

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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### The Road to Setting Captives Free By Martina O'Shea

Five years ago, Father Gap LoBiondo, S.J. then superior of the Jesuit Community at Gonzaga College High School, initiated conversations with ministers of Ignatian Spirituality in the Washington area. He sought to explore how the resources found in the ten Jesuit or Jesuit-affiliated institutions in the Washington area could be more accessible to meeting individuals' requests for retreats, spiritual direction, and formation programs in Ignatian Spirituality.

Representatives gathered in March 2017 from the DC area's institutions: the Washington Jesuit Academy, St. Ignatius Parish in Chapel Point, McKenna Center, Loyola Retreat House, Gonzaga College High School, Jesuit Community at St Aloysius, Georgetown Preparatory High School, Georgetown University, Jesuit Community at Georgetown University, Office of the Assistant to the Provincial for Spirituality Ministries, and Holy Trinity Church. We began what would become a five-year journey of reading and reflecting on significant Jesuit documents while engaging in discernment and spiritual conversation.

We had no idea where we were being led! We sought, however, to create a discerning community that would follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we collaborated across institutional boundaries. In this way we would embody the mission of the Society of Jesus in the Washington area in its spirituality ministry.

And so, the Washington Area Ministers of Ignatian Spirituality (WAMIS) was born. The initiative had the support of the Provincial, Father Bob Hussey, S.J. Fathers Joe Lingan, S.J. George Witt, S.J. and Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Each time WAMIS met, we engaged in spiritual conversation and communal discernment. We applied to our meetings the best practices of the presupposition, contemplative listening, and speaking from the heart. Through this process we moved

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from being a community of "I" to a community of "We."

It was in this spiritual milieu during the summer of 2020 when George Floyd was murdered and the Black Lives *continued on page 5* 

> LGBTQIA+ Ministry Men's Discussion Group Tomorrow at 7pm, Zoom

### **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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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sadly the foreboding faces of war seem to be approaching along the borders between Russia and The Ukraine. With the pledged alliances of the NATO nations the faces of more and more forces are preparing to be engaged. One wonders are we headed into another cold war between Russia and the United States and its allies?

During this anxious time and this ominous scenario with Russia being played out, how hopeful it is to hear, in of all places Siberia, from our former Holy Trinity associate, Fr. Tom Simisky. He wrote to me recently relating the hopes and joys of his Russian school children. Is his report from Siberia a mere coincidence or is more of a God-incident?

As you may recall Fr. Tom served here at Holy Trinity from August of 2020 until January of 2021 as he awaited the third or tertianship stage of his Jesuit priestly formation. Last January he went to Portland, Oregon where until May he engaged in our Jesuit tertianship process which included a 30 day silent and directed retreat. As you may know, all Jesuits participate in an intense yet rejuvenating long retreat at the beginning of our Jesuit formation and later some years after ordination. Following his long retreat and some classes in the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Tom returned East and spent the summer at our parish in Raleigh, North Carolina where he regularly said Mass in Spanish and at the same time prepared for his missionary work in Siberia by enhancing his Russian language skills.

Last Fall Fr. Tom finally made to Russia and returned to Tomsk, Siberia where for several summers he had previously labored. In the current issue of our Jesuit East Province magazine, Fr. Tom and his Siberian educational mission work are featured. Here is a link to the article *shared-content.jesuits-live.boldfocus.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/01/JES\_Mag\_Winter2022\_Spreads.pdf* 

On pages 18-21 you may find the story titled, "Finding the Way in Siberia." Among the piece's photos there is one of a poster which brightly and proudly declares, "I Love Tomsk (in Russian of course). Photos in the article prompt one to notice how similar the Russian students in Siberia are to our own school students here at Holy Trinity. Sadly the thought occurred to me that some of the grandparents of these Catholic Russian children were for decades in a cold war with Americans. And their parents might again soon be at war in Ukraine and in confrontation with American forces.

If you are inclined to support Fr. Tom's significant missionary endeavors you may do so in the following manner:

Please make checks payable to: Jesuit Missions, Inc. Specify that the donation is for: Tomsk Catholic School <u>And mail to:</u> Jesuit Missions, Inc. 1726 New Hampshire Ave NW Washington, DC 20009

Fr. Tom has informed me that your generosity is vital to continuing his mission. And the shared faith on the faces of his children at the Russian Catholic School in Siberia and our children here at Holy Trinity School offer signs of hope and understanding between nations and for the whole world!

### **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 January 31, 2022

Monday	8:15am	Valarie & Bruce Grohme+
	5:30pm	
Tuesday	8:15am	Felipe Rodriguez+
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:15am	Margaret Ann Ofstead+
	5:30pm	
Thursday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	Jeffrey Hoffman+
Friday	8:15am	Pres. Joe Biden, Family & Country
	5:30pm	Anna Hennessey+
Saturday	8:15am	Anna Hennessey+

### **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;

### 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 Kathleen Haley at *baptisms@* trinity.org or weddings@trinity.org, respectively.

