



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

August 1, 2021

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the *birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.*”

Twenty Years of Ministry at Holy Trinity

By Judith Brusseau

Ministry at Holy Trinity for me has been about planting and nurturing seeds in those I have encountered – children, parents, catechists, parishioners. In this field of our faith community, the Holy Spirit’s invitation to serve at Holy Trinity came through Fr. Bill Byron to assist in the work of evangelization and catechesis at the parish. For 20 years, I have followed the invitation to serve and work among you.

In Pope Francis’ recent *motu proprio*, “*Antiquum Ministerium*,” he says it is necessary to recognize “those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis.” Holy Trinity has a rich tradition of parishioners, parents, college students and high school students willing to share the Good News with the youth of our parish. Each year, I have been filled with such gratitude and awe at their talent and willingness to offer their Sunday mornings plus preparation time to build up our faith community. This work of catechesis stopped being a “job” for me long ago. It became a way of nurturing fledgling faith; welcoming those who learned differently and their families; walking with parents as they prepared their children to celebrate sacraments; accompanying engaged couples as they pondered the intimate position God will have in their married life; and working to be an inclusive community. I, too, was transformed to a greater awareness of God; “finding God in all things” is not just a catchphrase but a lived experience as I, too,



was nurtured and invited to a deep life in Christ, touched by the sacramental life of the parish and the Ignatian spirituality that has grown in shaping all ministries at Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity has offered me an opportunity as a lay woman to live out my baptismal call as I never envisioned. It has been humbling to be graced to work with God’s people and to assist in making space for the Good News of God’s love to take root and grow. I have been blessed to walk with so many on their journey. I agree with the Pope’s statement, “Catechesis is a privileged place, a space where we can meet and enter into relationship with God.”

Now is the time for me to tend to another garden, continuing the journey as the Spirit leads. For sure, Holy Trinity will remain my faith community as it offers a post-conciliar church that has at its center a God who welcomes and seeks to continue sharing the radical love of Christ’s invitation. I go to this new garden, filled with gratitude for the opportunity I have been given to serve among you.▪

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Farewell to Judith Brusseau

Today! August 1, 10am, McKenna Hall

After shepherding the Faith Formation and Religious Education programs at Holy Trinity for the past 20 years, Judith is earning a well-deserved retirement. Join us in saying farewell to Judith following the 9:00am Mass.

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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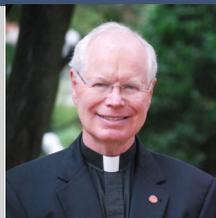
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From the Pastor's Desk

We're back....It has been a while, hasn't it? March 15, 2020 was the last time we published our parish bulletin and it was on March 13 of last year when the COVID pandemic brought so many of our parish operations to a halt. There are so many stories that have yet to be heard and told, many tragic and others heroic. In so many ways we have come to appreciate how we belong to one human race on our increasingly frail and fragile planet.

The punitive but necessary COVID restrictions have invited us to a greater sense of belonging. We may consider this to be one of the lessons learned from the pandemic as the coronavirus with its new and more contagious variants continue to rage throughout the human race. We can draw consolations, however, from the many ways that parishioners and staff have responded with innovative ways of providing ministries to members of our family of faith.

Noteworthy innovations were performed by three colleagues: Judith Brusseau, Rebecca Hoesterey and David Pennington. Sadly, the three of them are leaving our staff as they move on to another stage in their faith journey.

As many of you know, on August 6 Judith Brusseau will retire after 20 years of creative, compassionate and dedicated service to Holy Trinity. Since Judith's arrival in 2001, thousands of children have celebrated the sacraments through our Religious Education program. She and her colleagues created our Shepherd's Flock, an innovative program for children with special needs which teaches in a special environment so as to create a meaningful experience for the children. Moreover, in overseeing our Faith Formation for adults, Judith has invited outstanding spiritual and theological speakers who have informed and enriched the formation of our adults.

With Judith's retirement, we have been fortunate to hire Anne Marie Kaufmann. In forthcoming issues of this bulletin, Judith will have a farewell column and Anne Marie will pen what I anticipate will be her first of many columns.

