



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

March 8, 2020



## Sharing (Eucharistic) Meals

By Kathleen Butler

When Hurricane Harvey blew into Houston in 2017, my mother's house was one of the many that were affected. It was four days after the rain stopped before we were finally able to get back into her house to start the cleanup. It was hot, sweaty, back-breaking and emotionally draining work. Like everyone in our neighborhood, we were spending days hauling furniture to the curb, pulling up carpeting and ripping out drywall and insulation.

There was a community spirit in the middle of it all, a sort of shared misery and sense of uncertainty about the future. Yet there were moments of shared grace where we least expected it. One hot afternoon, two cars pulled up to the ruined house next door and started unloading tables and enormous pans of food. They went door to door inviting anyone who wanted lunch to come outside. There was a buffet of chicken, rice and beans and

## COVID-19 Protocols at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity is carefully monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and discussing how it may impact our programs, classes, and Masses. We are in close consultation with the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) and local health departments.

**If you are sick, stay home.** ADW Sunday Masses air on WDCW-50 at 10:30am and may also be accessed online at [www.adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass](http://www.adw.org/parishes-masses/sunday-tv-mass). Audio of Holy Trinity homilies is posted weekly at [www.trinity.org/homilies](http://www.trinity.org/homilies).

Please make sure to visit our website and subscribe to our eLetter at [www.trinity.org/eLetter](http://www.trinity.org/eLetter) to receive the most current information and operating status. You can learn more about COVID-19 symptoms and prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Gatorade and water.

These were complete strangers; they had no connection to any of us other than the fact they knew we needed lunch. They told me they went to a different street each day and set up lunch for anyone who wanted it—a makeshift picnic assembled in the driveway or on the curb or wherever there was room. Neighbors kept coming, and pans of food kept coming out of the car. It was like a modern-day feeding miracle—all of us, strangers and friends, united around a simple meal given freely out of love.

The Eucharist that we share today is the same—it unites us with Christ and His Church and to one another in sacred and powerful ways. It calls us to the table, and it sends us out into the world to feed others. Perhaps we feed them through an act of compassion, a kind word or the gift of our time or talent in service to the Church.

Christ offers this saving gift to us precisely so that we

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## The Eucharist: Theological Reflections

**Today! March 8, 10:10am, Chapel of St. Ignatius**

Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J. returns with the second part of his discussion on the memorial of the Eucharist.

## 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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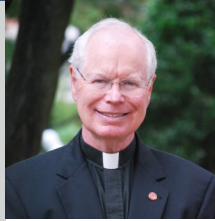
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## From the Pastor's Desk

Last weekend, some 200 laypeople and clergy from across the United States assembled for the annual Catholic Partnership Summit titled *From Crisis to Co-Responsibility: Creating A New Culture of Leadership*. Participants included three cardinals, several archbishops, a dozen bishops as well as the papal nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre and Archbishop Charles Scicluna. The latter serves as the point person for Pope Francis on global concerns and responses to the clergy abuse scandal. These ecclesiological leaders were there to listen to the lay leaders. Besides the latest developments around the clergy abuse scandal, the sessions also included such concerns as transparency, synodality, and succession planning. These panel sessions were followed by small group discussions.

One important discussion involved facing the realities of the ongoing loss of disaffiliative Catholics. These concerns were addressed through the book and video titled, *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics*. This qualitative study is a statistically sound sample of the 5.4 million individuals in the United States who are former Catholics between the ages of 15 and 25. The study led to three categories of disaffiliated Catholics: "The Injured," "The Drifter," and "The Dissenter." The Injured are those who have had negative experiences of Catholic religious and ritual practices whether ecclesial or familial. Drifters, meanwhile, are persons who have had little or no engagement with their faith—this often occurs when they lack companions on their spiritual journey (e.g. in high school and college). Finally, Dissenters actively disaffiliate from the Church over certain neuralgic social issues (e.g. abortion, contraception and same-sex marriage).

This important summit also dealt with issues surrounding governance, transparency and stewardship. Best practices of accountability and internal controls of parish finances were highlighted. In this respect, I am happy to report that Holy Trinity has an annual audit process. Indeed this past month our auditors at Handwerger, Cardegna, Funkhouser & Lurman, in investigating our parish's and school's management and internal controls, found "no significant difficulties."

Finally, the conference addressed concerns surrounding young adults defined as men and women between the ages of 18-39. Strategies of "succession planning" were offered. One pertinent question that continues to reverberate in my mind: "How many names of young adults do you know in your parish?" Remember— their generation will be the next cohort of faith leaders. Further information about the summit can be accessed through [www.trinity.org/summitt](http://www.trinity.org/summitt).

Upon leaving this important two day summit, I had the recognition that there are many concerns that need to be addressed and remedied, but I also had a feeling of hope for the future of the Catholic Church in the United States. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like to discuss any of these concerns further.

Rev. C Kevin Sullivan, S.J.

## 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 9, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Ann Gill+
	5:30pm	Rose Marie Karlsson
Tuesday	7:00am	The Chester Family
	5:30pm	The Zobayan Family
Wednesday	8:00am	Daniel Delsonno+
	5:30pm	The Steinwand Family
Thursday	8:00am	Liam Palmer
	5:30pm	John Santospirito+
Friday	8:00am	Vito Acconci+
	5:30pm	Pons Tadiar+
Saturday	8:00am	John Oliver James+

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Linda DuRoss; John Benjamin Varney; Rosemary Kraft*

**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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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) 903-2807 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](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).



