



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

December 22 & 29, 2019

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### December 24 — Christmas Eve

4pm, Church & Trinity Hall

5:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, Church

11:30pm, Lessons & Carols

Midnight Mass, Church

### December 25 — Christmas Day

9:30am & 11:30am, Church

### December 29 — Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Mass Schedule, No Trinity Hall Mass

### January 1 — Feast of Mary, Mother of God

10am, Church

### “I Pray with Mommy”: Using Imaginative Prayer at Home

*Written by a Holy Trinity School parent*

I lit a candle. We all piled on the bed, our boat, as “a great windstorm arose...” My 2-year-old held on tight and my 5-year-old hauled buckets of water out of the boat as I narrated the scene from *Mark 4:35-41*. My kids dove into the story with their vast imaginations. As I described the storm to them, my kids hopped from side to side like they were blowing in the wind. I drew their attention to Jesus. “He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion...” My children marveled at the fact that Jesus was actually sleeping. Then, “Jesus woke up and rebuffed the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace. Be still.’” Stillness lingered in the room and we closed our prayer with an *Our Father*. We blew out the candle, twice, because each child wanted a turn to blow it out.

I asked my 5-year-old what he liked about the passage and he told me that he was amazed that Jesus talked to the sea. My son’s mind was working hard to figure out how that could happen. I was amazed because I wasn’t expecting my son to be teaching me that evening. I never thought about the fact that Jesus had actually talked to the sea. When I entertain this thought, the passage becomes more mystical. I told my children the line that always resonates with me is the one that describes Jesus as asleep during the storm. I reminded them how calm he was, even though the world around him was not. I told them that they can always turn to Jesus for comfort and love when things get stormy in their world. Jesus will help ground them. An anchor.



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### Christmas Decorating

Parishioners are welcome to help decorate the church, Chapel of St. Ignatius and Trinity Hall for Christmas on **December 23** from 6-8pm. Meet David Pennington in the main church at 6pm.

**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**

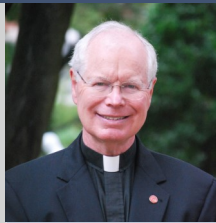
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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Tis' the season for merriment often found through programs of magnanimity, movies and music. The merriment of music in and around the parish was wonderfully displayed recently when some 20 parishioners of all ages enjoyed walking around Georgetown caroling. And our spiritual serenades were even accompanied by a trumpet! Given that it was our third consecutive year of caroling, it seems that a new parish yuletide tradition has begun. The season is also a time for religiously themed movies. Top on my list is *The Two Popes*. Outstanding performances by Antony Hopkins (Pope Benedict) and Jonathan Pryce (Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis) provide insight into the personalities of these Church leaders. The movie invites the viewer into venues such as the Sistine Chapel and the papal gardens at Castel Gandolfo. While somewhat fictionalized, the dialogue between the two popes is, nevertheless, inspirational. Indeed, some parishioners have asked about the possibility of having an evening discussion about it sometime in January.

And then there is *The Messiah!* As someone who has for decades relished listening and frequently watching performances of Handel's Messiah, I came upon and highly recommend a PBS special show dealing with the making of Handel's Messiah. The documentary tells the story of the context of George Frideric Handel's life that led to this most famous of oratorios, first performed on April 13, 1742 in Dublin. Among the several revelations is the story of Charles Jennings, who wrote much of the libretti for Handel. One is afforded a deeper meaning into the oratorio with the knowledge that Jennings turned to scriptural passages as a way of coping with the tragedy of his brother's suicide.

Similarly, Handel himself, despite dealing with the desolation of financial misfortune, was led to turn to Jenkins biblical libretto and composed *The Messiah* within 24 days! As the documentary relates, Handel directed that the very first performance in Dublin serve as a charity event. Indeed, the proceeds from the first performance aided several charities, among them a debtor's prison so that more than 140 men and women were released from prison. This PBS special thereby is a historical celebration of how Handel's Messiah, from its very inception, has led humanity to experience a triumphant *Hallelujah!*

One final dimension of merriment was the magnanimity exhibited in the hustle and bustle by parishioners around our parish's annual Giving Tree. I am most grateful for the many parishioners whose generosity provided 1,300 gifts that were distributed to 14 charities throughout the area.

I give thanks to God for the generosity of our parishioners, living out the true Spirit of Christ's birth. And so, on behalf of my brother Jesuits and all members of our parish staff, may you and your loved ones be blessed with merriment during this sacred season and throughout the new year as we experience the magnanimity of God's gift being born through a virgin woman named Mary.

*Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.*

**Week of December 23, 2019**

Monday	7:00am	Sally Ann Nicoll+
	5:30pm	Kabir Uddin Ahmad+
Tuesday	7:00am	
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:00am	Zeni Campbell
	5:30pm	Matt & Pat Kraemer+
Friday	8:00am	Charles Myler
	5:30pm	Falzon Family
Saturday	8:00am	Ann Scrudato+

**Week of December 30, 2019**

Monday	7:00am	Carol Lane Klick+
	5:30pm	Nicholas DeCarlo+
Tuesday	7:00am	Irene Oakes+
	5:30pm	Irene Redecke+
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Priscilla Letellier+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Tom Kelly+
Saturday	8:00am	

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Santana E. Vallejos; Edward Heinhold*

**Pray for those who are dead:** *William Shepard; Ben Urralburu; Hugh Mitchell Neill; William and Nancy Dahut; Jack Kirsits*

**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/Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2846
- Marriage Prep: [readmin@trinity.org](mailto:readmin@trinity.org), (202) 903-2808

**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 at [akoester@trinity.org](mailto:akoester@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted 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) or (202) 903-2846 for more information.

**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 (sign up at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter)) and website for announcement of dates and times.

**LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY**

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at [www.trinity.org/lgbtqia](http://www.trinity.org/lgbtqia) or by emailing [LGBTQIA@trinity.org](mailto:LGBTQIA@trinity.org).

**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. Contact President Chris Hannigan at [ppcpresident@trinity.org](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org) and Vice President Jim Thessin at [parishcouncil@trinity.org](mailto:parishcouncil@trinity.org).

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

### PRAY

#### A Family Blessing

Lord of all,  
Bless our families.  
Be they formed by blood or by circumstance,  
Make them holy.

May we find you in our relationships.  
In our marriages, in our families  
In our households, in our communities,  
In our global humanity.

May we look across all that divides us  
And see family  
And embrace as a family does.  
And love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather in your name  
There are you.  
Amen.

### LEARN

#### Historical Perspectives on the Laity in the Church

**January 12**, 10:10am in Trinity Hall. Fr John O'Malley will offer a quick overview of that history and then show how the abuse crisis and Pope Francis promotion of "Synodality" raise the laity to a new prominence for our times.

#### Sacramental Preparation

Adult Confirmation preparation is offered for any adult Catholic who desires to be confirmed. The sessions will begin **January 8**. The registration form and calendar information can be found at [www.trinity.org/adult-confirmation](http://www.trinity.org/adult-confirmation). A Baptism preparation session will be offered **January 11** at 10am in McKenna Hall. Please register at [www.trinity.org/infant-baptism](http://www.trinity.org/infant-baptism).

#### Women in the Bible Series

Save the Dates! The Women in the Bible Winter Series: The Women Who Stood Up will begin **February 3**, at 7pm in McKenna Hall. Additional dates include **February 10**, **February 24** and **March 2**. All are welcome! For more information, please email [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

### SERVE

#### Grateful for Your Service in 2019!

As we wrap up 2019 and enter a new decade, please accept our sincere gratitude for your support of social justice this year. Thanks to your leadership, volunteer hours, time, talents, donations and funds, the Social Justice Ministry had an impact locally, on the border, and internationally at our sister parishes in Haiti and El Salvador.

Thank you to all of you who answered our recent invitation to give this season. During Advent we worked with 13 organizations to collect over 1,300 gifts for women, men and children in need—and last weekend you delivered. Through our virtual giving tree, gift tags and RE Family-to-Family program, we collected bicycles, toys, clothes, home goods and more. Our RE Families provided gifts for 196 individuals through the Spanish Catholic Center in Gaithersburg. Thank you to Sue Blain, Susan Crawford, Sara deCarlo, Clare Doherty, Sarah Joseph, Paula Kougeas, Stephanie Park, Jade Reischauer, the Roy family, Kate Tromble, Janice Wilder, Barbara Zientek and our RE service coordinators for their leadership and coordination. A special thank you to Kathy DeJardin and our choir members and the Men's Club for funding the "North Pole."

Thank you all for welcoming our 10 guests from the Georgetown Ministry Center. This two-week effort only happens because of the support and participation of six volunteer coordinators and the hospitality of 21 families and groups.

