



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

March 15, 2020

## COVID-19 Cancellations & Updates

As a preventive measure due to ongoing public health risks associated with COVID-19 in the D.C. area, **the following events and meetings have been canceled or postponed until further notice** (as of publication time):

- Coffee & Donuts following all Masses
- Religious Education classes
- Praying in Sacred Space
- Simple Suppers
- Movie Moments of Grace
- First Eucharist Workshop
- An Afternoon with Sr. Sandra Schneiders
- St. Patrick's Day Potluck
- Communal Penance Service
- Parish Life Groups

The full list of canceled events will be updated regularly at: [www.trinity.org/updates](http://www.trinity.org/updates).

**If you are sick or part of a vulnerable population, 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 also posted weekly at [www.trinity.org/homilies](http://www.trinity.org/homilies).

Please make sure to check 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. If there is a decision to close, it will be posted on our website and social media and sent out in an email to all subscribers of the Holy Trinity eLetter.

You can learn more about COVID-19 symptoms and prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



## Flowers Blooming on the Train Tracks

By Rachael Brady and Margie Legowski

*"Mica!" I (Rachael) shouted, out of breath from running around the tiny compound of Maria Madre, dodging chairs, hammocks and people. I was chasing a church employee's six-year-old son, who wears tennis shoes with holes in them. We were playing mica, or tag, after a long day of learning about Saint Oscar Romero.*

Holy Trinity sends biannual delegations to *Maria Madre de los Pobres*, our sister parish San Salvador. Holy Trinity has maintained a relationship with Maria Madre since 1989. The parish had been created in 1984 in the barrio *La Chacra* for squatters who had fled the fighting of the civil war.

*The kids' running and laughter snapped me out of my daze. To be perfectly honest, when I'd landed in El Salvador, I was tired from travel already. Just days before, I'd said goodbye to my great study abroad adventure and I was still processing what it meant to be in the U.S. again when I was whisked away to San Salvador.*

Our current relationship with Maria Madre is one of solidarity, or accompaniment. Rather than travel to build something, we visit to begin and further our relationships with the parish leaders and parishioners. Our presence is a sign of our care for them, and we receive their care for us.

*Playing tag with this little kid and watching the joy stretch across his face reminded me why I had decided to accept my sister's invitation to El Salvador: to learn,*

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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.

### PARISH CENTER

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## Living Our Mission: Celebrate God's Love

*By Rev. Paul Brian Campbell, S.J.*

I am a huge fan of Andre Dubus II, the great American essayist and short story writer who died in 1999. My favorite work of his is the essay he wrote about making sandwiches for his daughters. He explains that he's divorced, in a wheelchair and has a very small kitchen which makes maneuvering quite difficult. Here's some of what he wrote:

“A sacrament is physical, and within it is God's love; as a sandwich is physical, and nutritious and pleasurable, and within it is love, if someone makes it for you and gives it to you with love; even harried or tired or impatient love, but with love's direction and concern, love's again and again wavering and distorted focus on goodness; then God's love too is in the sandwich...

“On Tuesdays when I make lunches for my girls, I focus on this: The sandwiches are sacraments. Not the miracle of transubstantiation, but certainly parallel with it, moving in the same direction. If I could give my children my body to eat, again and again without losing it, my body like the loaves and fishes going endlessly into mouths and stomachs, I would do it.

“And each motion is a sacrament, this holding of plastic bags, of knives, of bread, of cutting board, this pushing of the chair, this spreading of mustard on bread, this trimming of liverwurst, or ham. All sacraments, as putting the lunches into a zippered book bag is, and going down my six ramps to my car is.

“I drive on the highway, to the girls' town, to their school, and this is not simply a transition; it is my love moving by car from a place where my girls are not to a place where they are; even if I do not feel or acknowledge it, this is a sacrament. If I remember it, then I feel it too. Feeling it does not always mean that I am a happy man driving in traffic; it simply means that I know what I am doing in the presence of God.

“If I were much wiser, and much more patient, and had much greater concentration, I could sit in silence in my chair, look out my windows at a green tree and the blue sky, and know that breathing is a gift; that a breath is sufficient for the moment; and that breathing air is breathing God.”

I have read this essay numerous times and its depth and beauty hits me hard each time.

You access the entire essay through our link at [www.trinity.org/dubus](http://www.trinity.org/dubus).

## 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 16, 2020

Monday	7:00am	Nicolas Olmos+
	5:30pm	Joanne Donovan
Tuesday	7:00am	Morgan Wootten+
	5:30pm	Michael F. Goetzinger+
Wednesday	8:00am	James Kelley Courtney+
	5:30pm	Jean Riley+
Thursday	8:00am	Howard Carter+
	5:30pm	Richard J. Carter+
Friday	8:00am	Rosemary Cummings
	5:30pm	Gregory L. Reaves+
Saturday	8:00am	Linda K. Petteway+

**Pray for those who are sick:** *Jeanne Bercume; Catherine Jeakle Hill; Linda DuRoss; John Benjamin Varney; Rosemary Kraft*

**Pray for those who are dead:** *José Pereira; Jerry Mulderig; Agnes Williams*

## 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

#### 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

### Next Weekend!

#### Children's Bible Story Hour

**March 22**, 10:10am Lower School library  
Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend Bible Story Hour today. No registration is required; drop-ins are welcome.

