

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 3, 2023 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Phoebe: Sister, Deacon and Benefactor by Ashley Klick Pastoral Associate for Social Justice

Are you familiar with St. Phoebe? I had never heard of Phoebe until the fall of 2019 when I was reviewing some of the work Anne Koester and Liz McCloskey had prepared for Women Who Stay. Since my involvement with Women Who Stay & Discerning Deacons, I have learned much more about this inspiring early Church leader.

Romans 16 introduces us to many women in addition to Phoebe- Prisca, Junia, Mary, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Again, names I had never heard. In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (diakonos) of the church at Cenchreae, and asks that they "receive her in the Lord" (Romans 16:1-3). Paul describes Phoebe via three designations: sister (adelphe); deacon, minister and/or servant (diakonos); and patron, benefactor, leader, helper and/or succourer (prostatis).

St. Phoebe was a woman of great courage and deep love. She answered God's call to minister to God's people during the earliest days of the Church, when persecution against Christians was strong. She earned the trust of Paul, who depended on her to handle communications with the ecclesial community in Rome.



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Phyllis Zagano writes: "The fact that Phoebe is the only person in Scripture who positively holds the job title deacon (diakonos) within a church community is an important point in the ongoing battle about restoring women to the diaconate. Despite the translations that call her 'minister' or 'deaconess,' Paul referred to her with the gender-neutral term



'deacon,' and connects her to an actual community." Do not be surprised if Phoebe seems unfamiliar as mention of her is not made in readings or prayers in the liturgy of the Catholic church.

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MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

On the weekend of September **9 & 10**, we will be returning to the following Mass schedule:

- Saturday, 5:30 PM
- **Sunday**, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (in the Church and in Trinity Hall), 11:30 AM, 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel 5:30 PM — Chapel SATURDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel SATURDAY (VIGIL): 5:30 PM — Church SUNDAY: 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 Vatican document synthesizing synodal reports written during the first phase of the synod is called "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent." It devotes six paragraphs to "rethinking women's participation," noting that women's full participation in the life of the Church emerged as a critical and urgent concern all over the world. In celebrating St. Phoebe, we pray for our universal Church as we journey together in synod, we celebrate women's gifts and contributions to our Church, and we bear witness to the critical and urgent need to re-think women's participation in the Church—including in the areas of preaching, governance, and the diaconate. We pray for our Church leaders as they prepare to gather in Rome for the start of the synod's Universal Stage, moving from consultation and discernment toward concrete proposals for action within our Church.

The Women Who Stay program at Holy Trinity has had a significant impact on my own faith formation. During COVID, I was inspired by every single woman who shared via Zoom from as far away as Australia. The prophetic voices of Sr. Christine Schenk, Dr. Shawn Copeland, Ellie Hidalgo, Sr. Carolyn Osiek, Megan Clark, Sr. Sandra Schneiders, Sr. Catherine Vincie, Diana Hayes, Germaine Little Bear, Maeve Heaney, and Dr. Jaime Waters continue to linger for me when I need support.

At Holy Trinity, we are also fortunate to have Catholic women lay leaders on staff as daily examples: Anne Koester, Helene Flanagan, Anne Marie Kaufmann, Sandy Nguyen, Kate Devlin, Lisa Dittmeier, Katie Laskey, Catherine Heinhold, Martina O'Shea, Margaret McConnell, Kathy DeJardin, Kathleen Haley, Kerry Edwards and Katy Williams.

I hope that you will join the celebration this month by learning more about St. Phoebe and the other women in the New Testament. Next week, I invite you to stop at the Women Who Stay/Discerning Deacons display at the Ministry Fair. We also invited parishioners to tell us a story of a Catholic woman that has made a profound impact on their faith and how they live it out in daily life. Throughout the month we will be sharing these stories in our bulletin and social media. We pray that these stories encourage you to reflect on the importance of the Catholic women in your own lives.

(With thanks to Discerning Deacons, *www. discerningdeacons.org*)

As part of our celebration of St. Phoebe in September, we invited parishioners to share a story of a Catholic woman who has made a profound impact on their faith and how they live it out. \$

Reemberto Rodriguez shares:

The aunt that raised me, Carmen Macias Sotolongo was - and is - an inspiration for me. Her unbending love of the poor, her helping spirit, and her Cuban



determination is unparalleled. She - alongside many others - was instrumental in creating a mission church in suburban Atlanta back in the 80's. Her relentless unselfish accompanying of the (predominantly) Mexican community - and her consistent 'loving' demands of the Atlanta archdiocese - were key in making things happen. This included the building of a mission church which was welcoming of all, included 'CCD' classes in Spanish, transportation from nearby apartments, and a flowing food pantry.

