



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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Maryland Jesuits and Slavery, Pt. I

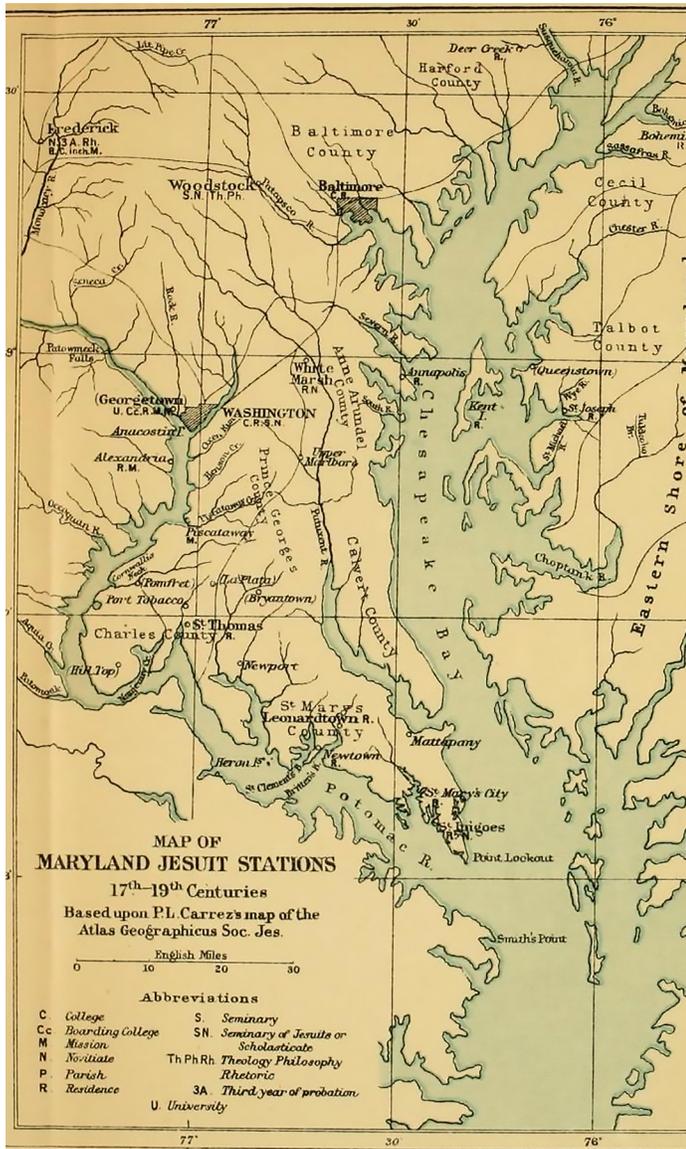
By Bernard A. Cook

The Jesuits were involved in the colony of Maryland from its inception. Fr. Andrew White, S.J., who was invited by Lord Baltimore to join his Maryland project, sailed on the Ark, a 400 ton merchant ship, in 1633 with two other Jesuits, Fr. John Altham Gravenor and Fr. Thomas Gervase. The Ark carried approximately 140 colonists to Maryland. The Jesuits financed the voyage of 26 men who accompanied them on this initial voyage to Maryland. These individuals, in order to pay for their voyage, were obliged to work after their arrival for three or four years for the Jesuits as indentured servants. During the next five years, the Jesuits brought another 48 men to Maryland as indentured servants.

St. Inigo, located on the left bank of the Potomac near the initial settlement at St. Mary's was the oldest of the Jesuit plantations. The Lords Baltimore granted the Jesuits the 2000 acres there in 1637. St. Thomas Manor, further up the river, consisted of 700 acres to the east of Port Tobacco creek and 923 acres on the west side of the creek. St. Thomas Manor, which at one point consisted of 4,500 acres, became the largest of the plantations. Eventually five plantations and smaller properties amounted to approximately 13,000 acres, and were worked by approximately 323 enslaved people in 1790.

Catherine O'Donnell notes, significantly, that Lord Baltimore valued the Jesuits but placed limitations upon them. They sailed to Maryland as individual Englishmen. As such they could own property as individuals, and, in that way, fund their missionary enterprise. However, the Society of Jesus according to Baltimore's order could not own property. Assigning land to individual Jesuits enabled Baltimore to subvert the Statutes of Mortmain, which forbade corporate ownership of land. It also allowed Baltimore to avoid anti-Catholic attacks. O'Donnell asserts, "Jesuits' landholding and need to support themselves had momentous consequences: it drew them as willing participants into the plantation system."

