



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

February 2, 2020



Presentation of the Lord

By David Pennington

Your word has been fulfilled! My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people - a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people, Israel. (from the Canticum of Simeon - Luke 2: 29-32)

Hopefully, you noticed or will notice a very different start to Mass this weekend. That's because this weekend, our observance of ordered (Ordinary Time) Sundays of the Liturgical Year are interrupted for a special feast, the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is celebrated annually on February 2, and, because it's a feast about Jesus himself, it takes the place of the Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Presentation of the Lord was formerly known as the "Purification of Mary" and is popularly known as "Candlemas." The Missal and Lectionary after the Second Vatican Council make it clear that today's feast is a Christological (that is, a Christ-centered) one. The Presentation of the Lord has been observed in the Eastern Churches (as Feast of the Meeting or Encounter), since at least the fourth century. Over the course of time, and after some international liturgical influence, the Presentation Feast made its way into the Roman calendar by the seventh or eighth century. When the feast moved north of the Alps from Rome to Gaul, a

procession with blessing of candles was added to highlight a main theme of the celebration - the revelation of Christ as Messiah.

Central to the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord is the Gospel for the day - Luke's account of Jesus' presentation in the temple by Mary and Joseph and Simeon's poetic response to seeing the child with his *Canticum of Simeon*). The prophets Simeon and Anna are temple fixtures who have prayed for the coming of the Messiah, worshipped and fasted for much of their lives. They recognize the child Jesus immediately. Simeon acclaim him the Messiah - a light for the nations - and - the glory of Israel. Finally, after all of his years of prayer, "[his] eyes have seen the salvation promised." This manifestation, this epiphany in the temple is foretold in in today's first reading. The people who have longed for a Savior can now see him.

Frequently we use candles as symbols to give honor, dispel darkness, and to symbolize insight or understanding. Our Easter Candle is a symbol of Christ's triumph over darkness and death. Candles are given to the newly baptized as a symbol of their illumination after having been initiated in the sacrament. The light of our Advent wreath grows each week as we light another candle in preparation for the coming of Light of the World at Christmas.

This weekend, we begin our liturgies with a procession and blessing of candles to celebrate this illumination, epiphany, manifestation of God's in-breaking through Jesus. The light which Simeon proclaims will be echoed in our lighting candles in the assembly at the beginning of the liturgy. We will join in prayer with Simeon and Anna that we, too, might be enlightened to recognize the Messiah in our day. By our symbolic lighting of candles, may the darkness of doubt, fear, and anger may be brightened by Christ who makes himself known to us in love, compassion, kindness, selflessness, and in the breaking of the bread.

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Sister Parish Sunday

Today! February 2, McKenna Hall
Following the 7:30am, 9am & 11:30am Masses
Curious about our work in Haiti and El Salvador?
Visit committee members in McKenna Hall to learn
more. Haitian coffee will be available for sale!

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

Some 30 years ago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the late Archbishop of Chicago and then-chair of the U.S. bishops pro-life committee, presented a seminal talk when he proposed a "consistent life ethic" framework that connected opposition to abortion with those positions opposed to capital punishment, euthanasia and nuclear war. As a metaphor for this consistent life ethic, the cardinal used the image of a "seamless garment."

Several patterns of this seamless garment were manifested this past weekend by Holy Trinity parishioners. On Monday night, some 20 parishioners at Georgetown University's Gaston Hall viewed the premiere of *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story*. Sponsored by the University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, the one-hour documentary film (soon to be broadcast on PBS) describes the life of an extraordinary woman whose radical faith inspired the pacifist movement known as the Catholic Worker. At the panel discussion following the movie, it was pointed out that a cause for Day's canonization is moving forward.

The previous evening, I had the pleasure of being with a dozen parishioners to view Catholic Mobilizing Network's screening of *Just Mercy*. This profound film relates the true story of how 30 years ago, an African-American man named Walter McMillian was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in Alabama. As the movie showed, the charges had been trumped up, and, after a number of years on death row, McMillian was freed.

Another fabric of Cardinal Bernardin's seamless garment was woven into four parish liturgies last weekend. On Friday morning, Father Tim Kesicki, the president of the Jesuit Conference, presided over a liturgy attended by more than 100 Jesuit high school students from around the nation. Then, on Saturday morning, a flock of faith-filled college students attended the 8am Mass in the chapel. Their presence preceded their participation in Georgetown University's 21st annual Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life. This chapel liturgy was followed by another Mass attended by students and Jesuits from the College of the Holy Cross, who were preparing to attend the same conference. Later, at our Saturday evening Vigil Mass, hundreds of youth from churches and schools from Alabama and Kansas and who had participated in Friday's March for Life descended on our church.