## PRAY



### A Lenten Journey at Holy Trinity

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:30-5:15pm, Church

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 6pm, Chapel of St. Ignatius

#### Praying in Sacred Space: A Lenten Practice

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

**March 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](mailto:moshea@trinity.org).

#### Share a Simple Supper

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

**March 13:** Hosted by Sister Parish Committees. The Haiti and El Salvador Committees are co-hosting one of the Simple Suppers during Lent. The El Salvador Committee prepares the meal this year. Our guest speaker is esteemed Monsignor Ray East from St. Teresa of Avila. A passionate supporter of twinning, he was the keynote speaker at the recent National Twinning Conference in Nashville. Please RSVP at [www.trinity.org/supper](http://www.trinity.org/supper).

**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. We will have a mac & cheese dinner followed by a reflection on the Stations of the Cross led by children from 3rd-7th grade RE classes. All are welcome.

#### 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](http://www.trinity.org/Lent).

## LEARN

### Today!

#### 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.

#### 50+ Group: Travel to Your Health's Content

**March 9**, 6:30pm, Lower School Big Room

As we get a little older, traveling can involve more challenges and different risks. Experienced world traveler, retired nurse and long-time HT parishioner Katie Annulli will share information and tips on how to plan for a healthy trip and what to do if you get sick while traveling.

#### 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.



#### Raising Faith-Filled Kids: Helping Our Worried Kids

**March 29**, 10:10am, Trinity Hall

Can you recognize the signs of anxiety in your children? Dr. Bonnie Zucker, a psychologist, will discuss stress and anxiety in children. Learn how to help your children and teens by teaching them methods for challenging their faulty thinking and how to systematically face their fears.

#### Romero Center Ministries Trip

Youth Ministry is holding a service learning trip to the Romero Center in Camden, NJ from **July 20-25**. We have 15 spots available for any rising 9-12 grade student. We are also seeking out two male chaperones and one more female chaperone. Email Rebeca Hoesterey at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org) if you are interested in attending and to learn more details.

## SERVE

### Jesuit Parish Advocacy Day

On May 20, unite as people of faith inspired by Catholic Social Teaching and Ignatian Spirituality to call on Congress to enact humane migration policies in the US and beyond. Holy Trinity is hosting visitors on May 19 for Mass, dinner and advocacy prep. Please register to participate by **March 18** at [www.igsol.net/parish-advocacy](http://www.igsol.net/parish-advocacy). If you are interested in providing housing, hospitality or advocacy training, please contact Ashley Klick or visit [www.trinity.org/social-justice](http://www.trinity.org/social-justice).

### Upcoming Direct Service Opportunities

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](http://www.trinity.org/social-justice).

### Help Plan Our Parish-Wide Day of Service

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—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 **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 at [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

### 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 [rhoestery@trinity.org](mailto:rhoestery@trinity.org) for more information.

## CONNECT

### Next Weekend!

#### LGBTQIA+ Meeting

**March 15**, 1pm, Neale Room.

Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. Contact [LGBTQIA+@trinity.org](mailto:LGBTQIA+@trinity.org) for more information.

### St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Parish Connections potluck **March 15** at 6:30pm 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](http://www.trinity.org/potluck). For more information, see the Parish Life website or contact Diane Oakley, [doaks.dianeOakley@gmail.com](mailto:doaks.dianeOakley@gmail.com).

might share it with joy and gratitude. Every week we hear in the Eucharistic prayer, "This is my body...this is my blood...which is given for you."

The miracle of feeding the 5,000 appears in all four Gospels. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples, "Give them some food yourselves..." (*Mark 6:37*) I have to think Jesus already knew what He was going to do and yet, He still asks this of them. In John's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples bluntly, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (*John 6:5*) Where can we buy enough...? The "we" seems like a key part of this solution.

It may seem overwhelming to be Christ today in the world, but Jesus reminds us that we are not alone in this quest. He is, will be, and always has been part of this work—which is His, after all. We are doing this work, with the help of Jesus, present and real for us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. •

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

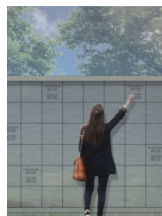
### Stewardship Update

**Leaving an Enduring Legacy that Minimizes your Taxes, Benefits your Loved Ones and Advances your Values.** *Are you interested in leaving a personal Legacy to your faith as a Jesuit-inspired Catholic? An enduring memorial for those who come after you? A way to continue to impact the world for good on behalf of those values you now cherish and uphold?*

If you are interested in leaving a Legacy gift through your estate to Holy Trinity, then please join Fr. Gillespie for a luncheon honoring current and potential members of our 1792 Society. The 1792 Society is a collection of parishioners who have made a commitment to leave an estate gift for Holy Trinity. Potential and current members are invited to hear Joanne Pipkin, CAP, the Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for the Archdiocese of Washington. Joanne will be discussing current best practices for maximizing the tax benefit and the charitable impact of estate gifts. Our focus will be on gifts for Holy Trinity yet the information provided will be broadly applicable.

Those who have made a legacy gift plan for Holy Trinity—and those who would be interested in doing so—are invited to the luncheon on **March 30** from 11:30am-1pm in McKenna Hall. Please RSVP to [parishlife@trinity.org](mailto:parishlife@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2801.

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



To learn more about the columbarium or to make a purchase, visit [www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org](http://www.holytrinitycolumbarium.org). Entombments will be scheduled Monday-Friday at 1pm. Questions? Email [HTcolumbarium@trinity.org](mailto:HTcolumbarium@trinity.org) or call (202) 903-2836.