



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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## Ignatian Volunteer Corps Turns 25

In September 1995, two Jesuit priests, Jim Conroy, S.J. and Charlie Costello, S.J., gathered 11 retired men and women to form the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC). The IVC provides men and women, 50 years of age and older, the opportunity to serve those in need, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition of “finding God in all things.” Drawing on their Jesuit tradition, Conroy and Costello designed a unique process of Spiritual Reflection that includes keeping a journal, engaging in one-to-one spiritual conversations, participating in a group reflection process, and attending a series of short retreats each year. The reflection process would, in effect, transform a volunteer’s activity from service into mission, thus setting IVC apart from other volunteer programs. Volunteers remain in their current living situation and commit to volunteering two days a week for a period of one year.

On October 27, IVC is hosting its 25th Anniversary Gratitude Celebration and is recognizing Holy Trinity Catholic Church at the event, along with Gonzaga College High School and St. Ignatius Church (Baltimore). Holy

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## 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 second, printed below, is written by Mary O'Connor.*



Several years ago, my husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease at age 56. I often wonder how I would have coped without my Catholic faith. It seems that our faith is always tested during tragic times, and often forgotten during happy experiences.

The current climate in our Church tests all of us, but my focus continues to be the commitment to my Catholic faith, in particular to my parish Holy Trinity. The mission of the parish, the dedication of the clergy and staff, all need our support and along with that our continued financial commitment. The good works emanating from our parish into our community should not be sidelined, and that is where my heart is. I will always be grateful for my faith and my parish and see that as a priority over my dissatisfaction with Vatican politics.

I encourage you to reflect on what your faith has meant to you during difficult times and continue supporting Holy Trinity’s grassroots efforts in our community.

—Mary B. O'Connor

For more information about the 2020 pledge drive, visit [www.trinity.org/give](http://www.trinity.org/give) or contact Rock Schuler at [rschuler@trinity.org](mailto:rschuler@trinity.org).

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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.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

The American writer F. Scott Fitzgerald once remarked, "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." Certainly autumn, with its luscious array of beauty, has been a blessed time in our parish. There has been, for example, an array of formative activities that have enriched our parish individually and collectively.

Following the success of our Founder's Day anniversary celebrations at the beginning of the month, another anniversary celebration will take place this Sunday evening when the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) celebrates its 25th anniversary. In recognizing the ways Holy Trinity parishioners have given their time, talent and treasure to IVC's mission, the parish will receive a special award at the evening event marking the anniversary.

October has also been a month when several parishioners received special recognition. Karen Clifton, for example, was honored at an event at the Papal Nunciature for her founding of and leadership at the Catholic Mobilizing Network, a Catholic advocacy advocating the elimination of the death penalty. Maury Devine received the National Catholic Educational Association 2019 Seton Award, presented annually to exemplary individuals whose support and service profoundly impacts Catholic education. In addition, parishioner, Joe Novello, MD has received high praise for publishing a fascinating book titled "DAG: Savior of AIDS Orphans" about Jesuit priest and psychiatrist Fr. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., MD.

Another acclaimed activity this month has been the Jesuit slave exhibit created by a group of students from Gonzaga College High School. From October 18-28, a collection of panels been lent to the parish as a way of reminding the tragic story of how Catholics, including some Holy Trinity past parishioners and Washington Seminary benefactors, once owned and sold slaves. My hope in cosponsoring the exhibit with Holy Trinity School is that exhibit enhances our historical awareness of these injustices. A further formative parish event was the return of Fr. James Martin, who spoke to a packed church last Sunday. Besides speaking about his recent audience with Pope Francis, Fr. Martin spoke to the topic of how a Catholic parish can be more inclusive of marginalized Catholics. Spending an hour before his talk with members of parish LGBTQIA+ group, Fr. Martin was complimentary of our parish's efforts toward inclusivity.

As October closes, we can look forward to further formative events in November. At noon on Saturday, November 2 (The Feast of All Souls), our Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery will be blessed and officially opened. The cemetery, containing the remains of more than 7,000 Holy Trinity parishioners since 1832, will begin a new life interning the remains of our present and future parishioners. Then on Sunday, November 3 at the 1:15pm Mass, the parish will welcome Archbishop Wilton Gregory. All are welcome to attend.

In the spirit of F. Scott Fitzgerald, may our parish's crisp and engaging activities offer new life to us all.

## 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 28, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Joseph Buckie+
	5:30pm	Savirse Hill+
Tuesday	7:00am	Edwin Davila+
	5:30pm	Molly Flavin+
Wednesday	8:00am	Erin Hunter+
	5:30pm	Lucille O'boyle+
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Decker Padberg+
	5:30pm	John Fenton
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:00am	Mary Widmayer

**Pray for those who are sick:** Dawn Diekroger

**Pray for those who are dead:** Regina Luchi; Louisa Bello; John Brady

## 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: 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](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

### 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](http://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.

### All Souls Day Evening Prayer

The Church remembers all of the faithful departed in a special way during the month of November. Please join the parish community for a sung Evening Prayer on **November 4** at 7pm in the church. All are invited to bring a framed photograph of any deceased friends and loved ones to Evening Prayer. If you are unable to participate on November 4, please bring a photograph on November 10 to be remembered in our liturgies during November. Photographs may be collected on November 24.

