



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

March 1, 2020

Connections that Strengthen Our Faith

By Richard Shullaw

As I sat in church in December, surrounded by all the symbols of Christmas, I looked at those around me and reflected on our many connections. Sitting near me were two of my fellow Homebound Communion Ministers. Scattered through the gathering were those Eucharistic Ministers I join at the altar when scheduled to help distribute Communion. Other individuals I knew from the many years I helped facilitate Grief Support sessions. And I also saw those with whom I had served on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). My three-year term on the PPC taught me a great deal about the wide range of programs the parish offers, and the magnificently talented leaders who devote their time to make them successful in broadening our faith.

When I first became a parishioner in 1977, I sat quietly in my pew with my wife and children, not involved in the programs of the parish. That changed in 1991, after the death of my mother and in 1992 when my wife and I divorced. In that period of sadness, I knew I needed help and to step outside my private self. I got involved with the Grief Support Group, where I learned from Bill Hocking and Maureen Leventhal, masters of empathy, compassion and caring, to listen quietly to those who grieved, to provide support and let them know that they were not alone and—in the words of Thornton Wilder—that the greatest gift we can give to those we have loved and lost is “not grief, but gratitude.”

I also joined the Homebound Communion Ministry. As ministers, we not only deliver Communion, but provide companionship and caring; for some of those we see, we may be the only person they see that week. Sharing the insights found in the weekly readings, learning who they are and letting them know that they are thought of and appreciated as part of the parish community, has been a special grace.

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Planting Trees in Guadalajara

By Amanda Erickson

Parishioner Yolanda Gayol wanted to do something about climate change—so she set her sights on planting trees. Trees are natural weapons against climate change, absorbing carbon dioxide. Trees can also provide shade, help fight flooding in coastal communities and support biodiversity.

Yolanda enlisted her graduate students in Guadalajara, Mexico, to plant 250 trees. She also worked with her students to make sure the trees were cared for. The students connected with neighbors who could check in on the trees; every tree is also photographed and tracked in an effort to identify the trees that are best suited for their environment. The project has not always progressed smoothly, however—one student was nearly arrested for planting a tree in a public park! The university gave him a letter explaining the project in case he was further questioned.

When Yolanda talks to her students about climate change, she frames it as a conversation about “protecting life.” Making a difference will require systematic change, and we all have a part to play. “Examine every action,” she says. “Everyday life matters.” Anyone can make an impact by reducing their consumer footprint, lowering their thermostat, cutting back on meat, or using less plastic. •

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Stations of the Cross & Their Symbolism

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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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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

By Anne Koester, RCIA Coordinator

Looking for a Lenten practice? One suggestion is to pay attention to what will be happening with the adults and children who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Season of Lent invites all of us who are baptized to walk the journey to the font with them and to be ready to welcome them into the Body of Christ.

It will all begin on the First Sunday of Lent with the parish Rite of Sending for Election. During this rite, we as a parish community recognize the catechumens to be baptized at the coming Easter Vigil and assure them of our blessings and prayers as we “send” them to Archbishop Gregory, who will call them to the Easter Sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

From the day of election through the 40 day period of Lent, called the period of purification and enlightenment for the Elect, our Elect are invited into a more intense time of spiritual preparation as they anticipate the Easter sacraments. As Lenten people, we are called to “give the Elect the example of [our] own renewal in the spirit of penance, faith, and charity” (RCIA 9(4)).

The Elect look to us to give authentic witness to living these spiritual disciplines—and not only during Lent. As the baptized assembly who is present for the scrutiny rites celebrated with the elect, those rituals of self-searching and repentance on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, we pray with the Elect that all that is “weak, defective, or sinful” in their hearts be healed and all that is “upright, strong, and good” within them be strengthened (RCIA 141). This is our responsibility—as the baptized, as people who also know, at times, weakness and sinfulness, and the need to be strengthened.

At the Easter Vigil, when our elect are plunged into the waters of baptism, incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, we who are already baptized find meaning in renewing our own baptismal promises (RCIA 9(4)), recommitting ourselves to the faith we profess and embody.

And after the Easter Vigil, our work is not yet done, for we are to “welcome the neophytes (the newly baptized) with open arms in charity, and help them to feel more at home in the community” (RCIA 5). The neophytes are to “experience a full and joyful welcome,” which, in turn, should bring us a “renewal of inspiration and of outlook” (RCIA 246).

