



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PPC Priorities for 2019-2020

By Christopher Hannigan

In September, Holy Trinity's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) identified two priorities for the 2019-2020 term: 1) Graduating the parish's response to the Church's sexual abuse scandal to a new phase that is both sustainable for the long term and institutionalized into our governance and planning processes, and 2) Examining how Holy Trinity can best respond to the Universal Apostolic Preferences that will guide the Society of Jesus for the next 10 years. Both of these efforts directly support the PPC's mandate of assuring fidelity to our Catholic mission and Jesuit identity.

Last summer, Holy Trinity embarked on a "Season of Discernment" in which we employed the tools of Ignatian spirituality to guide our collective response to the Church's sexual abuse scandal. Through listening sessions, dialogue with survivors, intensive research, and group and individual prayer, the PPC organized an initiative, later dubbed "Next Steps," to support education, advocacy, service, and prayer that responded to the crisis.

The parish's response was immediate, and our initiative was necessarily dynamic. Today, these labors and those of other advocates have already borne first fruits, but true reform is a generational undertaking. To this end, the PPC has prioritized making this work self-sustaining and, therefore, enduring, despite finite resources. Among our first steps are conducting a parish-wide assessment of our progress, reorganizing to promote collaboration among reform advocates, and further networking with similar efforts in other parishes and organizations.

New to this year's PPC is an examination of how Holy Trinity can best respond to the four Universal Apostolic Preferences articulated by Superior General Arturo Sosa, S.J., earlier this year: to show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment; to walk with the



This year's PPC members gather for their monthly meeting. Learn more about their work at www.trinity.org/PPC.

poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice; to accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future; and to collaborate in the care of our common home.

Offered to guide the work of the Jesuits and Jesuit institutions around the world, these preferences are not "priorities" to the exclusion of other important, and sometimes urgent, labors. Over a 10-year period, we must be prepared that God will call us to new and unanticipated missions. Still, the 16-month global discernment that brought forth these preferences represents an attempt to seek the *magis*—that is, among many "goods," seeking the greater good for the glory of God. In coming months, PPC meetings will feature dialogues with experts, staff, and other parish leaders about these four preferences. Informed by fact-based research and prayerful discernment, we will seek how Holy Trinity can better respond to these preferences and communicate our findings to the broader parish.

All parishioners are welcome to join us in both of these projects. The next PPC meeting will be **November 20** at 7pm in McKenna Hall, and interested parishioners can always communicate with your elected leadership at parishcouncil@trinity.org or ppcpresident@trinity.org.

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Welcome Sunday

Today is "Welcome Sunday," an opportunity for new and longtime parishioners alike to learn more about Holy Trinity and its various groups and ministries. Members of Movie Moments of Grace will co-host today in McKenna Hall after the 9am and 11:30am Masses. Please stop by to learn more about this unique group and enjoy some coffee and donuts.

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

This week's column is written by Ronnate Asirwatham, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice

"Why Holy Trinity?" parishioners ask me.

I spent most of my life in a war-torn country. In Sri Lanka, my faith in God was reaffirmed every day because of the Church's relentless fight for justice. Catholic priests and nuns would speak truth to power. They protected civilians in imminent danger of being murdered by the government's military or abducted by rebels. In fact, a Jesuit from Louisiana, Fr. Eugene Herbert SJ, was forcibly disappeared in 1990 for his tireless work on human rights.

It was from such an environment I was transplanted to the U.S. Here I witnessed faith in God in the congregations I was part of prior to Holy Trinity, but there was little of a faith that does justice. Here was a God I scarcely recognized nor understood. It was only after a long search that I found Holy Trinity where faith also meant commitment to justice. It helped me find my God again.

So, that's my answer to parishioners who ask, "Why Holy Trinity?" And I am not alone. As a parishioner for the last 7 years, many have told me they are proud to call themselves Holy Trinity parishioners because of its commitment to justice, both from the pulpit and in the community.

