



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

November 10, 2019



## The Gifts of Giving *By Cayce Roy*

As a member of Holy Trinity's Parish Finance Council, I know that more than 95% of the contributions to our parish and school directly support our own ministries. Our donations are not to an amorphous group, or even principally to the larger Catholic Church—these donations support our community's efforts to make a difference by doing more for others.

Our gifts literally help keep the lights on in our church and school. Thousands each week receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, with more than a thousand receiving other sacraments over the course of a year. Our Jesuit PK-8 school has nearly 340 students, 20%-25% of whom annually receive scholarship assistance through the Gavigan Fund and other programs, funded in part through the parish's social justice tithe. Because of this, Holy Trinity is a need-blind school, meaning we accept a student without economic conditions or considerations. If an applicant qualifies for the Gavigan scholarship, her or his education, tutoring, meals and associated costs are covered!

Every year, over 700 religious education students are taught by hundreds of volunteers. And the efforts of our Ignatian Spirituality programs help others discern their true self and support the promotion of and formation in Ignatian Spirituality. Through retreats, spiritual direction and education, thousands of parishioners have been blessed with an Ignatian discernment to help them find courage to do magic for others. With a tradition of Christian formation going back over 200 years, this parish has helped tens of thousands of families grow in our faith, serve others and achieve their dreams.

Our social justice tithe program gave \$400,000 last year (10% of our total parish revenues) to 27 worthy organizations that support those in need or work for justice on behalf of the marginalized. But our efforts are more than monetary! We are a parish of hands-on volunteers who serve others in need. This last Power of One day saw hundreds of volunteers help tens of programs around the area. Two years ago, hundreds helped a Syrian refugee family of eight turn from a life of horror and fear to one filled with joy, hope, and promise. We have been hands-on in Haiti helping rebuild communities and schools, bringing new hope and blessings. Our gifts serve meals to the homeless, help families in need find new homes, advocate for and assist the marginalized, and bring hope to children.

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### 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.

## 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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**Hours:** Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat & Sun: Closed

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## Living Our Mission: Celebrate God's Love

*This week's column is written  
by Rebecca Hoesterey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

My Confirmation preparation came in the form of a Catholic school religion class. I remember my pencil trembling in my aching hand as I stressed to jot down on a test every gift of the Holy Spirit and all seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

At that age, the most important tasks in front of me were to a.) memorize every sacramental fact from my textbook, b.) choose a saint that would be eternally glued to me as a patron and companion, and c.) make sure my sponsor and I were at the church on the specified date. Confirmation appeared to be a daunting checklist prior to middle school graduation.

However, contrary to these feelings, there is immense joy to be found in the sacrament! Jesus has such a deep love for us that He promises to "not leave us orphans" (*John 14:18*). Therefore, He sends the Holy Spirit in Confirmation to remain with us as our helper, our defender, and our comforter.

I often compare Confirmation and the role of the Holy Spirit to that of being on a sports team. At Baptism, we are given an identity as members of God's "team," and we are filled with a sanctifying grace that comes with being welcomed onto that team. We begin to establish relationships with our coach (God) and our teammates (the Communion of Saints). In addition, we are provided with a mission towards which we strive—a baptismal call to holiness.

However, until Confirmation, we may find that we need to be strengthened in order to act on our calling as members of God's team. At Confirmation, we stand ready to enter onto the field of life. God's guiding hand is placed upon us, similar to a coach putting a hand on the player's shoulder prior to him or her entering the game. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the life-giving graces we received at Baptism are strengthened and secured within us. Only then can we confidently say to God, our coach, "Put me in the game! I am empowered, and I am ready to joyfully defend the faith." We take a step onto the field of life.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are graced with the power to better understand what our "coach" is telling us and how we can act for Him and others on the mission field. God is constantly at our side to motivate us. As long as we keep our ears open to His field instructions, His desire for us to be a team player- a living witness- resounds in our hearts.

