

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

June 4, 2023 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Limitless Love of Christ: Holy Trinity's **LGBTQIA+ Ministry** By Brian Flanagan

We have much to celebrate this month. June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion long promoted by the Jesuits that emphasizes the passion and Christ's deep love for each one of us. In 2015, Pope Francis preached that "The Heart of the Good Shepherd tells us that his love is limitless; it is never exhausted and never gives up." Jesus' heart, the pope said, "desires to embrace all and lose none."

At the same time, June has become a month of celebration for the LGBTQIA+ community and our friends and families. In June, we celebrate Pride - not a sinful pride that puffs oneself up or denies one's limitations, but pride as the opposite of shame, as a virtue of gratitude for being the persons that God created us to be, and for having the courage to name that grace. Pride observances began as civil rights protests demanding that LGBTQIA+ people be treated fairly and with dignity, and now combine that continuing push for justice with celebration of how far we have come.

If you spend much time on Twitter (pro tip: don't!), you would get the resounding message, both from some



Catholics and from some LGBTQIA+ folks, that these two June commemorations are mutually exclusive. I'm happy to say that here at Holy Trinity, we are lucky to be living a very robustly Catholic "both/and" that recognizes in our celebration of LGBTQIA+ Catholics not the opposite, but the embodiment of, the limitless love of Christ symbolized in his Sacred Heart.

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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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I help to coordinate our LGBTQIA+ ministry, which was started by long-standing parishioners in 2019 and has grown in various ways in the following years. Some of our members have been here for decades, and others have joined us more recently, drawn to the parish by the steadfast support of our pastor, parish staff, and pastoral council. We hold discussion groups for men, for women and other historically marginalized genders, and for families, both parents of LGBTQIA+ children and LGBTQIA+ parents, and other events for conversation, spiritual development, and mutual support.

I'm happy to say that one of the best signs of the strong welcome of our parish is the fact that often LGBTQIA+ members of our community are too busy to attend our meetings! Instead, they have other commitments accompanying our RCIA candidates, teaching our children, serving at our liturgies, and working for social justice through our parish ministries. In our witness and service, you can find LGBTQIA+ Catholics celebrating pride and the love of Christ lived out in our love for God and others – all throughout the year with all our siblings here at Holy Trinity.

If you know LGBTQIA+ Catholics, especially any who have felt pushed away from the Church because of who they are or whom they love, please pass on the good news that they are welcome here and can always get more information by emailing *lgbtqia@trinity.org*.

And please join us on Wednesday, June 14, at 5:30 pm in the main church, for our annual parish Pride Mass and commemoration as we celebrate, together, the love of Christ that brings us together and calls us to continued mission in our world.

PRIDE MASS

June 14 | 5:30PM, Church Join us to our annual parish Pride Mass, followed an ice cream reception.

STEWARDSHIP

EASTER FUND

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:



Looking for a quick and easy way to make your Pledge or Offertory contribution in support of Christ's work here at Holy Trinity? Scan this QR Code to get started! Also, please note that every year we receive contributions - especially from stocks and IRA Distributions - that we cannot attribute to a donor. Your broker or agent often will NOT tell us the donor without your explicit instruction. For example, we recently received a Fidelity IRA Distribution of \$4,308.47 for which no donor was identified. If you can verify this is your contribution, please let Rock Schuler know at *rschuler@trinity.org.* Thank you!



TODAY!

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?. Today 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 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*

SUMMER YAC MASS SCHEDULE

The monthly 7:15pm Young Adult Mass is taking a pause for the summer. Instead, young adults are invited to sit together at the **5:30pm** Mass in the main church on the following summer Sundays, and gather afterwards for the pot-luck YAC Café in McKenna.

- **June 4** | 5:30 PM
- July 9 | 5:30 PM
- August 13 | 5:30 PM

Several pews will be reserved for the group in the back of the middle-right section underneath the balcony. All adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome. Visit *trinity.org/young-adults/* for more info about the YACs and to sign up for the twice-monthly email Digest.

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 **June 4**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Parish Pastoral Council Ballot Now Open. Voting is now open to select new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thanks to all who chose to run! We have five candidates for four open positions. Please take a moment to review the candidate statements and cast your vote.