Why is a faith that does justice important? The answer is embedded in the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) released in February, especially in the two of the four UAPs that push for justice: walking with the poor and those whose dignity has been violated in a mission of reconciliation and justice, and collaborating in the care of our common home.

To work towards a faith that does justice, we have to do more than charity. As Sister Helen Prejean in a recent talk about her new book said, "It is not enough to be giving charity to the few around us; we need to find the fire within." But the fire within, for what? Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Arturo Sosa, S.J., writes in his letter detailing the UAPs: "[T]he path we seek to follow with the poor is one that promotes social justice and change of economic, political structures that generate injustice; this path is a necessary dimension of the reconciliation of individuals, peoples and their cultures with one another with natures and with God."

The UAPs also emphasize that in order to ensure that our faith is focused on justice, we must work in community. One cannot ensure social justice that changes unjust structures or care for common home without having a community coming together to take action.

At Holy Trinity, through our Green Team, our sister parishes in Haiti and El Salvador, and our work with the homeless and migrants in U.S., we strive for change. However, the need to work against unjust structures here in the U.S and abroad has become even more urgent today. So, I hope you will join me in prayer and action that we at Holy Trinity will find the fire within us to come together and widen our community to "set the world on fire" for justice.

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 20, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Katrina Ajluni+
	5:30pm	Susan Maloney+
Tuesday	7:00am	Pam Hawkins
	5:30pm	John A. Dooley+
Wednesday	8:00am	Stephanie Wimmer
	5:30pm	Jane Lydon+
Thursday	8:00am	Susan S. Dunn+
	5:30pm	Susan S. Dunn+
Friday	8:00am	Elizabeth Harman+
	5:30pm	Louis A. Tambini+
Saturday	8:00am	Jospeh A. Falzon+
		Nicole Frye

Pray for those who are sick: *Dawn Diekroger*

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: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2841

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

Day of Healing

The Holy Trinity Chapter of the Order of Malta is sponsoring a Day of Healing **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.

Blessing of the Holy Trinity Columbarium

You are invited to the blessing of the Holy Trinity Columbarium **November 2** at 12pm at Holy Rood Cemetery. Reception to follow in Trinity Hall. RSVP required: www.trinity.org/RSVP.

Mass with Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity **November 3** at 1:15pm.

LEARN

Happening Today!

Showing Respect & Welcome to LGBTQ Catholics with James Martin, S.J.

Fr. Jim Martin will present a talk **today** at 3pm in the church. A Q&A will follow as time permits.

Searching for Truth in the Garden

"Searching for Truth in the Garden: Gonzaga's History with Slavery" is an exhibit completed by students at Gonzaga College High School about how the school benefitted from the sale of enslaved persons in its past. The exhibit will be displayed at Holy Trinity in the Chapel Gallery starting **today** through October 29.

Baptism Preparation

Baptism Preparation is offered **November 2** at 10am in McKenna Hall. Registration is available on the website. Email REadmin@trinity.org for further information.

Graces of Aging Retreat

God Isn't Finished with Me Yet

A retreat with Father Bill Kelley, S.J.

Part 1: **November 2**, 9am-4:30pm, Chapel

Part 2: **November 9**, 9am-4:30pm, McKenna Hall

What are some of the spiritual "tasks" for people in their mature years? What are some of the challenges? Who will our mentors be in this period of life? Come and explore these questions through presentation, quiet personal time, and group reflection. A light lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so please register with Susan Kral at susankral@verizon.net before **October 28**.

RE 7th & 8th Grade Parent Meeting

October 26, 4:10 pm, Trinity Hall

Dr. Rolando Diaz will share with parents the themes and areas of discussion that their children are invited to consider in the annual "Identifying, maintaining a personal safe environment" Circle of Grace presentation to our youth. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Blaming God? with Rabbi Hyim Shafner

Rabbi Hyim Shafner of Keshet Israel in Georgetown will discuss "Blaming God? Exploring ancient and medieval Jewish Lamentation Literature as a Response to Exile" on **November 10** at 10:10am in Trinity Hall. From the destruction of the ancient Temple, to medieval persecutions, to the modern Holocaust, Jews have responded to tragedy with a rich body of scripture and liturgy. We will look at several examples and examine their themes and theology.