As Confirmation preparation draws near for our youth, I invite you to remember your own Confirmation. How has the Holy Spirit been an advocate in your life? Where have you felt strengthened by its presence? Also, I invite you to pray for our young candidates—that they may recognize the love that God has for us, present in Confirmation. May we continue to defend our identity as members of God's team and carry out His divine mission in our community and on the field of life.

### Confirmation Volunteers are needed!

Preparation for Youth Confirmation begins **November 20** and adult volunteers are needed. If you are interested, or would like to learn more, email [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org).

## 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 November 11, 2019

Monday	7:00am	Marion J. Moellering+
	5:30pm	Landon C. Schmitt+
Tuesday	7:00am	Rosemary Cummings
	5:30pm	Margarita O. Ferro+
Wednesday	8:00am	Ellen Daniels+
	5:30pm	Lonie Landfield+
Thursday	8:00am	Edward J. Snyder+
	5:30pm	Ronald Diskin+
Friday	8:00am	Raymond E. Dittmeier+
	5:30pm	Donald Gibbons+
Saturday	8:00am	Janice J. Burns

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Kathryn Loftus*

**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](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
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- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, (202) 337-2840 x128
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- 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.

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## PRAY

### Day of Reflection for Individuals Experiencing Being Separated, Widowed or Divorced

**November 16**, 9:45am-3pm, McKenna Hall  
 You are invited to join others who are recovering from the loss of a significant love. Members of the Ignatian Retreat Team, Linda Arnold and Fran Knoll, will facilitate our time together as we reflect together on seeking and finding peace. There will be time for silent reflection, sharing and communal prayer. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP to Jack Harllee at [jackharllee@gmail.com](mailto:jackharllee@gmail.com) before November 12.

### An Advent Retreat

**December 8-14**  
 Registration deadline is  
**November 24**

"In every age, God's intention is that we be a people of hope." So begins the theme for the first day of the Advent

retreat, Emmanuel: God with us always. You are invited to have your hope nourished, to wait patiently for God's never-failing help, and to share in God's joy of coming into our world as Emmanuel. Register online at [www.trinity.org/retreats](http://www.trinity.org/retreats) or pick up a brochure at the entrances to the church and chapel. Please contact Martina O'Shea at [moshea@trinity.org](mailto:moshea@trinity.org) for more information.



## LEARN

### Come, Pray & Learn: Updates from the Border



You are invited to 5:30pm Mass on **November 14**, followed by a potluck dinner in the Lower School Big Room with Fr. Pete Neeley, S.J., from the Kino Border Initiative. The Kino Border Initiative is a binational partnership of the Jesuits, US/Mexican dioceses and Sisters of the Holy Eucharist, that accompanies,

serves, educates and advocates for those who have been deported from the United States to Nogales, Mexico. Padre Pancho (as he is affectionately known) will preside at the Mass and guide discussion at the potluck to include: What is really happening at the border and to the people seeking asylum? How has the 'Remain in Mexico' policy affected migrants and the community?; What are the most critical pieces of legislation/advocacy issues for Kino (and, by extension, the Jesuit community)? What can we all do together to change the system? Please join us! RSVP required to Jeanne Rossomme at [jeannerrossomme@gmail.com](mailto:jeannerrossomme@gmail.com).

### Children's Bible Story Hour

**November 17**, 10:10am, Lower School Big Room  
 Children ages 3-5 are invited to explore some of the well-known Bible stories through hands-on activities, music and drama. No registration required.

### Holy Trinity Green Team Meeting

**November 17**, 10am, Lower School Library  
 This month's speaker is John Leary, Executive Director of Trees for the Future. Please email [htgreenteam@trinity.org](mailto:htgreenteam@trinity.org) if you plan on attending.

### LGBTQIA+ Ministry Monthly Meeting

**November 17**, 1pm, Neale Room  
 Please email [LGBTQIA+@trinity.org](mailto:LGBTQIA+@trinity.org) for more information.