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MAIN CHURCH

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Today! Ignatian Year Ministry Fair After All Masses, Parish Center Courtyard

Staff and parishioners will be present with information and to answer questions about our ministries as well as social events — and avenues for you to participate.

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: Accompany One Another in Christ

By Rev. William C. Woody, S.J.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, the Letter of James has shared some blunt words with us, exhorting us to a faith that does justice and to manifest a living faith through works and deeds. Our faith must be enlivened by love, and such a faith shines forth in the way we live our lives. Mere words do not suffice – as St. Ignatius of Loyola reminds us, “love ought to show itself in deeds over and above words” (Spiritual Exercises §230). This Sunday that exhortation culminates with the declaration: “faith...if it does not have works, is dead! Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” Quite the challenge to live up to (and out of) our faith with integrity!

And yet these good deeds are not just a choice to do good or to live by some abstract code of ethics. No – rather, our actions are the consequences of a living faith, of a relationship that is rooted and grounded in love for Christ. Our good deeds flow forth from that primary relationship with God – they are a consequence of our love for God, not a precondition for it.

Our Sunday Gospel reading makes this point clear, as Jesus asks of his closest companions and disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” It is in companionship and love of Jesus that our faith is born, that our knowledge of God is nourished, and that impel our “good deeds” and actions in life. Who am I to you? Who am I in your life, in your heart?

Perhaps for our prayer this week we can reflect on Jesus addressing that question to each of us. Who is Jesus to us? Who is Jesus to me? How does that relationship enliven my actions and frame my life? Where is Jesus inviting me to go deeper, to remain and to abide in that love? Where is God inviting us all to renewal?

These past three months since my arrival at Holy Trinity, I have been overjoyed (and, I confess, a bit overwhelmed!) in witnessing the way that this parish community lives out of that faith relationship – a faith that is living and effective, demonstrated time and again in works and deeds. This weekend our parish highlights these many opportunities to live out our faith with the Ministry Fair after each liturgy. The energy and enthusiasm, the vibrancy of this parish community, and the work of the Spirit are a joy to witness.

I encourage everyone to join us at the Ministry Fair after Mass to explore the varied opportunities to live our faith together. As summer draws to a close, as the school year resumes, and as we begin to emerge from the “upper rooms” of our pandemic isolations, we are all invited to a renewal and recommitment to live our faith “in deeds over and above words.”

This past August marked my 10th year as a Jesuit, and this June began my first year of priesthood. I am deeply grateful to have the opportunity to spend such a formative time in my own life with you here at Holy Trinity. Your witness and example have been inspiring for me and nourishing of my own faith. Indeed, it has been quite the summer already, and I am very much looking forward to praying and to ministering alongside you in the coming year!

Know of my prayers and gratitude for you, with peace and every best wish.

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 president.

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 September 13, 2021

Monday	8:15am	Joan Hegge+
	5:30pm	
Tuesday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	8:15am	Steve Matula+
	5:30pm	Louis A. Tambini+
Saturday	8:15am	

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/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

Trinity Faith Sharing Groups

Starting the week of September 19

This Ignatian Year, our Ignatian Spirituality & Prayer ministry will offer the opportunity in the fall and the spring for parishioners to participate in small faith sharing groups. As a pilot project, the number of groups in the fall will be limited. Visit trinity.org/faithsharing to learn more and register for a group by Thursday, **September 16**.

Abiding in God's Love

September 26 - October 2

Registration deadline: **September 12**

Our parish has been offering this introductory Ignatian retreat in daily life for forty-three years. We now offer you a refreshed version of the retreat with new Scripture passages and music. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. For more information or to register go to trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/retreats. Questions? Contact moshea@trinity.org.

Cardinal Gregory to Celebrate Mass & Dedicate Statue

October 6, 11:00am
Cardinal Gregory will celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity followed by the blessing of the Matthew 25 Statue in the East Garden. The statue was sculpted by Timothy P. Schmalz and donated by Tim & Dianne Needles. Inspired by the Gospel of Matthew 25:40, this sculpture is a visual representation of Charity.

LEARN

Last Chance to Register for 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.

