

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Holy Trinity Is Home By David Pennington

"The two recounted what had happened along the way, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24: 35)

An image from the St. John's Bible hangs above my desk of the post-Resurrection account of Emmaus. (The same image can be found in our own, large Book of Gospels we use at Mass donated by Linda Arnold in memory of George.) It's always been one of my favorite passages in the Gospels two crestfallen disciples on the journey, Jesus, unrecognized, in their midst, the beginnings of fellowship and community, shared meal, expressed hopes and dreams, and insight which comes from the ordinary telling of familiar story and the breaking of the bread. It's a liturgist's dream and it shows us what our communal, Christian life looks like.

I have left my position at Holy Trinity effective July 30 in order to pursue an advanced degree in social work. I'll go back to my (two-time, soon to be three-time) alma mater, Catholic University, to finish it. Some of you have told me that you're sad I'm "leaving," but there is no leaving. Holy Trinity is very much my home, so you're stuck with me.

I want to thank you for these last eight years. They have been a time of deep joy and great fulfilment because of the people who constitute this wonderful parish. I have been humbled over and over again by the ways that you have shared your lives with me — the births, baptisms, confirmations, and first eucharists with you and your children and grandchildren, your journeys in relationships or marriage, and the times when we commended your dead back to the God who creates us and gifts us to one another in love.

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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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's that time of year again — by the time you read this, I will be on my way to begin my annual retreat from August 9-15 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Wernersville, PA. This year will have special significance as it not only comes during the Ignatian Year (May 20. 2021 - July 31, 2022), but it will also be the last retreat given at the Jesuit Spiritual Center.

Since 1930 when the Society of Jesus opened a novitiate on top of a hill in this rural town located not far from Amish country, hundreds of Jesuits and thousands of lay men and women have found a spiritual home there as they experienced prayerfully the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on the spacious and sacred grounds. Sadly due to the mounting costs in maintaining the expansive building on the center's 250 acres, our Jesuit Province leaders have found it necessary to sell it. Our Jesuit cemetery, containing the remains of Jesuits, many of whom once served here at Holy Trinity, will not be moved.

As you may imagine, the sale of these sacred grounds will be a significant personal loss for my fellow Jesuits and me. Inside and outside, the place is filled with meaningful memories that date as far back as August 1964 when my older brother Fran entered the Jesuits. Then and there I sensed the Holy Spirit drawing me to this sacred place and so, as a young discerning man, I made several retreats there before deciding in 1975 to return to Wernersville and become a Jesuit novice.

Two years later on August 27, 1977 I pronounced my solemn Jesuit vows there and 12 years later I spent my first two full years of ordained ministry there. At that time I served as a member of the center's staff by guiding retreatants on eight-day and 30-day Ignatian retreats. What a grace it was to listen and learn how God's caring presence was revealed.

Over my 46 years as a Jesuit, in the countless retreats I have given or participated in at Wernersville, I came to recognize that one of the spiritual dynamisms of the Spiritual Exercises is that God comes to where a person is. This is one of the Ignatian principles through which I have sought to help directees and retreatants to recognize and name where they are in their relationship with God, self and others.

This coming week as I enter my last retreat in the Wernersville's sacred environment, I know I will do so with some sorrow, but also with a greater sense of gratitude in realizing that the Spirit of our God has guided me from Wernersville to the sacred place and the grace-filled people of Holy Trinity where I have found a new spiritual home.

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 9, 2021

Monday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Tuesday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	Mary Dorsey+
Friday	8:15am	John Gillick+
	5:30pm	Joe Leake+
Saturday	8:15am	Breda Cryan+

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

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: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Adult Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808

Baptisms and Weddings:

To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Moira Duggan at *mduggan@ trinity.org.*

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated seasonally in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. 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 Anne Marie Kaufmann at *akaufmann@trinity.org* (202) 903-2846 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/lgtbqia* 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 meetings 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 5:30pm Mass. Contact Jack Person at *michelleperson@ comcast.net* for further information.

Young Adult Community Activities

Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community has returned to inperson activities! YAC weekly Thursday Faith Sharing is held in the Chapel of St. Ignatius at 7:00pm. Our next YAC Mass is Sunday, **August 8** at 7:15pm in the Chapel, followed by a potluck café. For more information about these events (and social and service opportunities), please visit *trinity.org/youngadults* or contact Luciana at *yacs@trinity.org.*

LEARN

What Does a Zero-Waste Church Look Like?

On **August 9** at 7:00pm, join the HT Green Team and Thelma Triche from St. Columba's Church as she tells her story about how St. Columba's has moved to become a zero-waste congregation. Contact *HTgreenteam@trinity. org* for the Zoom information.

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 have resumed in person. 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 inperson retreat on **August 28.** This eight-week program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, so that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. Following the in-person retreat, the weekly meetings will be held virtually. Group 1 will meet Tuesdays at 7:00pm and Group 2 will meet Thursdays at 12:00pm. 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 Faith FormationProgram 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! Contact Sandy Nguyen at *snguyen@trinity.org* if you are interested.