Please consider being a part of social justice efforts at Holy Trinity in this new decade through monthly service opportunities, educational programming, Power of One, and pledging. On behalf of the Social Justice Committee, thank you and Merry Christmas!  
—Ashley Klick

#### Help Plan Power of One 2020

Power of One is scheduled for **June 6**. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Ashley Klick at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

### CONNECT

#### Young Adult Community Epiphany Party

Come celebrate the Epiphany together on Saturday, **January 4**, 6:30pm at in McKenna Hall. We will have good food, dancing, music, Catholic trivia and board games. Please bring a dish to share for this potluck-style event and board games if you have them. Sign up to bring a potluck dish at [www.trinity.org/signup](http://www.trinity.org/signup). For more info about the Young Adult Community, visit [www.trinity.org/young-adults](http://www.trinity.org/young-adults).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holiday Closings

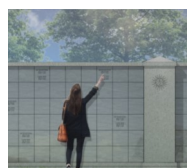
The Parish Center will be closed **December 24-27** and **January 1** and will close early at 12:30pm on December 23 and 31.

There will be no Religious Education classes **December 22** or **December 29**.



### Contest: Name the Founder's Day Mural

Youth Ministry will be hosting a contest to name this Pope Francis-inspired mural. The contest is open to any K-12 grade student. Please see contest rules and submit your title nomination at [www.trinity.org/mural](http://www.trinity.org/mural). Submissions are due **January 26**. Questions? Contact Rebecca Hoesterey at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org).



### Purchase a Niche

For more information about the Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery or to make a purchase, visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org).

### Stewardship Update

As we continue our 2020 Parish Pledge campaign, concern has been raised about recent news reports regarding Peter's Pence, a fund for which the Vatican raises money annually and which is used, in part, to meet the needs of people in extreme poverty. Funds for Peter's Pence are raised via a Second Collection in June of each year. No budgeted parish funds are directed to Peter's Pence; nor do any budgeted funds of the Archdiocese go to Peter's Pence. Only funds specifically raised for and designated to Peter's Pence go to Peter's Pence, and so no part of anyone's financial gift to Holy Trinity is used for this purpose. For a balanced and fair treatment of the issues involved, please see the article in *America* magazine found at [www.trinity.org/america](http://www.trinity.org/america).

For those desiring to designate their pledges exclusively for Holy Trinity programs, we offer Christmas and Easter pledgeable funds, as well as the option of designating gifts to specific parish programs. Go to [www.trinity.org/pledge](http://www.trinity.org/pledge) then scroll to the drop-down menu for options.

Thank you for your support of the mission of Jesus Christ as we live it out through our worship services and ministries.

—Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship,  
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### I Pray with Mommy, cont. from page 1

This imaginative form of prayer is new for us as a family. I've used imaginative prayer on my own, but I thought of it as a solitary practice and kept my prayer life quite private. That changed last spring when I participated in the parish's six-week Lenten Retreat in Daily Life. During this retreat, God guided me gently, always gently, to a new way of praying with my children. It began quite simply. While praying during the retreat, I prayed in my 5-year-old's room after he had gone to sleep each night. It was a quiet space and it was comforting for me and hopefully my son as he slept.

*Little sneakers*  
*A Mardi Gras crown*  
*A beloved robot*  
*The candle flickers*  
*Spiderman*  
*Big bear*  
*My beautiful son is sleeping*  
*At peace*  
*The clock ticks*  
*Waves roar*  
*And I pray*

Halfway through the six-week retreat, I heard a speaker talk about how she was teaching her kids to care for themselves by letting them see how she cares for her own spiritual life. I wondered why I never shared that I was doing a spiritual retreat with my family. I guess I just assumed they wouldn't be interested. That evening, I decided to tell my 5-year-old that I've been participating in a six-week retreat and as part of it, I'd been praying in his room after he has gone to sleep. He asked me if he ever woke up while I was praying and I told him no, but I liked that he was with me, even in his sleep. Next, he surprised me and asked me if, one day, he could be awake while I was praying. Yes, of course!

The next evening, while I was putting my 2-year-old to bed, my 5-year-old had already gathered up my candle, matches, and bible and brought them into his room. For the very first time I prayed using imaginative prayer with my child. When we were finished praying, he blew out the candle and exclaimed, "Mommy! This is so fun! So fun! Mommy, I think we should do this with my little brother, too." My heart burst with pride, surprise and love. I thanked God. The next week at school, he drew a picture. He named it, "I pray with mommy."

A few nights later, I asked my 2-year-old to join us. My littlest one gleefully mimicked what his big brother was doing and it was pure joy. Within one prayer session, my 2-year-old took things into his own hands. If it's a long day and we're all tired, I sometimes try and just put my kids to bed after reading time. But my 2-year-old is persistent. "No! I pray! Come pray! Come pray!" So, we light a candle as he picks up the Bible and my journal. He insists that all four of our family members are present and we pray.

My Mother's Day gift last Spring was a new prayer candle and matches. Thank you, my boys. We pray.

Together we pray! ■