

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

February 20, 2022



17 Years at Holy Trinity School By Declan Leonard

That all three of our kids went to Holy Trinity School started out as an afterthought. It was the early 2000s, and we were having second thoughts about the language immersion program at our local elementary school. On a whim we attended a Holy Trinity School Open House, having been parishioners of the Parish for many years prior. I still vividly remember sitting in what was then the Holy Trinity Theater, as we listened to a presentation about an elementary school that would become a school home for our family of three kids for the next 17 years.

As a parent, my first real interaction with Holy Trinity School was the annual Trivia Night the year our oldest daughter was in kindergarten, nearly a decade and a half ago. Back then, the school grounds were so limited at Holy Trinity that we had to borrow space at nearby Blessed Sacrament to accommodate what was consistently a large turnout of enthusiastic school parents. The parents we met that night, bonding over kegs of beer and paying "bribes" for trivia clues, would become lifelong friends. Our unbeatable team, appropriately nicknamed "Dynasty" and equipped less with brains and more with checkbooks, would go on to dominate many Trivia Nights thereafter.

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The first time I heard the Holy Trinity Jesuit school motto "children for others" I wasn't entirely clear what that meant. I decided to get more involved with the parent association at the school, and soon I was charged with helping to organize service projects for the kids and school families. As a Jesuit school, Holy Trinity has always had a very rich tradition of giving back to the community, so I had large shoes to fill in this new role. We decided as a group that the best way to instill charity in kids was with hands-on work, and from that was born the annual Gleaning Project in which school kids and parents work on a nearby farm harvesting crops to be donated to local food banks. I still remember one of the earliest gleaning projects watching car after car with "HTS" magnets pull onto the fields of Miller Farms in Maryland, where over a hundred members of the Holy Trinity School community worked together to clear the field of vegetables to feed the needy in our area.

As my oldest daughter graduated from Holy Trinity School and went to high school down the street, the temptation was there for me to dial it back and step aside from any formal parent role at the school while my middle son made his way through. But somehow-and I am sure drinks were involved I was egged on to head up the entire parent association for the school. I remember friends from outside Holy Trinity warning me that getting too close to any organization, let alone an elementary school, was a bad idea. What they didn't realize was that at Holy Trinity School, we had a legend for a principal, Charlie Hennessy, who made my relatively limited role that year a piece of cake. I was privileged that year to witness first-hand how parents, teachers, and administrators can work together to make a school experience worthy of our children.

What I have always found with Holy Trinity School is that, whatever we lack in space and amenities, we make up in community. Community is without a doubt the heart and soul of Holy Trinity School, much like it is with the Parish. When I attended a school Father's Club BBQ event this past

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Ash Wednesday Schedule - March 2, 2022

- 8:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- **5:30pm** Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- **7:30pm** Sung Vespers with Distribution of Ashes (Lay Presider)

All liturgies celebrated in the main Church.

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

This past week Ms. Wendie Williams from the Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach sent a letter in commemoration of Black History Month. In the letter she referred to a legacy of holiness displayed by six Americans of African heritage that are being considered for canonization saints. Mother Henriette Delille (1812-1862); Julia Greeley (c. 1833-48 –1918); Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, OSP (1789-1882); Father Augustus Tolton (1854 – 1897); Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766 – 1853) and Sr. Thea Bowman (1937-1990).

In the letter Cardinal Gregory was quoted as stating;

"They come from different eras of our nation and from many different backgrounds and regions of our country, but each one lived our Catholic faith with courageous intensity."

Besides these six African-Americans, I would like to add a seventh candidate, Anne Marie Becraft. She and her family were once parishioners at Holy Trinity. Ann Marie was born in 1805 to William and Sara Becraft, prominent free Black Catholics. Anne Marie's grandmother, also a free Black, worked as a housekeeper for Charles Carroll (the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence).

At 15, Anne Marie became the proprietor of a day school for girls. The school operated from a house on Dumbarton Street in Georgetown. An average of 35 girls ``comprised girls from the best colored families of Georgetown, Washington, Alexandria, and surrounding counties." The school, which received the support of Holy Trinity's pastor, Fr. Neale, became known as the Georgetown Seminary and operated as an academy for boarders and day students, one of the first for females in the District. For eight years Anne Marie as a young woman ran this school for African-American girls. Then, inspired by the example of Mother Mary Lange, she entered the fledgling Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore, the first Roman Catholic religious institute for Catholic women of African descent. On September 8, 1832, Anne Marie received the religious name Sister Aloysius. The following year she took her vows and became the 11th sister to join the Oblates. She was a teaching oblate who instructed her students in arithmetic, English and embroidery. Sadly Anne Marie died shortly afterwards due to a chronic chest ailment. She is buried in Baltimore's Old Cathedral Cemetery, while members of her family are buried at our parish's Holy Rood Cemetery.