Besides these extraordinary examples of our parish's engagement with the consistent life ethic, there were the regular manifestations visible at the coffee and donuts gatherings where our generous volunteer teams had tables supporting our sister parishes in El Salvador and Haiti. Certainly, Holy Trinity parish demonstrates—by our activism, hospitality and generosity—the values of the consistent life ethic. By doing so, we continue to weave together Cardinal Bernardin's seamless garment and are witnessing the Gospel of Christ for our nation.

Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, SJ

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 February 3, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Christopher Baker+
	5:30pm	Joscka Asperilla+
Tuesday	7:00am	Kim Woodhouse+
	5:30pm	Bill Caventer+
Wednesday	8:00am	Katherine Connolly+
	5:30pm	Clementina Savage+
Thursday	8:00am	Charles Willis+
	5:30pm	Hannah Margaret Lee+
Friday	8:00am	Georgine Boss+
	5:30pm	Catherine Leisher+
Saturday	8:00am	Doris Evans+

Pray for those who are sick: *Christina Rodriguez*

Pray for those who are dead: *Alfred Zustovich; John Didion; Virginia Hermes; Todd Davies*

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) 903-2807
- 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) 903-2807 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

A Lenten Retreat: Drawn from the Spiritual Exercises

February 23- April 4
Registration deadline:
February 9

Have you made an Ignatian retreat in daily life? Or have you made the full Spiritual Exercises? Do you want to enter into the Lenten season with more intentionality? Consider making the parish's six week retreat in the comfort of your own home.

To register, visit www.trinity.org/retreats or pick up a brochure at the entrances to the church and chapel. Questions? moshea@trinity.org.



"We keep our eyes clearly fixed on Jesus...In doing so, we become more like the One we walk with to Calvary: more loving, more faithful, more generous, and more compassionate."
—Rev. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

LEARN

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.

A Dialogue with Members of the Global Ignatian Advocacy Network

February 5, 6:30pm, McKenna Hall. Join seven Jesuit migration practitioners working around the world to discuss the global state of migration, how the Society of Jesus is engaged in these issues, and what challenges we face as a global network. RSVP at www.trinity.org/rsvp.



MOVIE MOMENTS OF GRACE
Presents

BlacKkKlansman

February 8, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall
Refreshments/Discussion follow in McKenna Hall
Incredible if it were not true, the story of the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, he sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan and take it down.
RSVP to htmmog@gmail.com.
Trailer: www.trinity.org/MMOG.

Raising Faith-Filled Kids: Building Inclusive Communities by Understanding Differences

February 9, 10:10am, Trinity Hall.

Having conversations about respecting diversity in many areas can be a sensitive topic for parents to discuss with their children. Yet, it is necessary in order to be welcoming to everyone. Parishioners Dr. Roly Diaz, Clinical Psychologist and Dr. Thea C. Bruhn, a social scientist, will help parents develop a conversational framework to help their children begin to embrace inclusivity in keeping with our Catholic values. All are welcome. This presentation may include topics that are not appropriate for younger children. Childcare will be available in the Upper School Cafeteria.

Jesuit Encuentro Program

April 2-6, Deadline for sign-up is February 15

This trip is an opportunity to dive deeper into the challenges faced by migrants on both sides of the border, the impact of US policies on those working and living in El Paso, and the work of the churches, individuals and organizations to live a faith that does justice. This trip prepares participants to put their learning into action when they return to DC. Participants must be over 18. Space is limited. Please contact Margie Legowski at margielegowski@gmail.com for more information and an application.

SERVE

Monthly Food Drive: Fr. McKenna Center

Please bring your nonperishable donations (baked beans, jelly, soup and canned fruit are always welcome)

February 8 & 9 and place them in the bins outside church. Their Food Pantry provides low income families from Ward 6 in Washington, D.C. the opportunity to secure supplemental groceries. With the help of our monthly drives, last year more than 600 families accessed the Food Pantry, and the Center provided food to support more than 52,000 meals in the community. Thank you!

Volunteer with Housing Up on February 22

Volunteers are needed to create toiletry kits for the 700 residents Housing Up serves. Housing Up's mission is to provide families with opportunities to transform their lives and thrive through affordable housing and support services. Sign up at trinity.org/volunteer.