SOME Snack Bag Collection Continues

Thank you for your donations — you have brought our grand total to over 19,000 snack bags! The next collection date is **August 21** and we are looking for contributions of snack bags, belts and reusable water bottles. Visit the sign-up at *trinity.org/ do-something-good-for-your-neighbor* to register.

Groceries for Migrant Families

Our migrant families are thriving with the gift of fresh fruits, veggies and proteins. Thank you! As their unemployment continues, we will continue to supplement their weekly groceries. If you would like to purchase groceries or donate a gift card, please sign up at *trinity.org/do-something-good-for-your-neighbor*. Consider partnering with a neighbor or your troop/team. Gift cards may be dropped off at Holy Trinity or in Alexandria, VA.

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I have been humbled by your sharing your joys and loves, your family struggles and triumphs, your laughter and friendship, and your frustrations, anger, and pain at our Church which is obviously and very much still in formation and in need of change. I have been humbled to walk with you as you discover the riches God affords us in the liturgy, the ways that symbols and gifts of nature communicate to us who God is and how we participate in Christ's life. And the music we share and the noise of our prayer together has been one of the most powerful signs to me of God's presence in this community that impels us toward justice, reform, and progress, both in our nation and in our Church.

Emmaus has long been one of my favorite Gospels because of those Eucharistic overtones — the hearts that burn when story is shared and the communion garnered when bread is broken. Today, I give thanks for the journey that Emmaus images. It's an image of two, lost disciples wandering away from disillusionment and toward something greater, destination unknown. I am recalling with gratitude the times that we have been on this journey together — after all, it's on the journey that we encounter Christ with one another. And for me, this journey has been a wonderful one. Thank you.•

CONNECT

LGBTQIA+ Women's Discussion Group



The next meeting will take place **August 16** at 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

Indoor Mask Requirements

Last weekend, DC reinstated the indoor mask requirements for all persons over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. This means all parishioners and visitors to Holy Trinity are required to wear a face mask upon entrance to the church and during the liturgy, or when entering the parish center. For the time being there are no capacity restrictions, but we will share any updates if that guidance changes. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting all members of our community. The Judith Brusseau Faith Formation Fund



Judith Brusseau retired on August 6 as our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Religious Education. To-date, as our "Thank You" to Judith for her 20 years of ministry, and to continue her legacy into the future, we have raised about \$15,000 for the **Judith Brusseau Faith Formation Fund** to support Religious Education and to train more catechists for Shepherd's Flock, our RE program for children with special needs that Judith began.

It's not too late to join those who have already given! To offer your donation in honor of Judith, join our peerto-peer fundraising platform: **Community of Giving** at *www.trinity.org/judith-brusseau-faith-formation-fund.* Raising money among your family and friends is a great way to give thanks for the blessings of Judith's work that have touched your family and it will benefit our RE children now and into the future.

You may also give by:

- Donating online via our Virtual Collection Basket or via the banner at the top of our website.
- Scanning the QR Code below and following the prompts



- Texting GIVE to 202-991-GIVE (202-991-4483), select 'HOLY TRINITY PARISH' then scroll down. Return users: text an amount and fund keyword 'JUDITH' (e.g. 50 JUDITH) to 202-991-4483
- Mailing a check to the Attention of Development at Holy Trinity, 3513 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

Questions? Call/text Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at (301) 455-5437 or email him at *rschuler@ trinity.org.*



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:00am	Summer Coffee & Donuts McKenna Hall
1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30—5:2 John 6:41-51	10:15am	St. Jean Baptiste Committee Meeting
	3:00pm	Parish Center Library Aging Wisley & Gracefully
	-	Zoom
	7:15pm	Young Adult Community Mass Chapel of St. Ignatius
	8:15pm	YAC Cafe
Monday, August 9		McKenna Hall
Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time	0.00.00	Manning Danson
Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 17:22-27	9:00am	Morning Prayer Zoom
	7:30pm	Separated Divorced and Widowed Zoom
Tuesday August 10		Loom
FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE	10:00am	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26	7:30pm	McKenna Hall Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie
	/. 30 pm	Zoom
Wednesday August 11		
MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE	7 :00pm	Social Justice Committe Meeting
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:15-20		Zoom
Thursday, August 12		
THURSDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	6:15pm	Centering Prayer
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Matthew 18:21–19:1	7:00pm	Chapel of St. Ignatius Young Adult Faith Sharing
	-	Chapel of St. Ignatius
	7:15pm	Book Discussion Group Zoom, grobertstewart1@mac.com
Friday, August 13		
FRIDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:3-12		Zoom
	7:00pm	Movie Moments of Grace Discussion Zoom
Saturday, August 14		
Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe	7:30pm	Zen Meditation
Joshua 24:14-29 Matthew 19:13-15		Zoom
Sunday, August 15		
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10:00am	Summer Coffee & Donuts McKenna Hall
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56	6:30pm	McKenna Hall Trinity Adult Singles Gathering
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