Voting will be open through **June 11**. Candidate information and ballots can be accessed by using the QR codes below or by visiting *trinity.org* under Announcements. Please email *ppc@trinity.org* with any questions.





VOTE

GARDEN MINISTRY

June 10 9:00 AM

The Garden Ministry will be gardening at Holy Trinity on June 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*.

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, sno-cones 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*

MIGRANT FAMILIA & FRIENDS UPDATE

Highlighted needs:

- Kitchen chairs for Bernards (Silver Spring)
- Gift cards to Giant, Trader Joe's, & Uber; Metro Cards (these may be left at the Parish Center or dropped in the collection basket on the weekends)
- Shop the Amazon Community Wish List for items for new and current familia and friends! Updated weekly on our website.

The Migrant Team is trying to help with job placement for several of our familia members and our Nicaraguan friends. These individuals are ready and willing to do any type of work. We are hosting a gathering on June 10 to assist with the job search. Please review the candidates listed below, and if you are hiring or have suggestions please email *migrantteam@trinity.org*.

Bernadette

Lives in Silver Spring. Speaks French and English. Currently working as a teacher's aide and tutoring for extra income. Consider Bernadette for your French tutoring needs!

Carlos

Lives in Manassas. Spanish speaker- learning English. Working on securing driver's license. Would like a job in landscaping, maintenance, or construction.

Edras

Lives in Silver Spring. Speaks Spanish & Frenchlearning English. Would like a job as a plumber's apprentice.

Hugo

Lives in DC. Spanish speaker- learning English. Hugo was a human rights lawyer and professor in his home country. Would like a job in that field. Has experience gardening, cooking and in carpentry. CV available.

Kateryna

Lives in Arlington. Speaks Russian and English. Tourism background. Just completed certification in Quality Assurance. CV available.

Mario

Lives in Manassas. Spanish speaker- learning English. Looking for a job in landscaping or in a warehouse.

Miguel

Lives in Lanham, MD. Spanish speaker- learning English. Would like a job in human rights or immigration. Currently working in landscaping. Experience in logistics. CV available.

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.

ENVELOPED: 18TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING CONCERT

June 11 & 15 | 7:30 PM, Church

The 18th Street Singers is an all-volunteer 50-voice choir based in Washington, D.C. The ensemble is known for performing choral music from a variety of styles, from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary classical music.

Join us June 11th (in-person or for our 2nd ever livestream) and June 15th (in-person only).

For this concert series, tickets are available to reserve online and at the door for a suggested donation of \$20 for those who are able. Free student, GA, and donatewhat-you'd-like ticket options are also available. Reserve your tickets today *18thstreetsingers.com/home*

KAYAKING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

June 17 | 3:00PM, Key Bridge Boathouse Celebrate summer with Youth Ministry at the Key Bridge Boathouse. Reserve your



kayak or canoe. Stay for mass at 5:30pm afterward. Email Katie Laskey at *klaskey@trinity.org* with questions or for financial assistance.

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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 Math Teacher** starting in the 2023-2024 school year. This is a permanent position. The successful candidate 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 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.

IGNATIAN LIVING FOR MISSION RETREAT

July 17-20, 2023 at Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland. Anyone looking to learn to live the graces at the heart of Ignatian Spirituality: gratitude, healing, call, and co-laboring is invited. The retreat format combines presentations, time for silent prayer and reflection, and group faith sharing. The retreat is open to anyone who seeks to learn more about Ignatian Spirituality. For more information, *bit.ly/3MHWFCZ*

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM	Susan Keenan +
	5:30 PM	Paul Buford +
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Edward Griesmer +
	5:30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	William (Bill) Maloney +
	5:30 PM	Margaret James +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Sarahlee Lord +
Friday	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Louis A. Tambini +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	

DAILY READINGS

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONIFACE Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8 | Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

TUESDAY OF THE NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Tobit 2:9-14| Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

WEDNESDAY OF THE NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARYTIMETobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a | Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

THURSDAY OF THE NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a | Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

FRIDAY OF THE NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Tobit 11:5-17 | Mark 12:35-37

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

SATURDAY OF THE NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARYTIMETobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 | Mark 12:38-44

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 | John 6:51-58

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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 layled 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 Jennifer Dorsey at *ppcpresident@trinity.org* and Vice President Gail Louis 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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