As you may know, several years ago Georgetown University named the oldest building on campus Anne Marie Becraft Hall. It is the first building at Georgetown University to be named after an African-American woman. Moreover, one of Holy Trinity School's six house communities is named Becraft. While Anne Marie lived only a short time, her courageous witness has created an amazing legacy, one which may someday be deemed worthy of canonization! Just ask one of our students who proudly wears the bright purple Becraft shirt.



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 February 21, 2022

Monday	8:00am	Diane Pearola+
	5:30pm	Pedro Arrocha+
Tuesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:00pm	
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Adam Pompa+
Saturday	8:00am	Margaret Curtin Hutchinson

Pray for those who are sick: Amelia Jackson-Gheissari

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: 8:00am & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.Saturday: 8:00am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — ChurchSunday: 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



Praying in Sacred Space Lenten Saturdays, 4-5pm, Zoom (March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9)

All are invited to prepare for Easter and encounter the Lenten scriptures in a way St. Ignatius introduces us to in the Spiritual Exercises. During the hour, savor the contemplative silence and share with others who are seeking God's presence during this time of returning to the Lord. Come to one session or all — no preparation necessary. All are welcome! Registration link may be found on the website and eLetter. For more information, contact Catherine Heinhold at *cheinhold@trinity.org*.

Trinity Faith Sharing - Small Groups for Lent

Eight sessions beginning the week of March 6

Register by February 28

Holy Trinity parishioners are invited to participate in a small faith sharing group this Lent and Easter. Trinity Faith Sharing groups offer parishioners a chance to meet in a small group to discuss the Sunday scriptures and the ways they intersect with our lives. Six groups will meet for eight sessions. Some groups are in person and some are on Zoom. For more information, including dates and times, please visit *trinity.org/ignatianspirituality/faith-sharing-groups*

LEARN

CommuniTea: Marc Howard, Founder of the Frederick Douglass Project for Justice

February 22, 12pm, Zoom Marc M. Howard, J.D., Ph.D., is the Founder and President of the Frederick Douglass Project for Justice. In this role, he leads all aspects of the organization and strives to fulfill the Douglass Project's mission of facilitating structured meetings and respectful conversations between members of free society and prisoners. Please register on our website.

Women Who Stayed Winter Series Begins! Women Who Seek Wisdom

For our winter series, we will welcome three speakers and for the fourth week we will gather in a hybrid manner (hopefully!). The first 3 weeks will continue as Zooms at 5:30pm. The final week will be an opportunity for participants over the past two years to gather at 7pm in McKenna Hall in person or via Zoom to reflect and pray together. Please register on our website.

February 28:Mary SchafferMarch 7:Dr. Jaime WatersMarch 14:Sr. Mary FormanMarch 21:Gathering the Graces & Wandering in Wisdom

White Nationalism and the LGBTQ Community: The Challenge to Catholics to See All Things New March 5, 2:30 nm, Church, Paccartion to followin Trining

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Fr. Bryan Massingale joins us to explore how white nationalism is not simply about racism, but also a threat to the well-being of the entire LGBTQ community. This threat challenges LGBTQ Catholics to a more inclusive understanding of their/our community. It also implicates Catholic practices of complicity in both racial and sexual injustice, and a summons an Ignatian inspired imagination that sees and acts differently in response to the needs of vulnerable populations. All are welcome to this Ignatian Year event!

SERVE

Community Support Invitations

The HT Migrant Team has applied for an Afghan family through *welcome.us* and expect to be assigned a family next month. Unlike the two families we have assisted so far, this would be full accompaniment. How can you support the HT Migrant Team?

- Donate gift cards. Grocery, Target or Old Navy gift cards are appreciated.
- Make a financial donation to the HT Migrant Team.
- Attend the HT Migrant Team Orientation on February 23 at 7pm over Zoom.



Judy Keating, the Alban family, Jo Ritcey-Donohue, and Paul & Ashley Klick enjoyed a feast earlier this month with the Yosufi family. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, Holy Trinity has welcomed two families resettling in Virginia.

Upcoming Collections Period Poverty Drive Hosted by 8th Grade Students

When: February 28-March 5 What: Collecting eco-friendly feminie hygiene products for sister parish in Haiti

Lenten Food Drive Hosted by 7th Grade Students

When: March 26-27 (at each Mass) What: Non-perishable items for food distribution partners

SOME Snack Bag Drive

When: March 26, 10am-12pm Corner of O & 36th Streets What: Snack bags for So Others Might Eat

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Fall, I realized with COVID that many of the more recent Holy Trinity School families have sadly been robbed of the opportunity to experience first-hand what a great and fun community that is Holy Trinity School. I really hope as time goes on that they get to see Holy Trinity School the way my family has experienced it—trivia nights, golf tourneys, galas, father/daughter dances, poker nights, beer...