#### 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 Rebecca Hoesterey at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org) if you are interested in attending and to learn more details.

#### 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.

#### Game Over or Game On?

Parishioners and community members gathered last Sunday to learn more about Project Drawdown - a program highlighting 100 solutions to global warming and inspiring individuals and communities to action. Attendees left hopeful and ready to be a part of addressing the climate crisis. In response to parishioner needs, we are gathering resources for a guide. If you have an organization or company to recommend in a green space (CSA, composting, solar, etc.), please share with [aklick@trinity.org](mailto:aklick@trinity.org).

## SERVE

### Lenten Food Waste Fast

Did you know that one third of the food raised or prepared does not make it from farm/factory to fork? If food waste were a country, it would come in third after the United States and China in terms of impact on climate change.

Producing uneaten food squanders a whole host of resources—seeds, water, energy, land, fertilizer, hours of labor, financial capital—and generates greenhouse gases at every stage—including methane when organic matter lands in the global rubbish bin.

The food we waste is responsible for roughly 8% of global emissions. Our friends at Ignatian Solidarity Network have issued their third week challenge:

Before you shop this week, survey your kitchen to see what you already have, and use Meal Prep Mate at [www.savethefood.com/meal-prep-mate](http://www.savethefood.com/meal-prep-mate) to help you plan your meals.

Join the fast and learn more about what you can do at [www.trinity.org/fast](http://www.trinity.org/fast).

### 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).

### 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).

### 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 Hoesterey at [rhoesterey@trinity.org](mailto:rhoesterey@trinity.org) for more information.



Families in our sister parish in El Salvador, Maria Madre de los Pobres.

## CONNECT

**Today!**

### LGBTQIA+ Meeting

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Improvements in Haiti

Thanks to the generosity of Holy Trinity parishioners and many community partners and friends, the St. Jean Baptiste Committee not only reached, but also surpassed their goal of raising \$148,000 for community improvements in Ansdeno, Haiti.



Our brothers and sisters in Haiti will soon have a wonderful new community center, two solar-powered street lamps to brighten the nights and 10 families in need will receive new homes.

Thank you for making a difference! For more information on our sister parish and how you can support our efforts, email [kittiefitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:kittiefitzgerald@gmail.com).

### Religious Education Enrollment Begins

Online enrollment for the 2020-2021 RE year and sacramental prep for First Reconciliation/Eucharist begins **April 1!** Be sure to review/update your family's information in your My OwnChurch account at [washingtondc.parihssoftfamilysuite.com](http://washingtondc.parihssoftfamilysuite.com) this month.

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*to encounter, to notice everything, to be a part of the joy, of the sorrow, of the hope, of the despair, of the poverty, and of the wealth. At last, I let myself breathe it all in.*

One of the key activities at Maria Madre is their *apadrinamiento* (sponsorship) program. Families at Holy Trinity and other parishes sponsor a child and become that child's Godparent. Funds go first for schooling for the children, then to formation and support for the family.

The funds also support a team of educators who meet regularly with the families. The godchildren participate in weekly age-appropriate formation. Monthly, a formation session is held stressing skills to strengthen familial bonds, where attendance is required by the child's caregiver.

*As I walked along train tracks that smelled of rot and sewage and watched children play and smile in the dirt, in the make-shift shanty town homes. I let my heart break, I felt the tears that dared to spill and felt more privileged than ever. I've never worn shoes with holes in them.*

While we were in *La Chacra*, the educators led a session on how to communicate well with one's child. Sitting with them through two sessions in two different sectors of the parish, we could see that the parents and grandparents truly engaged with the concepts presented. The team of educators were quite good at their work and had been well-trained themselves by the director of the program, Sr. Betty.

*On my last day in El Salvador, as hopelessness sat like an unmovable rock in my stomach, I talked to one of the girls about her dreams. I remember the look on her face when she told me about her generation because she spoke to me like an adult, for a moment, she seemed older than me, she had lived more, experienced more. She talked about how smart her generation is and how they will work for change. And I believe her.*

We did so much more in Maria Madre. The people were grateful to see us at their daily or weekend masses. We made home visits to a number of the Holy Trinity-sponsored children. We visited the parish school on *Día de la Amistad* (our Valentine's Day) when we were greeted by songs, piñatas, and pizza. We shared meals with the parish staff.

*The girl reminded me that between those rusty tracks, thousands of flowers peered out. Flowers that painted the neighborhood with light. And although I am still dumbfounded at how they keep on blooming, on how the people can still crack jokes and smile and offer such hospitality and generosity, I think that maybe it is because hope and strength is a sort of wealth that is intangible.*

The next visit to Maria Madre will be in July. Save the date to join us on **April 22** from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Library to hear more about our trips. Contact Margie at [margielegowski@gmail.com](mailto:margielegowski@gmail.com) for information and to RSVP. All are welcome!▪