#### 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 Tania Chomiak-Salvi at ppcpresident@trinity.org and Vice President Jennifer Dorsey at *parishcouncil@trinity.org*.

### PRAY

### Setting Captives Free: Racism, I and You and God's Liberating Grace AN IGNATIAN RETREAT

during the weeks of February 27 - April 3, 2022

### Registration deadline is February 17

Retreatants are offered the explicit gifts of revelation, repentance, lament and contrition and implicit gifts of transformation, reconciliation, and reparation, which may be given by God and received by the retreatant in God's time.

Retreatants are asked to commit to 30 minutes of prayer each day for the six weeks of the retreat. Small groups (6-8 individuals) will meet on zoom for 90 minutes during the weeks of February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 to share the fruits of their prayer. Read a full description of the retreat and how to register here trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/setting-captives-free/.

### Being Seen, Being Heard, Being Accepted

An Ignatian Retreat for our LGBTQIA+ Community February 19, 2022 from 1-4 pm, Zoom

Each of us, the psalmist proclaims is "wonderfully made" [Psalm 139]. How would you live if you really believed in the depths of your being that you are created in the image of God? A God who sees you, hears you, and accepts you just as you are and invites you into abundant life in the world and among the People of God (John 15)? You are invited to gather in community to pray with sacred texts, share in small and large groups and receive input from Martina O'Shea, Director of Ignatian



Retreats and Training Programs and Father Ben Hawley, S.J. Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity. Retreatants will gather for the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass at Holy Trinity. Register here forms.gle/ M8XLVuCpQhHtUbJE8

### **LEARN**

### Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation/ First **Eucharist or Confirmation**

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist and Confirmation is a two year process. If your child is currently in 1st grade or 7th grade and is planning to prepare for sacraments next year (2022-2023), please make sure s/he is enrolled in faith formation this year. If your child is not enrolled, and you would like more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, akaufmann@trinity.org or (202) 903-2807.



### Men's Discussion Group January 31 at 7pm, Zoom

Join a small group discussion centered around our lives as LGBTQIA+ Catholics. Contact Bill Corcoran at LGBTQIA@ *trinity.org* with questions. Register at *trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry/* for the Zoom link.

### **Family Discussion Group**

February 2, 7pm, Zoom The Family Support Group is an opportunity for us to accompany each other as we journey with LGBTQIA+ loved ones in the Catholic Church. We will be using James Martin's book "Building a Bridge" to provide monthly topics for discussion. Each chapter can stand alone and has compelling questions we can use as a springboard for our conversation. On February 2, we will use questions in the chapter, "Care for Those Who are Persecuted." Reading materials ahead is not necessary. Register at *trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry/* for the Zoom link.

### SERVE

#### Thank You!

On behalf of Hope and a Home, SOME, and LIRS, thank you for your generosity!

Last Saturday parishioners collected snack bags and other donations for So Others Might Eat (SOME). Since May 2020, you have donated over 25,000 snack bags! Our next collection date is February 26. This month you have also helped us support a mother at Hope and a Home as she welcomed her daughter, Ava Elizabeth, and you helped provide set up for a family of four transitioning out of a shelter. Last week, parishioners drove to Stafford, VA to provide the Kahshan family, a participant in the LIRS Afghan Ally program, 3 car loads of donations to start this next stage of their lives.

For updated opportunities to volunteer or donate please visit the social justice ministry pages of our website.

### Mark Your Calendars

February 8: Q&A with Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 February 28: Women Who Stayed Winter Series Begins! Women Who Seek Wisdom

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Matter movement spoke to us and to so many of our sisters and brothers, that we gathered to explore our personal complicity with systemic racism. We knew from experience that Ignatian Spirituality could tackle difficult topics. We wondered if the spirituality that we loved and practiced could help us and others uncover our complicity with unjust social structures, help us grow in interior freedom, and with God's grace open us to transformation.

Drawing from the best of Ignatian spirituality while consulting with people of color, we created the Setting Captives Free: Racism, I and You, and God's Liberating Grace retreat. Angela Grady, Nina Santiago, Devarda Jones, Stephen Szolosi, Father Gap LoBiondo, S.J. Father Brian McDermott, S.J. Analise Brower, Kim Cox, John Krambuhl, Father George Witt, S.J. and Martina O'Shea made this project a reality!