Women Who Stay: Women Who Weave in the Spirit

Our fall Women Who Stay series will feature the voices of Native American women. The series will remain virtual on **Mondays** at 7:00pm. Please visit the social justice ministry pages of our website and select Women Who Stay to register.
September 13: Jody Roy, Director, The Saint Kateri Center
September 20: Barbara Aston, Former Executive Director of Tribal Relations, WSU & Benedictine Oblate
September 28: Germaine Little Bear, Diocese of Rapid City
October 4: Mona Susan Power, Standing Rock Sioux author of The Grass Dancer and Sacred Wilderness.

SERVE

September Direct Service: City Blossoms

This community workday is part of a series of maintenance days to help reestablish the Girard Children's Garden. Volunteers will convene within the space to do a quick introduction with our staff members. Tasks for this day will include installing new infrastructure, pathways, and signage; planting seeds and seedlings; and re-establishing some of our favorite kid-friendly sections within this garden.

Built in 2008, Girard Children's Garden is City Blossom's oldest Community Green Space. This garden is located within Girard Park, in Columbia Heights, and serves as a space for free Open Time programming, service-learning opportunities, community celebrations, and so much more! Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/volunteerseptember.

Groceries for Migrant Individuals and Families

Please consider signing up for a gift card, a protein purchase, a fruit or vegetable box, and miscellaneous items to ensure healthy items for our familia members. Items may be dropped off at Holy Trinity by 10am for distribution on Wednesdays. We do have freezer and refrigerator options for advance drop-off. Visit the sign-up at signupgenius.com/go/2021support.

Social Justice Committees Welcome New Members

If you are interested in learning more about a committee, please consider joining a virtual meeting this month:

- HT Advocacy Team Meeting: **September 14**
(email aklick@trinity.org)
- St. Jean Baptiste Committee Meeting: **September 19**
(email stjeanbaptistecommittee@gmail.com)
- HT Migrant Team Meeting: **September 20**
(email xjackson@trinity.org)
- HT Green Team Meeting: **September 27**
(email HTgreenteam@trinity.org)

Counting Ministry Needs More Volunteers!

Our counting ministry is in search of volunteers who are free Mondays at 8:00am to count the weekly Mass collection. To sign up for shifts, please contact Niccole de Campos at niccoledecampos@mac.com.

Join the Garden Ministry in September and October

October 2
All are welcome to join the Garden Ministry on Saturdays this fall to help beautify Holy Trinity's gardens. Meet the group at 9:00am to the right of the Chapel.



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The Jesuits of Maryland, as a consequence, eventually relied upon enslaved labor to support themselves and their mission.

The Jesuit properties were initially farmed by tenant farmers and indentured servants. Indentured servants were required to labor for a fixed number of years to pay for the cost of their passage to Maryland. Mathias de Sousa, a free person of mixed race, arrived with the colonists on the Ark in 1634. It has been asserted that he joined the Ark when it stopped at Barbados for supplies after having been blown off course by a terrific storm. De Sousa, who was the first Black to reside in the colony of Maryland, worked for the Jesuits as an indentured servant. After de Sousa fulfilled his obligation of servitude, he sailed up and down the Potomac bringing goods back and forth between settlements. He was not only the first free Black to reside in the colony, he eventually became a member of the colonial Assembly.

Historians debate whether the shift from indentured servants to enslaved labor occurred because of a decline in the supply of indentured servants or an expectation that slavery would provide a consistent supply of labor and be more profitable. The first slaves from Africa were brought to St. Mary's city in 1642, only eight years after the arrival of Fr. White and the colonists in 1634. In the 1660s, only 3 percent of the population in the colony consisted of enslaved people. By 1710 the percentage was 24.

Catholics and the Jesuits endured a period of persecution in the 1640s, during the Puritan Revolution. Anti-Catholics from Virginia seized White and seven other Jesuits in 1645. Three Jesuits perished, and White and the others were sent back to England on account of their "evil" preaching. Thomas Copley, S.J., who was also expelled, was allowed through the intercession of Baltimore to return in 1648, so the Jesuit mission in Maryland continued. However, the character of the colony changed and with it the mission of the Jesuits. The native American population dramatically decreased and the number of settlers increased significantly. Catherine O'Donnell writes, "The Jesuit mission was also growing and changing. No longer focused on the indigenous peoples who had inspired their labors, Jesuits in the colony were 'priest planters,' conducting missions to Catholic settlers throughout the colony."