We walk with our neophytes throughout the Easter season – and beyond – when we are called to grow together in deepening our understanding of the paschal mystery, making it part of our lives through reflection on the Gospel, sharing the eucharist, and doing the works of charity (RCIA 244).

Please pray for our Elect: Nick, Mayer, Darcy, Lizi, Nancy, Jim, Rich, Tara, Diana, Rory and Hans.

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 March 2, 2020

Monday	7:00am	John Delaney+
	5:30pm	Kent Huntington+
Tuesday	7:00am	David Blee+
	5:30pm	Pedro R. Arrocha+
Wednesday	8:00am	The Altobelli Family
	5:30pm	John Lacz+
Thursday	8:00am	M. John O'Connell+
	5:30pm	Linus Beck+
Friday	8:00am	Harry Gray+
	5:30pm	Phyllis D'Agostino+
Saturday	8:00am	Maria Metzler Johnson+

Pray for those who are sick: *For those we hold in our hearts*

Pray for those who are dead: *Richard Joseph Carter; Amelita Sunga*

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.

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.

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

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
- Youth Confirmation: Rebecca Hoesterey, (202) 903-2846
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Moira Duggan at (202) 903-2806 or mduggan@trinity.org.

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.

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.

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.



A Lenten Journey at Holy Trinity

Today!

Adult Faith Formation: How Jewish Traditions Influenced the Eucharist

March 1, 10:10am, Chapel of St. Ignatius
Fr. McDermott will examine the Jewish roots of the Eucharist, which are critical for appreciating what Jesus was and is offering his friends: a new Passover, a new Manna and a new Bread of Presence. On **March 8**, come back for the second part, when he will offer a theological reflection on the Eucharist.

Praying in Sacred Space: A Lenten Practice

Saturdays, 4-5pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4



You are invited to an hour of guided prayer using the Sacred Space booklets. Join our budding community of pray-ers as we reflect on Lenten Scripture passages. Registration is not necessary. Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Martina at moshea@trinity.org.

Stations of the Cross and their Symbolism

March 4, 7pm, Church

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Share a Simple Supper

Enjoy a simple meal and prayerful conversation; Fridays in March, 6pm, McKenna Hall

- March 6** Hosted by Youth Ministry
- March 13** Hosted by Sister Parish Committees with guest speaker Monsignor Ray East
- March 20** Hosted by Movie Moments of Grace Film: *In Bruges*, 6:45pm, Trinity Hall
- March 27** Hosted by Religious Education Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Church

Communal Penance Service: Care for Our Common Home

March 18, 7pm, Church

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls for a radical reorientation of the role of humanity with creation. He says that we have "come to see ourselves as [the Earth's] lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will." (LS, 2). Join with fellow parishioners in prayer and penance for the times when we have not contributed to the flourishing of the earth and look forward to the day when an ecological metanoia might be fulfilled to the benefit of the earth, humankind, and the poor.

Lenten Schedule & Resources

View our full schedule through Easter and access Lenten resources online at www.trinity.org/Lent.

PRAY

Young Adult Community Mass

March 8, 7:15pm, Chapel

The Young Adult Community (YAC) will gather for Mass in St. Ignatius Chapel, followed by our potluck YAC Café for food and fellowship in McKenna Hall. All are welcome! Bringing food to share is appreciated.

SERVE

Next Weekend!

Monthly Food Drive: Fr. McKenna Center

Please bring your nonperishable donations (baked beans, jelly, soup and canned fruit are always welcome) **March 7 & 8** 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!

Reversing Global Warming: An Introduction to Drawdown

March 8, 3-5pm, McKenna Hall

Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking workshop to learn what actions you can take to be part of the solution to climate change. Project Drawdown is a coalition of more than 200 researchers and other experts from 22 countries led by author, environmentalist, and entrepreneur Paul Hawken. Attend this two hour workshop hosted by the HT Green Team to learn more about this comprehensive plan and meet others in our community who are actively working toward making a difference. RSVP is required at www.trinity.org/RSVP.

Direct Service Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available for April and May. On **April 18**, parishioners of all ages are invited to help clean up Dumbarton Oaks Park, and on May 8-10, Holy Trinity is hosting a drive for the Greater DC Diaper Bank. You may learn more about these opportunities at www.trinity.org/social-justice.