### The Challenges Facing Pope Francis

**November 19**, 7pm, Trinity Hall  
 Acclaimed journalist and religious and political commentator Austen Ivereigh (*The Great Reformer*) will discuss his recent book, *Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church*, and take us inside the Vatican and the debate over the future of the Church.



### MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE *Presents*

### MMoG Presents: Chinese Take-Away

November 23, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall  
 In this Argentinian comedy, a morose and lonely hardware store owner finds himself the extremely reluctant caretaker of a Chinese immigrant. As he navigates the language barrier with the immigrant he also navigates an awkward romantic relationship with a beautiful woman. RSVP to [htmmog@gmail.com](mailto:htmmog@gmail.com)

### RCIA Adapted for Children

RCIA adapted for children offers a path to Baptism for children (age 7 and older) who have not yet been initiated into the Church. If you would like to explore having your child baptized, please contact Judith Brusseau at [jbrusseau@trinity.org](mailto:jbrusseau@trinity.org).

## SERVE

### DACA Action!

The Ignatian Solidarity Network, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities and Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology are organizing a Jesuit-affiliated meet-up point for the **November 12** rally in support of DACA on the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. Supporters will gather at 9:30am at the bell in Columbus Circle outside of Union Station in Washington D.C. All are welcome to join them there or say a prayer in solidarity with them at that time.



## Calling for New Liturgical Ministers

Our parish is looking for new ministers to serve in particular ways in the liturgy. 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 10 at 10:15am

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

November 17 at 10:15am

### Eucharistic Ministers (for any Mass time)

November 16 at 4pm

### Lectors (for any Mass time)

November 12 at 7pm

## So Others Might READ Book Drive



Holy Trinity School students are collecting books through **November 22** for their So Others Might READ Book Drive to benefit seven schools and tutoring programs in low-income communities. All are encouraged to participate by purchasing a book at the Book Fair or from the online wish list at [www.trinity.org/read](http://www.trinity.org/read).

## Volunteer in the Garden

The gardening committee will be working in the gardens on **November 23** at 9am. Meet at the shed to the right of the Chapel. Please bring hand tools (if you have them), gardening gloves, and a bottle of water. All are welcome! RSVP to [htgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:htgardeners@gmail.com).

## Giving Tree Program

The Giving Trees will be on display in the church and Trinity Hall beginning **December 1**. Your gifts will support 12 organizations working with vulnerable families, men, women and children. You may also purchase gifts through our virtual giving tree at [www.trinity.org/givingtree](http://www.trinity.org/givingtree). For more information about the program, please contact Ashley Klick at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

## CONNECT

### New Parishioner Orientation

**November 17**, 2:30-4pm, McKenna Hall

Please join Father Kevin, the staff of Holy Trinity and other new parishioners for our Fall New Parishioner Orientation. Learn about the parish, tour the campus and enjoy light refreshments. Children are welcome. No RSVP is required.

### 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**.

## Gifts of Giving, cont. from page 1

For our family, this parish is our Church—this community is the representation of our Catholicism that is positively impactful. The Holy Trinity community has accomplished all of this and more, over 100 ministries helping thousands each year. At a time when many leaders are proclaiming the need to do less for others, we as a community have said we feel it is important to set an example of more. To do more, to care more, to love more, and to serve more. Our family knows this parish cannot do more without gifts of time, talent, and contributions. That is why we give to Holy Trinity.

As we begin the month of November, a month traditionally held aside as a time to consider the "Last Things," I invite you to join me in asking the questions, "How am I doing on this journey? How do I need to show love and concern for the people in my life in clearer ways? What do I need to do to prepare better for my return to God's embrace?"

## Pledge Today!

For more information about the 2020 Parish Pledge drive, visit [www.trinity.org/give](http://www.trinity.org/give).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Holy Trinity School Open House

All are invited to the second Open House on **November 21** from 9-10:30am. Registration is online at [www.hstdc.org/visit](http://www.hstdc.org/visit). The final Open House will be held on January 23.

### 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.



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

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