



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

January 12, 2020



Greetings from Macau

Dear Fr. Kevin Gillespie,

Greetings from Macau! A blessed Christmas Season and a Promising 2020 to you and Holy Trinity School!

The packet with the lovely hand-drawn Christmas cards by your students were waiting for me in my office. How very sweet and meaningful is this project! We have given some of the cards to the Jesuits who were present at the dinner in Macau this evening. They were very happy and impressed by your students.

The school must be a caring school with inspiring educators. Please kindly send our gratitude to Mr. Kevin McShane, the principal, and the students who drew those Christmas cards!

We also pray that 2020 will be a specially meaningful and fruitful year for your ministry, the school community, especially the students! May some of them have the calling to visit China and this part of the world of St. Francis Xavier!

Peace,

Stephen Chow, S.J.

Provincial of the Chinese Province
Society of Jesus

Laity in the Church

By John W. O'Malley, SJ

When Vatican II invited some laymen and laywomen as observers and then issued a long decree on "On the Apostolate of the Laity," it was heralded as breaking new ground. In truth however, until Vatican I (1869-1870), the laity played important roles in all the previous councils. Moreover, until then laymen and sometimes laywomen played determining roles in church governance, including the nomination of bishops. Vatican II was, therefore, trying to regain lost ground rather than initiating something new.

We need to recall that Emperor Constantine convoked the first ecumenical council. Nicaea, 325. He held it in his palace there and sometimes presided at its sessions. The bishop of Rome, though invited, did not attend but sent two priests to represent him. Constantine set a pattern for the future...centuries after Nicaea I, for instance, Empress Irene convoked Nicaea II.

In the Middle Ages, the popes began to claim exclusive right to convocate councils. Nonetheless, Pope Paul III may never have convoked the Council of Trent in the 16th century had he not been under constant pressure from Emperor Charles V to do so. Although the pope wanted to restrict the agenda to the doctrinal issues raised by Luther, the emperor successfully secured that the council also deal with church reform. To aid the bishops in their deliberations, the pope sent three theologians. Queen Mary of Hungary sent eight.

Until the 19th century, lay authorities nominated candidates for most episcopal sees throughout Europe and Latin America. The Holy See, of course, had to approve the nominations. Some ugly confrontations ensued, but for the most part the process went along without incident. Only after Vatican I did the papacy

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Historical Perspectives on the Laity in the Church

Today! January 12, 10:10am, Trinity Hall

Fr. John O'Malley, S.J. 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.

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

by Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship

In *The Lord of the Rings*, Lady Galadriel gifts to Frodo to light of Earendil as he is about to embark into the darkness of Mordor: "I give you the light of Earendil, our most beloved Star. May it be for you a light in dark places, when all other lights go out."

The season after the Epiphany (the Christian Feast of Light, when we remember the Magi who followed the light of the star to the place where Jesus was born) reminds us that our Christian vocation is to be light in dark places. We persist in reflecting the one light when all other lights go out.

Following the light of Christ, reflecting Christ's light in the world, is what Christian stewardship is all about. How do we use the blessings we've been given to magnify the light of Christ, especially in the world's darkest places?

Not all of us can walk into the Mordors of the world...but all of us can pray for those who labor in such places, and all of us can give a portion of our resources to support the Church's front-line ministries.

This is what the Parish Pledge is—giving money as a symbol and tool of all our blessings, in support of the Church as it undergirds and carries out the work of bringing light into darkness, through its prayerful worship and good works.

Pledges of money and time represent the light that we as Holy Trinity project against the darkness...the light of reason and education against ignorance and fear; the light of spiritual formation against materialistic reductionism and the hollowness of modern culture; the light of compassion and advocacy and justice against the stridently dehumanizing voices and acts that surround us; the light of a God of universal love over and above those who would confine God to a narrow channel of self-interest.

The light of your pledge commitment shines in the darkness by making possible our Masses and worship services and prayers, our Christian formation and Ignatian spirituality programs, our social justice work and the ministries of inclusion that have long been woven into our parish identity.

Our 2020 Pledge Drive in support of this light is going well, with participation and giving as of 12/31/19 running ahead of 12/31/18! *Soon we will begin our annual Phone-A-Thon, reaching many who pledged last year but have not yet done so this year* – if that includes you, please consider renewing your pledge today, before the Phone-A-Thon gets underway later this month. **And to those who have pledged for 2020 – thank you for playing such a critical role in making sure the light of Holy Trinity continues to shine!**

Pledges can be made online at www.trinity.org/pledge or by contacting me at rschuler@trinity.org or (202) 903-2843. Thank you.

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 January 13, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Paddy Hennessy +
	5:30pm	Mark Allison+
Tuesday	7:00am	Joe Cryan+
	5:30pm	Sr Peter Coccaro+
Wednesday	8:00am	Daniel Ferro+
	5:30pm	Arlene Farnan+
Thursday	8:00am	Allison Kate Furey+
	5:30pm	Kenneth & Delores Bellis+
Friday	8:00am	Jeffrey M. Keffer+
	5:30pm	John Hogan
Saturday	8:00am	Richard McCabe

Pray for those who are sick: *Ray Hoare*

Pray for those who are dead: *Hanna Margaret; Frances Young; Daniel Fierro; John and Connie McCormick*

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/Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2846

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 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 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. Questions about registering can be directed to registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter (sign up at 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 or by emailing 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 and Vice President Jim Thessin at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

PRAY

God's Abiding Love Retreat in Daily Life

February 2-8; Registration deadline is **January 19**



Are you curious about Ignatian spirituality?

