

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday



Recently at Holy Trinity Parish, we conducted a comprehensive survey of parishioners, under the guidance of the public research organization, OpinionWorks. Distributed by email and traditional mail from mid-March until late April, the survey yielded a total of 1067 respondents, approximately 20% of registered parishioners. Please refer to our website homepage under announcements for the presentation of the survey results. The results revealed some intriguing findings for future consideration. For instance, 45% of the responses were from Virginia, with 40% from Washington DC and 15% from Maryland.

The survey also found that 86% of our respondents were very strong in their overall satisfaction with the parish. For example, "very high satisfaction" was reported in the "Celebration of Mass" (90%), "Gospel Commitment to Social Justice" (77%), and "Enriching Your Personal Spiritual Life" (75%). When asked where the Parish should focus in the next 3-5 years, the highest priority was given

to "supporting people in need in the community" (88%). Also given high priority were:

- "Fostering a vibrant in-person worship experience" (87%)
- "Building a stronger sense of community within the *parisb*" (87%)
- "Actively engaging our youth" (86%)
- "Supporting the role of women in the church" (82%) •
- "Speaking out on issues of social justice" (80%)

Outstanding among the statistics is the finding that 70% of our sampled parishioners place Holy Trinity at or near the top of their giving priorities. Thank you for your continued support.

One of my personal takeaways is the challenge to engage in better communication. It seems that our parishioners are not aware of some of the activities already occurring at Holy Trinity. Hence the need to inform them about the existence of 85 parish programs such as the daily homilies available via email; the need for more volunteers to enhance the sense of community (such as volunteering for the annual picnic–if you can assist, please sign up here *bit.ly/42ina8B*) and for support of worship (such as Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans); and the many additional avenues for the building of community that exist in the parish.

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel

SATURDAY (VIGIL): SUNDAY:

5:30 PM — Chapel SATURDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel 5:30 PM — Church 7:30 AM — Church 9:30 AM — Church, Livestream 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church

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The survey results will provide valuable input to the process of developing a strategic plan for the parish over the next 3-5 years. Here is an outline of this process:

- Formation of a Representative Strategic Task Force (early June)
- Draft of a Strategic Plan (end of August)
- Final Strategic Plan Approved (mid-September)
- Comprehensive Campaign, Planning/Feasibility Study, Begins (mid September)
- Strategic Plan shared with All Parishioners (end of September)
- Operational/Working Plan Developed by Key Staff (October)
- Comprehensive Campaign Begins (if advisable, Jan. 2024)

Needless to say, the survey results and the subsequent strategic plan represent an ambitious project for our parish's future. While challenging, I believe it can also be exciting as we move forward together imagining how to live our Catholic faith meaningfully in the 21st century. Let us live out the aspirations of our Mission Statement, namely to be a Jesuit Catholic Parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives. \$

EASTER FUND

Today, the Feast of Pentecost, marks the conclusion of this year's Easter season fundraising. Thank you so very much to everyone who gave to the 2023 Easter Fund! Your sacrificial generosity and commitment are deeply appreciated, and your gifts are used 100% in support of our parish ministries. Together, we bear witness to the Presence and Power of the Risen Christ's life through the active and energetic work of the Holy Spirit in our world, and especially through our parish, filled as it is with joyful children, beautiful gardens, engaging and enriching spiritual formation opportunities, and a steadfast commitment to serve others and advance justice. If you did not yet have a chance to give to this year's Easter Fund, this is your last opportunity! Please do so by:

- clicking the Donate button in the banner at the top of our website at *trinity.org*
- returning your donation in the hardcopy envelopes mailed with Father's letter
- scanning this QR Code:



Parishioners in Action



NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



GARDEN MINISTRY

June 3 and 10 | 9:00 AM

The Garden Ministry will be gardening at Holy Trinity on June 3 and 10. All are invited to help. Please meet at the shed to the right of the Chapel at 9 am and work until noon. Bring some gloves and a bottle of water. If you can join us, please RSVP to *htgardeners@gmail.com*.

THE PRIDE AND PERILS OF COMING OUT

June 4 | after 9:30 AM Mass in Neale Room

The LGBTQIA+ Family Ministry will host a discussion on the pride and perils of coming out. June is pride month for the LGBTQIA+ community. While many think that 'coming out'



only applies to someone who is LGBTQIA+, family members and friends also face the decision of whether to 'come out' to others about someone close who is LGBTQIA+. How can we listen to the Holy Spirit, support one another, encourage one another, and be who God wants us to be? Note that June 4th will be the **last session** of the LGBTQIA+ Family Ministry until the fall.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

June 4 | 10:45 AM, Upper Room Parents with Young Children Playgroup-families with children aged five and younger are warmly invited to a monthly playgroup and fellowship. Meet in the Upper



Room of the Parish Center (Level 2). If you have any questions please email: *mary.cain323@gmail.com*

GIRLSUP

This summer, several of our area Catholic schools are excited to be offering an inspiring summer



program for all middle school girls called GirlsUP. Holy Trinity has been a committed partner of GirlsUP. The program has a very meaningful and positive impact on girls and our community. Since 2008, GirlsUP has been offering summer programs across the DC area to encourage adolescent girls to think creatively, communicate effectively, assess choices critically and develop an authentic self-reliance. Go to *GirlsUP.org* for more information and to register.