Power of One June 6

At Holy Trinity, our faith and Ignatian tradition call us to build a more just world that upholds dignity, equality and access to social and economic opportunity for all. Our social justice ministry supports and facilitates living a life of justice and peace, and once a year we try to do this together as a parish. We call it the Power of One. This year, we will celebrate and serve together on Saturday, June 6. We are working to create opportunities for service around the DC Metro area that day. If you would like to be part of the planning, please contact Ashley Klick, aklick@trinity.org

CONNECT

Today!

Landings Meeting

February 2, 1pm, Neale Room

Landings is our ministry with returning and inactive Catholics who are thinking about becoming more active in their faith. Landings is a place for conversation, questions and sharing about our faith journey. For more information, email landings@trinity.org or call Judith Brusseau at (202) 903-2807.

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Meeting

February 2, 2pm, Neale Room

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Holy Trinity School Gala & Auction

All parishioners are invited to the annual Gala & Auction, **February 29**, 7pm, Sequoia on the Georgetown Waterfront. This leap day, expect the unexpected. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.trinity.org/gala.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesuit Jeopardy Answers

Thank you to everyone who played along to Jesuit Jeopardy featured in the January 19 Pastor's Desk of this bulletin. The answers are as follows: 1. Sequoia; 2. Housing Up; 3. Georgetowner of the Year; 4. All Souls Day; 5. Fr. Tim O'Brien and Fr. Pat Earl; 6. Phyllis Zagano; 7. Bishop Michael W. Fisher; 9. St. Mary's City; 10. 7th/8th Boys Basketball (Mid-Atlantic); 11. The Cross (*Crux Gloriosa*); 12. Kathleen Coogan; 13. Sinatra, the parish cat; 14. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, JFK; 15. *Mystery on Holy Hill*

Thank You Johnnie Greene!

Please join us in saying thank you and farewell to valued employee Johnnie Greene on **February 5** from 12-2pm in McKenna Hall. Johnnie has been with Holy Trinity almost 20 years in the facilities department, and he will be greatly missed. All are welcome to attend the lunch. Please RSVP to communications@trinity.org. Cards may be left at the front desk of the Parish Center.

Baptism Preparation

A session will be offered **February 10** at 7pm in McKenna Hall. Please register www.trinity.org/infant-baptism or contact REadmin@trinity.org for more details.

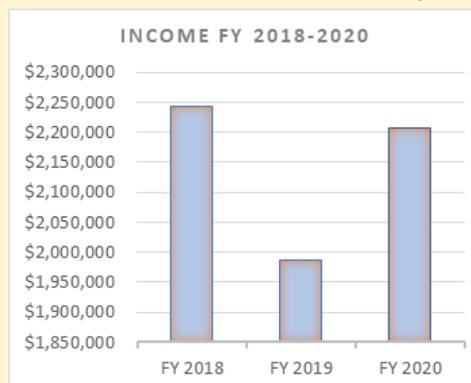
Holy Trinity Stewardship Update

Thank you so much to all who support Holy Trinity financially! Your generosity and commitment make it possible for us to live out our Jesuit mission. The 2020 Pledge Campaign is off to a great start. A total of 888 families have pledged so far (compared to 737 families this time last year). The total amount pledged to date toward our \$2.7M budget is \$1.957M (compared to \$1.589M this time last year).

If you have already offered your 2020 Pledge, we are grateful for your continued commitment. If you have not yet offered a 2020 pledge, please consider doing so by contacting Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at rschuler@trinity.org or (202) 903-2843. We ended 2019 with the following data points:

1. Number of Pledging Households: 1,236
2. Average Pledge per Household: \$2,389
3. 2019 Pledges Received as of 12/31/2019 (pie chart): \$2,769,460

FY 2020 Income as of 12/31/2019 (bar graph) was \$2,069,031. This represents overall operational income for the first six months of the Fiscal Year. The Income Chart reflects the bulk of our proceeds: Pledge payments, Easter/Christmas donations, and Offertory gifts. Income data is for each Fiscal Year July 1 – Dec 31.



The Pledge Chart shows the amount pledged for CY 2019, and the amount paid on those pledges through 12/31/19. Pledges make up the single largest share of our revenue. We are totally dependent on pledge payments to employ staff, conduct worship, and embark on the many worthy ministries of Holy Trinity. Thank you to all who made and met their 2019 pledges! If you have a question about your pledge balance, please contact Rock Schuler.