Meanwhile, Rebecca Hoesterey, who for the past two years has served as our Coordinator of Youth Ministry, will be moving to Madison, Wisconsin to pursue graduate studies in the University of Wisconsin's prestigious school of social work. Rebecca proved herself worthy of such a program through the many ways by which she engaged creatively and pastorally with hundreds of our Confirmation students, many of whom she encountered either through Zoom or in her 8th grade Holy Trinity class.

Finally, David Pennington, after eight years serving as Holy Trinity's Pastoral Associate for Liturgy, is also leaving to complete his MSW at The Catholic University of America. Next month, David will begin a clinical internship at CUA's Counseling Center. His dedicated and talented ministerial presence will be greatly missed by many of us. In a forthcoming bulletin, he too will have a column in which he will say farewell.

On behalf of the parish, I wish to extend to Judith, Rebecca and David heartfelt thanks. *Vayan con Dios!*

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 August 2, 2021

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| Monday | 8:15am | |
| | 5:30pm | |
| Tuesday | 8:15am | Jack Morrissey |
| | 5:30pm | |
| Wednesday | 8:15am | Patrick Coyne+ |
| | 5:30pm | |
| Thursday | 8:15am | |
| | 5:30pm | |
| Friday | 8:15am | President Joe Biden & Family |
| | 5:30pm | Zach Raymond+ |
| Saturday | 8:15am | Alice Long+ |

Pray for those who are sick: *David Wiessler*

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 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: 8:15am & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8:15am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:30pm — Church; 6:00pm — Holy Rood Cemetery

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: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (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 Tania Chomiak-Salvi at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

PRAY

Weekly Schedule

Visit trinity.org/calendar for the meeting links

Morning Prayer

Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am via Zoom
Morning Prayer consists of hymns, psalms, readings and prayers and join us with the whole church who regularly prays at these "hours." This will be an opportunity to pray together "at a distance" and hold one another in prayer.

Pray the Rosary

Tuesdays, 7:30pm via Zoom
Pope Francis, as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, encourages everyone "to rediscover the beauty of the rosary" by praying this centuries old devotional prayer either as a group or individually.

Centering Prayer

The **Thursday** Christian Meditation Gathering restarted July 8. We meet in St. Ignatius Chapel immediately after the 5:30 Mass. Contact Jack Person at michelleperson@comcast.net for further information.

Young Adult Community Activities

Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community has returned to in-person activities! YAC weekly Thursday Faith Sharing is held in the Chapel of St. Ignatius at 7pm. Our next YAC Mass is **August 8** at 7:15pm in the Chapel, followed by a pot-luck café. For more information about these events (and social and service opportunities), please visit trinity.org/young-adults or contact Luciana at yaacs@trinity.org.

LEARN

Register for Sunday Morning Religious Education

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year for grades K-8 is underway. Please be sure to register now to ensure placement in fall classes, which will be held in-person on campus. Learn more and enroll online at trinity.org/enroll.

Baptism Preparation Sessions for Parents and Godparents

Baptism Preparation sessions will resume in August. See the calendar and register at trinity.org/infant-baptism.

Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

Save the date! If you would like to be part of the Holy Trinity in-person delegation on November 6-8, please email aklick@trinity.org by **September 1**.

Fall 'Just Faith' Retreat —Race & Healing

The Social Justice Ministry will be hosting two retreat opportunities on Race & Healing beginning with an in-person retreat on **August 28**. This eight-week program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration will guide participants in the difficult but necessary conversation about the historical roots of racial injustice. Following the in-person retreat, the weekly meetings will be held virtually. Group 1 will meet Tuesdays at 7pm and Group 2 will meet Thursdays at 12pm. Meetings typically last 1.5 - 2 hours. Register online at trinity.org/social-justice/whats-new.

SERVE

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our high school youth ministry program. If you would like to help guide high school youth in deepening their own faith and becoming more engaged in our parish community, please consider joining our youth ministry team. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org.