When the Jesuits in Maryland began to hold slaves is not clear. An annual report from 1638 mentions four "servants" purchased in Virginia. Whether they were enslaved persons or indentured servants is not clear. Enslaved people as well as indentured servants were referred to as "servants." Fr. Copley sued a Capt. Ingle over a boy sold in Virginia for £20, the usual price for an enslaved boy in the late 1630s. Two individuals, who worked on the Jesuit estate at St. Inigoe in 1664, were called "servants." It is uncertain whether they were enslaved or indentured. A former enslaved woman told the Jesuit Joseph Zwinge in the early twentieth century that she was a descendant of a slave given by Lord Baltimore to the Jesuits at St. Inigoe around the same time. In 1717, with growing Protestant hostility, William Hunter, S.J., made a list of all of the property owned by the Jesuits at the Newtown Manor. If necessary, he intended to transfer the Jesuit property to a Catholic layman, Thomas Jameson. Hunter's inventory contains the first list of

enslaved people held by the Jesuits. He enumerated, "Negro servants 15. 4 men, Will, Jack, Kill, Peter. 4 women, Mary, Teresa, Clare, Pegg. 4 boys, Jack, Clemm, Tomm, James. 3 girls [sic], Betty, Kate, Susan." By 1765, the total number of enslaved people held by the Jesuits was 192.✠

This is an excerpt; to read the full article and references, please visit curavirtualis.org. The complete series of articles written by the History Committee can be found at trinity.org/holy-trinity-history.

CONNECT

Fun & Fellowship at Camp Trinity

September 24-26

Camp Trinity is waking up from the beauty sleep of a year! Shrine Mont is going to host our weekend of fun and fellowship in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Learn more and register online today at trinity.org/camp. Questions? Contact Heidi Settle at hlsettle@hotmail.com.

Connect with the Young Adult Community

Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community invites those in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to participate in our fall activities which include a hike, a retreat, happy hours and more. YAC weekly Thursday Faith Sharing is held in the Chapel of St. Ignatius at 7:00pm. YAC Mass takes place the second Sunday of the month 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/young-adults or contact Luciana and Mary at yacs@trinity.org.

LGBTQIA+ Women's Discussion Group

September 13, 6pm in the Upper Room

LGBTQIA+ women are invited for a discussion to reflect on their lives as LGBTQIA+ women in a smaller setting. Register at trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry and contact Cerissa Cafasso at lgbtqia+women@trinity.org with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us for Holy Trinity School Open House

Learn more about Holy Trinity School and the admissions process at an upcoming Open House:

- October 14, 10:00am
- October 27, 9:00am
- November 9, 9:30am
- November 15, 10:00am
- January 14, 9:30am
- January 27, 11:00am

Registration is available at htsdc.org/visit. We begin accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year in October.

Questions? Please contact admissions@htsdc.org.


 Sunday, September 12
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50:5-9a | James 2:14-18 | Mark 8:27-35

All Day

Ignatian Year Ministry FairParish Center Courtyard, *Following All Masses*
YAC Welcome Back, Mass & Café
Chapel of St. Ignatius, Garden, McKenna Hall

6:00pm

Monday, September 13

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

1 Timothy 2:1-8 | Luke 7:1-10

9:00am

Morning Prayer

Zoom

5:30pm

Women Who Stay: Jody Roy

Zoom

6:00pm

LGBTQIA+ Ministry Women's Discussion

Zoom

7:30pm

Separated/Divorced/Widowed Support Group

Zoom

Tuesday, September 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4b-9 | John 3:13-17

7:00pm

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

McKenna Hall

7:30pm

Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie

Zoom

Wednesday, September 15

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1 Timothy 3:14-16 | John 19:25-27

6:00pm

Ignatian Training Program

Zoom

7:00pm

Parish Pastoral Council MeetingZoom, parishcouncil@trinity.org

Thursday, September 16

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CORNELIUS

1 Timothy 4:12-16 | Luke 7:36-50

6:15pm

Christian Meditation

Chapel of St. Ignatius

7:00pm

Young Adult Faith Sharing

Chapel of St. Ignatius

7:15pm

Book Discussion GroupZoom, grobertstewart1@mac.com

Friday, September 17

FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Timothy 6:2c-12 | Luke 8:1-3

9:00am

Morning Prayer

Zoom

Saturday, September 18

SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Timothy 6:13-16 | Luke 8:4-15

7:30am

Zen MeditationZoom, rdruecker@aol.com

9:00am

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Parish Center Library

10:00am

SOME Snack Bag Drive

O & 36th Streets

Sunday, September 19

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 | James 3:16—4:3 | Mark 9:30-37

10:15am

St. Jean Baptiste Committee Meeting

Zoom