Now I am down to my last few months of doing drop-off for my final child at Holy Trinity School. At what has long been an annual dinner gathering of some dads around Christmas Time at Fogo de Chao--these being many of the same dads I met at that first Holy Trinity School Trivia Night roughly fifteen years earlier--the talk turned to how things are going at the school these days. We realized that I was the only dad at the table who still had a kid at the school (and the only one whose hair wasn't fully gray yet). I told them that as nice as our memories of the good old days might be, that in my experience in this final year as a school parent, with Kevin McShane now at the helm assisted by Charlie Hennessy and so many dedicated teachers and administrators, Holy Trinity School is as strong if not stronger than when our family entered it 17 years ago. \$

CONNECT

New Parishioner Orientation

February 27, 2022, 4pm Via Zoom

If you are new to Holy Trinity or perhaps want to learn more about the Parish, please join Father Kevin and the staff on Zoom for our Winter New Parishioner Orientation. Meet other people new to the parish and find out about our ministries and groups. No RSVP required. Contact *parishlife@trinity.org* with any questions.

Grief Support Group

Holy Trinity's Grief Support Group will begin its spring session **March 5, 2022.** These sessions will meet on six consecutive Saturdays beginning March 5 from 10:30am until 12:30pm. Information is available on the parish website. To register, please contact Peggy Cloherty 301-320-1775 *mlcloherty@verizon.net* or Joe Brittain 202-658-8791 *jbrittain3@verizon.net*.



Holy Trinity St. Patrick's Day Potluck

March 18, 6:30pm, Trinity Hall Come join Father Kevin and other parishioners for an in-person gathering to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We will meet in Trinity Hall, so plenty of space to spread out. Bring an appetizer, main course, side

or dessert. Plenty of music and fun. Families, friends and singles of all ages are welcome. Sign up *signupgenius.com/* go/5080C4AABA828A0FA7-stpatricks3

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update:

Solar Power is coming to Holy Trinity! This summer, we will be installing solar panels on the roofs of our school buildings. This is in direct support of Pope Francis's environmental encyclical *Laudato Si* and the Jesuit's Universal Apostolic Preference of *Caring for our Common Home*. Solar energy will help us greatly reduce our carbon footprint while offering significant long term financial benefits. Recently, Fr. Gillespie sent a letter asking for donations to help make this project possible. We have already raised over \$150,000! Please offer your gift by clicking the Donate button in the banner at the top of our website at *trinity.org* or by texting SOLAR to 202-991-4483. 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, February 20		
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Luke 6:27-38	1:00pm	LGBTQIA+ Ministry Monthly Gathering Neale Room
Monday, February 21		
MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00am	Morning Prayer Zoom
James 3:13-18 Mark 9:14-29	9:30am	Trinity Faith Sharing Group
	8:00pm	Zoom Separated/Divorced/Widowed Support Group Zoom
Tuesday, February 22		
FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER	12:00pm	CommuniTea with Prof. Marc Howard
1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19	7:00pm	Zoom Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
	7:00pm	McKenna Hall Trinity Faith Sharing Group
	7:30pm	Zoom Pray the Rosary with Fr. Gillespie Zoom
Wednesday, February 23		
MEMORIAL OF SAINT POLYCARP James 4:13-17 Mark 9:38-40	7:30pm	Catechist Lenten Worskshop Zoom
Thursday, February 24		Loom
THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	6:05pm	Christian Meditation
James 5:1-6 Mark 9:41-50	_	Chapel
	7:00pm	HT Advocacy Team Zoom
	7 :00pm	Young Adult Faith Sharing Chapel
	7:15pm	Book Discussion Group
		Zoom
Friday, February 25		
FRIDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME James 5:9-12 Mark 10:1-12	9:00am	Morning Prayer Zoom
Saturday, February 26		
SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	7:30am	Zen Meditation
James 5:13-20 Mark 10:13-16		Church Repetitio
	9:00am	Parish Center Library
	4:30pm	Shepherd's Flock Mass Chapel
Sunday, February 27		
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke6:39-45	4:00pm	Winter New Parishioner Orientation Zoom

For a complete list of events, visit: www.trinity.org/calendar Daily Readings: www.usccb.org/bible/readings View Our Parish Supporters at www.DiscoverMass.com



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