Trees (\$2,500 each)

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Purchase a Niche at the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery

visit
www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org
for more information or
to make a purchase.