Youth Confirmation Preparation Begins

Youth Confirmation preparation begins on **November 20**. The calendar of events for the year is available at www.trinity.org/confirmation. If you are interested in registering your child to receive the sacrament, please email Rebecca Hoesterey at confirmation@trinity.org.

SERVE

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

Holy Trinity will host from **December 15-29** in McKenna Hall. At each breakfast and evening meal, a group of parishioners provides food and hospitality. Breakfast can be handled by a couple of people or a single family. Dinner is usually catered by 5-8 people. Please consider being a part of this annual direct service opportunity. We are also looking for 1-2 volunteer coordinators who rotate throughout the 2 week period to support volunteers and guests. For more information about participating, please contact Ashley Klick at aklick@trinity.org.

Plant Trees

They clean our air, protect our drinking water, provide food and habitat for animals. Studies show they even improve our mental health. Trees also absorb the CO₂ that contributes to global warming and release oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO₂ produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Planting trees also helps prevent soil erosion, increases land fertility and can add value to your property. Trees that provide shade can also significantly reduce your energy bills.

When selecting trees, choose native types to support local wildlife. Spring and Fall can be good times to plant. Visit www.caseytrees.org to learn about local efforts in DC. For more information about the HT Green Team efforts, email John Hisle at htgreenteam@trinity.org.

Hospitality Bags for Women in Recovery

The Ignatian Spirituality Project offers retreats for women in recovery from homelessness and addiction. For ten years, Holy Trinity parishioners have supported this project through prayers, donations, and volunteering. Would you be able to supply a hospitality bag for a woman retreatant on one of our three retreats this year? What is needed, in a paper gift bag: a bible, pen, shampoo, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, a stuffed animal, and a note from preparer (very important!). Please avoid including any seasonal or holiday items, as we will use these bags throughout this year. Please leave bags at the reception desk in the Parish Center by **November 5**, attention to Catherine Heinhold. If you have questions, please email Catherine at cheinhold@trinity.org. Thank you!

Immersion Trip to the U.S./Mexico Border

Join us on **November 1-5** to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, AZ/Mexico. You will witness court proceedings, meet with migrants and deportees in Mexico and pray and eat with ranchers and others living on the US side. All will gather when we return to learn what our parish has been doing to support migrants and to join these efforts. You must have a valid US passport for these trips. Email margielegowski@gmail.com for details and to sign up.

CONNECT



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

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.

Holy Trinity eLetter

Receive weekly updates, pictures and volunteer opportunities. Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

Why We Pledge to Holy Trinity

Over the next few weeks, as we prepare for the 2020 pledge drive —by which we fund nearly all our ministries in support of the work of Christ among us—we are publishing several parishioner testimonials. These are gifts from parish individuals and households who volunteered to offer them. They tell what their authors find meaningful about Holy Trinity and their involvement in our mission, and why it is important for them to financially support that work. Our deepest thanks to all who gave of themselves to offer these gifts.

“Our family has been with Holy Trinity for more than 35 years. It all began with satisfaction with the Sunday morning programs, a satisfaction that grew and deepened because of easy access to the leadership, timely homilies, being allowed to express oneself, and an ability to partake of a variety of top quality programs. Service on the Parish Council and various committees were (for the most part) positive experiences. There were disappointments along the way, but overall the general tenor of Holy Trinity was upbeat, and it has been fairly easy to find needed advice, and also parishioners with similar interests.

“The mission has always been a solid one and inspirational, undergirded by impressive ceremonies, and the commitment to good works for the community continues to be commendable. These are a few of the reasons why Holy Trinity, overall—while not perfect—is a treasure and certainly merits our spiritual and financial support.”

—J.P. Giacomini

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**.

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. The group has raised \$42,000 of the \$74,000 needed (\$10,000 from the Anniversary Celebration, \$16,000 from Social Justice Tithe, and \$16,000 in private donations). Learn more about the project at www.trinity.org/haiti.