Youth Ministry Adult Core Team

Are you interested in regularly serving the youth of our parish? We are forming a Youth Ministry Adult Core Team for the coming year, and we would love your participation! All ages (high school graduate and up) and all vocations are welcome. Email Rebecca Hoestery at rhoesterey@trinity.org if you are interested in learning more about potential responsibilities and involvement.

LEARN

Today!

Dying to Live: Stories from Refugees

March 1, 4pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

Join Danielle Vella, Jesuit Refugee Service's Reconciliation Program Director, to discuss her book *Dying to Live: Stories from Refugees on the Road to Freedom*. Featuring stories from across the globe, the book reveals the extraordinary courage, compassion and hope of the refugees and those who help them along the way. RSVP to aklick@trinity.org.

Women in the Bible Series

The Women in the Bible Winter Series: The Women Who Stood Up will begin 7pm in McKenna Hall. **March 2**. All are welcome! For more information, please email aklick@trinity.org.

An Afternoon with Sr. Sandra Schneiders: The Samaritan Woman

March 15, 4pm, Trinity Hall

Sr. Sandra Schneiders will explore the Samaritan Woman at the well and the lessons we can learn for women in the church today. She is professor emerita of New Testament studies and Christian spirituality at Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, Berkeley, Calif., and author of *Prophets in Their Own Country: Women Religious Bearing Witness to the Gospel in a Troubled Church* (2012), among other publications.

CONNECT

Today!

Landings Ministry Meeting

March 1, 1pm, Neale Room

Landings, our ministry with returning and inactive Catholics who are thinking about becoming more active in their faith, takes place on the first Sunday of the month. It is be a nonjudgmental space for conversation, questions, and sharing of our journeys and struggles with fellow parishioners. For more information, email landings@trinity.org or call Judith Brusseau at (202)903-2807.

Grief Support Group Meetings

The Holy Trinity Grief Support Group starts meeting on **March 7**. The group will meet for six consecutive Saturdays from 10:30am-12:30pm. For details and registration information, please visit www.trinity.org/parish-life.

LGBTQIA+ Meeting

March 15, 1pm, Neale Room.

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My experience has taught me that community requires effort, to go beyond ourselves, to be tolerant and compassionate and charitable in our dealings with others. Parish Life and its varied activities are part of our Holy Trinity community where we share our needs and build connections that give us faith, grace and strength by accompanying one another through the stages of our lives—becoming men and women of faith for others.

I am profoundly thankful for all that Holy Trinity has given me, and hope that I have been able to give back in some measure for all the grace that I have received from my fellow parishioners. That grace began in an utterly unexpected way when my then wife and I first arrived in Washington in 1977. I chose Holy Trinity because I had gone to Georgetown University and, before that, to Beaumont College, a Jesuit boarding school in Old Windsor, England. My then wife was Lutheran, and wanted to participate as much as possible in church services at Holy Trinity. We met with Fr. Jim English, who could not have been more welcoming to my wife, and who made her always feel comfortable coming to our services. His emphasis was on the common ties that unite us, rather than differences between our faiths.

That meeting and its result has stayed with me over all the intervening years, as a shining example of what makes the Holy Trinity community so very special, each day living up to its mission statement to welcome *all* to accompany one another in Christ, to celebrate God's love, and to transform lives. ▪

St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Parish Connections potluck **March 15** at 6:30 pm in McKenna Hall. Family, friends and children are welcome. Please bring a salad, appetizer, main course or dessert and your own bottle or beverage Sign up at www.trinity.org/potluck. For more information, see the Parish Life website or contact Diane Oakley, doaks.dianeOakley@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update

Naming plates for the pews and kneelers in the main church are being installed this week. We offer heartfelt thanks to the individuals and families who offered capital gifts in support of this effort. Donors who offered gifts to repair or refurbish other items in the church will be recognized on a beautiful, large donor plaque that will be installed in the entrance area of the church and which is in the process of being designed.

Baptism Preparation

A Baptism Preparation Session will be offered **March 7** at 10:10am in McKenna Hall. Please register at www.trinity.org/infant-baptism or contact REAdmin@trinity.org for more details.