Volunteer with our Religious Education Program

Please consider joining the Religious Education program as a catechist. Classes begin in September and run through mid-May. Learn more about becoming a catechist. And submit an interest form at trinity.org/calledtobeacatechist. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to share our faith with 3-5 year olds. Do you love to explore Bible stories? Are you comfortable with hands-on activities, music, and drama? If so, we need you! Please contact Sandy Nguyen at snguyen@trinity.org if you are interested.

CONNECT

LGBTQIA+ Ministry

There will be no large group ministry meeting this month, but we will hold our small discussion groups:

Men's Discussion Group: August 2, 7:30pm. Contact Bill at lgbtqia@trinity.org with questions.

Family Discussion Group: August 4, 7:00pm. For parents of LGBTQIA+ children as well as LGBTQIA+ parents.

Women's Discussion Group: August 16, 7:00pm. For questions about the women's or family groups, contact Cerissa at lgbtqia+women@trinity.org.

Please visit trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry to register for the links to these meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Trinity Bulletin Is Back!

Our last issue of this bulletin was dated March 15, 2020 — though most parishioners didn't see it as we canceled Masses on March 13, 2020. This is the first issue in 505 days! We will be making some changes over the coming weeks as we adapt back to sharing information both in the weekly eLetter on Wednesdays and in this bulletin on Sundays. Please send your comments and suggestions to communications@trinity.org.



The Judith Bruseau Faith Formation Fund

We are celebrating 20 years of Judith Bruseau's ministry with the **Judith Bruseau Faith Formation Fund** as a Religious Education endowment in Judith's honor. Our goal is to seed this fund with \$50,000. We are also seeking to train more catechists for Shepherd's Flock. Learn more or donate at trinity.org/judith-bruseau-faith-formation-fund



The Holy Trinity Columbarium at Holy Road Cemetery

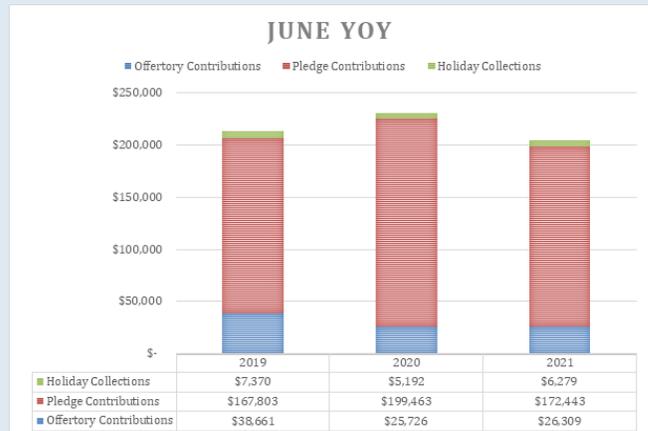
Renovations at Holy Road Cemetery are complete and a substantial number of niches have been sold. Advertising beyond Holy Trinity parish is underway to expand sales so interested parishioners should explore options at this time. Learn more about the columbarium, the cemetery's history, or make a purchase at holytrinitycolumbarium.org. Questions? Email HTcolumbarium@trinity.org or call (202) 903-2836.

Holy Trinity Stewardship Update

In these days of hope, in which we are working hard to open Masses as fully and as safely as possible for people of every age, we are so very grateful for the generosity and commitment of our parishioners. Your patience and support are invaluable, and we are deeply appreciative.

If you have already offered your 2021 Pledge, thank you. If you have not offered a 2021 pledge, please consider doing so by contacting Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at rschuler@trinity.org or (301) 455-5437.

While our Calendar Year-to-Date pledge payments are good (bottom pie chart), income in both May and June ran below last year's. May was down 10% and June down 11%. This is a concern because summer income is already low relative to the rest of the year. Please continue to send in your 2021 pledge payments and offertory gifts.



The pie chart shows that 57% of 2021 pledges made to-date have been paid, with 43% left to pay. Pledges make up the single largest share of our revenue and are used to employ staff, conduct worship, and accomplish ministry.