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

Grades 7-8, ServiceworX, a local service program, July 10-14

Grades 9-11, **Baltimore Community Engagement,** overnight, July 16-22

See *trinity.org/youth/youth-summer-experiences/* for registration details. Register by **May 31.**

CHAPERONES NEEDED

Adults interested in accompanying youth through a week of service-learning **July 10-14** are asked to contact Katie Laskey, *klaskey@trinity.org*, with their interest. Visit *trinity.org/youth-volunteers* for more information.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

June 11 | 10:00 AM, Visitation All parish families and friends are invited to our annual Mass and picnic at Georgetown Visitation High School on



35th St. Father Kevin will preside at a 10am Mass in Visitation's Nolan Center. (there will be no 9am Masses at Holy Trinity). A picnic will follow on the front lawn. DJ DC Child will return and the kids can enjoy a moon bounce, balloon making, face painting and games. Our Fathers' Club will be grilling hot dogs and sides, beer and treats of watermelon, snocones and cotton candy will be available. There is no cost for the picnic, food or drinks. We do need volunteers to help during the day. If you can assist, please sign up here *bit.ly/42ina8B*

COMMON PRAYER FOR THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI

Loving Creator,

You have placed us on this earth to cultivate a communion of love within the web of life. We thank you for the gift of humanity's interdependence with our common home.

Infuse us with your mercy and strength so that we may grow painfully aware of our ecological sins and the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor.

Remind us how hope is the foundation of our faith, so that the certainty of the resurrection inspires us to greater action for a just and sustainable earth.

May we grow deeper in our journey of ecological conversion, as individuals and as a global community, working together day by day to bring more hope for the earth and hope for humanity.

We ask this in Jesus' name and through the fire of the Creator Spirit, Amen.

Holy Trinity is Hiring!

Director of Communications

We are seeking a creative, energetic and skilled communications professional to join our pastoral staff.

Administrative Assistant (Multiple Positions)

We are looking for administrative assistants to perform a wide variety of administrative, clerical and support activities for the directors of ministerial programs.

Visit *trinity.org/jobs* for full job descriptions.

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé and cover letter to *jobs@trinity.org*. No calls, please.

Summer Job at Holy Trinity

We are looking for high school or college-aged youths with computer skills to assist in updating the Parish database. Contact *pbolejack@trinity. org* with your expression of interest or any questions.

SEPARATED DIVORCED AND WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Trinity's Separated Divorced Widowed Support Group meets every Saturday, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. This is a warm and inviting group, and everything is confidential. No cost to attend and no need to register; just show up! Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. See the website calendar for the room for a given Saturday. If you have any questions, email Jack at *jharllee@gmail.com*

MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Mondays and Fridays 9:00 AM, Zoom

Morning Prayer is celebrated on Mondays and Fridays 9-9:45 am via Zoom. All are warmly invited to join whether once, occasionally, or regularly. Go to *trinity. org/morningprayer* for information and the link.

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS HIRING

Holy Trinity School, a Catholic elementary school in the Jesuit tradition, seeks to hire a **Middle School Science** and a **Middle School Math Teacher** starting in the 2023-2024 school year. These are permanent positions. The successful candidates will teach to segments of grades as part of a dynamic, high-energy educational team and will have strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field, minimum, and 2 - 3 years teaching experience; Certified to teach in MD, DC, or VA or is willing to gain certification within three years; and demonstrates strong writing and communication skills, a capacity for organization and follow-through, collaboration, and flexibility. Benefits included.

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé to *principal@htsdc.org*. No calls, please.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER (PART TIME)

Holy Trinity School, seeks to hire a part-time, Upper School (grades 5th through 8th) Music Teacher to join our faculty. Responsibilities include planning and delivering developmentally appropriate music lessons and activities. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Music/ Music Education, minimum of 2 - 3 years teaching experience; piano/accompanying and conducting skills.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH INTERVENTIONIST

An educator who is able to plan and deliver targeted instruction to students with diverse learning styles and levels of mathematical skills. This person will apply a variety of instructional methods and strategies to meet the needs of the individual student, making their learning experience relevant and effective. On-site, could be part-time but full-time preferred.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 29, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM	Dr. Franklin Stroud +
	5:30 PM	
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Margaret James +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Chuck Beard +
	5:30 PM	
Friday	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Rev. Robert Haskins,S.J. +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 28

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23

MONDAY, MAY 29

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Genesis 3:9-15, 20 | John 19:25-34

TUESDAY, MAY 30

TUESDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 35:1-12 | Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGINMARYZephaniah 3:14-18a | Luke 1:39-56

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN Sirach 42:15-25 | Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

FRIDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 44:1, 9-13 | Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS Sirach 51:12 cd-20 | Mark 11:27-33

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | John 3:16-18

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at *www.trinity.org/register* or click the **QR code below.**



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) 903-2832 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*.

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

Phone: (202) 337-2840 **Fax:** (202) 337-9048 **Emergencies Only:** (202) 903-2817 **Hours:** Monday-Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday & Sunday : Closed

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