During Lent 2021, those who created the retreat made the retreat. Last fall, Holy Trinity's twelve-membered Ignatian Retreat Team made the retreat. During Lent 2022, we are offering the retreat to the faculty, staff, and parishioners of Jesuit institutions in the Washington metro area. Questions? *moshea@trinity.org* Information can be found at *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/setting-captives-free/* \$

### 2022 Tithe Grants Deadline for Submission is March 4

The large and small grant RFPs have been posted to our website. Each year the social justice ministry of Holy Trinity Catholic Church awards grants to organizations that address root causes of social justice issues both locally and within the global community. We have a "large grant" category with the goal of providing funds large enough to have a significant social justice impact. Each year the committee in conjunction with the pastor discerns the most pressing social justice issue(s) of the moment and develops a request for proposals to fund organizations seeking to address the root causes of the issue(s) in question. The focus in 2022 is early childhood development. Please pass the invitation on to partners or organizations you work with that may be candidates for either grant. Additional grants are available to organizations focused on care for our common home, youth, food insecurity, affordable housing, returning citizens and immigration. For more information, email *aklick@* trinity.org

### CONNECT

**The Separated, Divorced, & Widowed Support Group** The group meets **Monday evenings** at 8pm on Zoom, except on the 2nd Saturday of each month, when it meets in person at Holy Trinity. Please contact Jack Harllee at *jackharllee@ gmail.com* for more information.

### University of San Francisco Alumni & Friends Mass February 6, 11:00 am, Chapel

University of San Francisco President Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J. will preside. A coffee reception hosted will immediately follow mass. Please register by January 27. If you have any questions, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at *alumni@usfca.edu* or (800) 449-4873.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Stewardship Update:**

*Thank You* to everyone who offered a 2022 pledge! Pledges represent an intention to give that can be changed at any time as your financial circumstances may change. At the same time, pragmatically they help greatly with our budgeting process, while spiritually they demonstrate faith in God and a commitment to the mission of Jesus as lived out through our common life. Pledges are acts of stewardship over the resources and blessings God has entrusted to us.

On a related note, we have noticed that a number of people who switched to electronic payments during the pandemic shutdown are switching back to paper checks. We strongly request folks to maintain their electronic giving and set up recurring electronic payments (through their own institutions or via our system). We discourage checks because many donors have reported to us that paper checks they mailed are not showing up on their statements - they apparently never were delivered in the mail. Also, it costs us more in staff time to process a paper check than the fees we pay for electronic transactions (especially if donors use ACH as opposed to credit cards and set a frequency for once a month or less, so there are less per transaction fees). Questions? Email Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at RSchuler@trinity.org or call him at 301-455-5437.

If you have not yet had a chance to pledge for 2022, join the hundreds who have made this intention to support Jesus' work among and through us by offering your 2022 pledge now! you can do so here *trinity.org* (top orange banner) Thank you!

### Holy Trinity is Hiring!

- 4th Grade Assistant Teacher
- Substitutes Teachers

For more information, visit *htsdc.org/careers* 

- Director of Liturgy
- Coordinator of Youth Ministry

For more information, visit *trinity.org/jobs* 

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Sunday, January 30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:15am	<b>High School Youth Meeting</b> Neale Room
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19   1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13   Luke 4:21-30		iveat ivoini
Monday, January 31		M · D
MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13   Mark 5:1-20	9:00am	Morning Prayer Zoom
2 Juniter 19:15 11, 50, 10.9 15 [Mark 9:1 25	9:30am	<b>Trinity Faith Sharing Group</b> Zoom
	7:00pm	HT Migrant Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Zoom LBTQIA+ Minitry Men's Discussion
	-	Zoom Separated/Divorced/Widowed Support Group
	8:00pm	Zoom
Tuesday, February 1		
TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:00pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3   Mark 5:21-43	7:00pm	McKenna Hall <b>Trinity Faith Sharing Group</b>
	7:30pm	Zoom Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie
		Zoom
Wednesday, February 2		
<b>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> Malachi 3:1-4   Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	6:00pm	HT History Team Monthly Meeting Zoom
	7 <b>:00pm</b>	LGBTQIA+ Ministry Parents/Families Discussion Group Zoom
Thursday, February 3		
THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	6:05pm	Christian Meditation
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12   Mark 6:7-13	7:00pm	Chapel Young Adult Faith Sharing
	7:15pm	Chapel <b>Book Discussion Group</b>
		Zoom
Friday, February 4		
<b>FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sirach 47:2-11   Mark 6:14-29	9:00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Zoom
Saturday, February 5		
MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA 1 Kings 3:4-13   Mark 6:30-34	7:30am	Zen Meditation Church
Sunday, February 6		
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:15am	High School Youth Meeting
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8   1 Corinthians 15:1-11   Luke 5:1-11	11:00am	Neale Room USF Alumni & Friends Mass and Reception
	5:00pm	Chapel & Chapel Hallway YAC Steering Committee
	7:15pm	McKenna Hall <b>YAC Mass</b>
	-	Chapel YAC Café
	8:15pm	McKenna Hall
Daily Readings:         For a complete list of           www.usccb.org/bible/readings         www.trinity.org/	f events, visit: calendar	Coffee & Fellowship following the 9:00 am & 11:30am Masses

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