Do you desire a closer relationship with God? Do you want to engage your intellect, feelings and imagination in prayer? Please consider making our Ignatian retreat made while you work, live at home and go about your daily activities. For more information, see the brochures as the entrances to the church

and chapel or register online at www.trinity.org/retreats.

LEARN

Role of the Laity: A Follow-Up Conversation

January 19, 10:10am, Upper School Cafeteria
Parishioner and Georgetown University Theology Professor Dr. Anthony Tambasco will lead the discussion of the laity's role in the church today and engage in conversation about how the current realities align with vision of Vatican II. How can we play an active role in the life of the Church? Come and share your thoughts! *(It isn't necessary to have attended the January 12 session.)*

Chapel Chat: Eucharist on our Hearts and on our Feet

January 26, 4pm, McKenna Hall. The Young Adult Community invites the wider parish community to an interactive, on-your-feet workshop on the Mass led by Fr. Ben Hawley, SJ. The workshop will explore cosmic significance of the Mass for all people and all time, as well as we who live and pray together in this time and place. Best prep for the workshop: Ask yourself, Why do you come to mass? Who do you say that He is?

First Eucharist Parent Meeting #2

January 26, Trinity Hall. 10:10 am. Student resources and materials for parents will be distributed. All parents and guardians who will accompany their child on the journey of preparation need to attend. For more information, please contact Judith Brusseau.

Building Your Toolbox for Justice

The next installment of Building Your Toolbox for Justice will focus on immigration advocacy and will be held on **February 1** from 10am-12pm in McKenna Hall.



Save the date! Room Parent Meeting

February 2, 10:10am, Upper School Cafeteria

The parents who serve as Room parents should attend this meeting to assist in the on going- support of the Sunday Morning Religious Education Program. Additional materials will be emailed to you. Contact REAdmin@trinity.org for additional information.

Women in the Bible Series

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.



SERVE

Today! Learn More About the Care of Our Common Home

Learn more about the Care of our Common Home with the HT Green Team today, **January 12** at 10am in the Lower School Big Room with a presentation on harnessing wind energy from our oceans. All are welcome! For more information, email John Hisle at htgreenteam@trinity.org.

Support our Sister Parishes

Learn more about our efforts in Haiti at the next committee meeting on **January 12** at 10:15am in the Upper Room. The first committee meeting for Maria Madre will be on **January 15** from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Center Library. All are welcome!

Serve on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Volunteers are needed to serve breakfast and lunch at the Fr. McKenna Center on **January 20**. Eight volunteers are needed for the early shift (7:30-10:30am) and eight to 10 volunteers for the later shift (10:30am-1:30pm). Children 10 and older are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Sign up at www.trinity.org/mckenna.



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.

MLK Shabbat Interfaith Service

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the annual interfaith Shabbat evening at Washington Hebrew Congregation on **January 17**. The evening begins at 5:30pm with a special dinner that welcomes guests—the members and clergy from WHC's community partner churches and mosques. Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), will speak. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person, and reservations are required. There is no charge to attend the service. RSVP at www.trinity.org/shabbat.



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asexual and their families and friends. Next meeting is January 12 at 1pm in the Neale Room. Further information can be found at www.trinity.org/lgbtqia. For more information, contact Bill Corcoran at LGBTQIA+@trinity.org.

Holy Trinity School Open House

Please join us for an Admissions Open House on **January 23** at 9am in McKenna Hall! 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. RSVP at www.htsdc.org/visit.



Connect with the 50+ Group

The Holy Trinity 50+ Group has an exciting schedule of activities organized for parishioners who are 50 or over, married or single, working or retired. We have a large, active, and fun group of folks who participate and hope you will join us. If you would like to get on the email list to receive information about activities, service, outings and to take part in monthly events, contact Linda Wiessler-Hughes at michaelinda88@hotmail.com.

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begin to nominate bishops through an exclusively clerical process.

Such developments in the late 19th century were not the result of papal power grabs but of the political unrest resulting from the French Revolution. It was no longer clear which governments were legitimate and which would last for more than a few years. Moreover, democracy was taking hold, a new situation that authorities did not know how to handle. If the laity were to participate, which laity? How chosen? How to make sure the choice represented a consensus and not a powerful minority?

These questions are still with us today, and we do not see a clear path ahead. Nonetheless, Pope Francis has taken a remarkable step forward in the way he has introduced the laity into the Synods of Bishops. Perhaps even more significant is his promotion of synods on the local and national level, in which he has insisted on the full participation of the laity. This synodal program has many obstacles to overcome, but, if it should be implemented in even a partial and imperfect way, it could give the laity a voice that could make a difference. Stay tuned! ▀

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**.



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. Submissions are due **January 26**. Questions? Contact Rebecca Hoesterey at rhoesterey@trinity.org.