## LEARN

### 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](mailto:susankral@verizon.net) before **October 28**.

### Baptism Preparation Session

November 2, 10-11:30am, McKenna Hall. Please register at [www.trinity.org/infant-baptism](http://www.trinity.org/infant-baptism) or contact [REadmin@trinity.org](mailto:REadmin@trinity.org) for more details.

### 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](http://www.trinity.org/confirmation). If you are interested in registering your child to receive the sacrament, please email Rebecca Hoesterey at [confirmation@trinity.org](mailto:confirmation@trinity.org).

## SERVE



# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

### Thanksgiving for All

Thanksgiving—and our annual turkey dinner drive—are just around the corner. This year, we'll collect meals for the Fr. McKenna Center to assist families in need. We'll hand out shopping lists at all masses on **November 16** and **17** (also available online) and collect food donations the following weekend, **November 23** and **24**. Please plan to make this a part of your Thanksgiving celebration. For more information, contact Cynthia Phoel at [cp@cynthiaphoel.com](mailto:cp@cynthiaphoel.com).

### Monthly Food Drive Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to be a part of a cohort that collects canned goods from Holy Trinity every second Monday and delivers to Fr. McKenna Center in Washington D.C. For more information, please contact Ronnate Asirwatham at [rasirwatham@trinity.org](mailto:rasirwatham@trinity.org).

### Hospitality Bags for Women in Recovery

The Ignatian Spirituality Project offers retreats for women in recovery from homelessness and addiction. In a paper gift bag please include 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](mailto:cheinhold@trinity.org). Thank you!

### Share Your Faith

Preparation for Youth Confirmation begins on **November 20**, and adult volunteers are needed! Responsibilities would include attending planning meetings, being present at the evening sessions to lead small groups, and assisting with the retreat. This year, there will be **one Wednesday session and then five Sunday sessions**- all from 6:30-8pm. Planning meetings would be from 4:30-5:30pm on Sundays before Mass. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please email Rebecca at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org).

### Volunteer Opportunities

A complete list of volunteer opportunities may be found at [www.trinity.org/serve](http://www.trinity.org/serve).

## Calling for New Liturgical Ministers

You might have noticed that you see a lot of the same faces serving as communion ministers, readers, ushers, and servers at Masses on Sunday. This is *not* by design! Our parish is looking for new ministers to serve in particular ways in the liturgy. Where might God be calling you to serve? Eucharistic ministers distribute Holy Communion, lectors proclaim God's word so that all might hear God's voice, sacristans help "behind the scenes" to organize and setup for the liturgy in the sacristy, and altar servers assist the priest and other liturgical ministers at the altar. If you would like to be trained in any of these ministries, RSVP to David Pennington at [dpennington@trinity.org](mailto:dpennington@trinity.org) by letting him know in which training session you'd like to participate. All training sessions will meet in the church.

### Youth Altar Servers (for any Mass time)

November 3 at 10:15am  
November 10 at 10:15am

### Sacristans (for Vigil, 7:30, 9, or 11:30am Masses)

November 9 at 4pm  
November 17 at 10:15am

### Eucharistic Ministers (for any Mass time)

November 2 at 4pm  
November 16 at 4pm

### Lectors (for any Mass time)

November 3 at 2:30pm  
November 12 at 7pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org) for more information or to make a purchase.

### Shop Holy Trinity

Crosses crafted from the salvaged pews, 2019 commemorative ornaments, stationery, and more are for sale in the Parish Center during business hours. If you would like more information, please contact Ashley Klick at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org). Cash, check and credit card accepted.



## IVC Turns 25, cont. from page 1



IVC volunteers in prayerful reflection. Image courtesy of [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org)

Trinity is being awarded for the consistent and deep support the parish has always given to IVC.

Many Holy Trinity parishioners are active with IVC and were among the earliest IVC volunteers. Parishioner Fran Butler learned about IVC in 1995 while her son was a student at Gonzaga. Fran served on the founding board of directors from 1995-2005 and then helped form the Regional Council from 2005-2012. She continues to support and advocate for IVC, stating "combining Ignatian Spirituality with the volunteer service of mature people who are assigned to agencies serving the poor is a program model that is life-giving for all involved."

Among the 700 volunteers today, Holy Trinity parishioners remain very active as both volunteers and spiritual reflectors. Pam and Dennis Lucey have also been involved with IVC since its inception. Dennis said, "It is an organization where you can share your life experiences with those less fortunate than most of us." Annie Hisle has been a Spiritual Reflector for the past 10 years and loves "being with volunteers who are desiring to deepen their relationship with their God as they live more and more intentionally."

Julia and Tony Albrecht have served with IVC for 19 years. Currently, Tony teaches Green Building and Construction Math to immigrants at the Spanish Catholic Center in DC. Julia prepares resumes for job seekers at Jubilee Jobs and similar programs. Julia said, "IVC has given us meaningful work, challenging and inspiring experiences with the people whom we serve, a vital community of friends and most important — food for our souls."

As the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary, it is poised to grow in service members and to expand regionally. IVC is in the midst of its capital campaign "Ignite!" and seeks to raise \$3 million in additional funding to expand operational capacity and launch a partnership with Jesuit Colleges & Universities to help alumni find ways to continue to be men and women for others.

Service with IVC is an example of Holy Trinity parishioners living our mission to accompany one another in Christ. As Jim Kelley shared, "I volunteer with IVC, in one capacity of another, in response to Jesus' call to serve the poor." If you are interested in learning more about IVC, ask a parishioner volunteer or visit [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).