She never missed an opportunity to bring priests and religious to the mission to experience the love that flowed there. She did it all. Food pantry low? Get more food! Kids need transportation? Go pick them up! A teacher bailed out? Substitute! And she did all of this without expectation of recognition, without ever expressing tiredness - and without regards to rules and regulations that got in the way, including clerical protocols :-) The mission is now an example of what is possible, oftentimes highlighted by the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI). She is still active, now mostly letting us all to never forget that accompaniment is service. After almost 16 years as Holy Trinity's Director of Music Ministry, Kathy DeJardin is leaving us to pursue new opportunities. Kathy shares her farewell thoughts:

In Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16, Paul commands the gathered believers to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, thereby making melody to the Lord with all your heart" (Eph. 5:19),



"teaching and admonishing one another in wisdom" (Col. 3:16). Paul would be uplified were he to worship here at Holy Trinity-whether at a weekend Mass, Triduum, Easter, Christmas, sung Evening Prayer service or sacramental liturgy.

The assembly, the one Body of Christ incarnate, has a central musical role throughout each eucharistic celebration as they sing these psalms and hymns, inspiring each other to go forth and spread the Word in their lives. The focus throughout my ministerial career has been to lead assemblies in this role, and it has been joyful for me to witness how beautifully and powerfully the assembly at Holy Trinity has lived and fulfilled it.

I am humbled and deeply grateful for the chance to lead you in singing these psalms and hymns for almost 16 years. To rejoice with you for your joyful family celebrations--baptisms, first eucharists, confirmations, weddings--and especially for the times we gave your dead back to the God who creates and loves us. I will cherish always the time I was blessed to minister to this particular Body of Christ. I keep you in my prayers and ask that you keep me in yours. Never forget to keep singing!

-Kathy

CAMP TRINITY - REGISTRATION TIME

Pack your bags and register for Holy Trinity's annual Camp Trinity **September 22-24** in lovely Orkney Springs, VA!

Scan this code to register and pay, or go to *trinity.org/parish-life* for more information.



WORSHIP AID TO BE INCLUDED IN WEEKLY BULLETIN

Starting the weekend of September **9 & 10**, the acclamations, hymns, songs and sung responses of the Liturgy (except for Sunday, 5:30 Mass) will be printed in the weekly bulletin. This change is being made to decrease the costs of preparing these participation aids and to allow for a larger format that will be easier to read. Another important benefit of the change is that our bulletin printing company uses soy-based inks, making the bulletins 100% recyclable. If you would like to take the next "greener" step, you

can choose to download the bulletin from our website *trinity.org/bulletins/* on your way to Mass and bring your tablet!

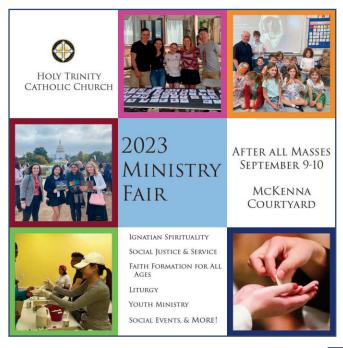


HOLY TRINITY @ NATS PARK

All are invited to our annual baseball outing on **September 23** at 1:05pm to see the Nats take on the Braves! Tickets are \$16 each. Please scan QR code to sign up.



2023 MINISTRY FAIR - NEXT WEEKEND





SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL EVENTS & SPEAKERS

Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 September 2023. The Holy Father has chosen as the title for his traditional Message, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay", with the intention of fostering renewed reflection on a right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land. In recognition of this day, the HT Migrant Team invites you to two events:

Meet Joanna Williams, Kino Border Initiative

September 22 6:00 PM, Chapel Gardens & Rotunda The Migrant Team is pleased to welcome our friend Joanna Williams, Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative. All are welcome to gather after Mass to meet Joanna and receive an update on the work at the border.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

September 24 | 10:15 AM, Trinity Hall Dominique Poirier, Director of Legal Services at Just Neighbors, will speak on "Racism and the US Immigration System."

Restorative Justice Series "What If"

What if. . .in 1977 there really was a great example of Anti-Racism?

September 23 | 10:00 AM, Zoom.

Register: *bit.ly/44yxObM*

Ken Boretti and Carl Reid grew up in different worlds. Ken, a cradle Catholic, is of Irish and Italian descent and hails from Beverly, Massachusetts. Carl is African American and was the product of the military community which was integrated by President Truman's Executive Order 9981 in 1948. Ken and Carl [as roommates] became close friends and brothers in Christ at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. God used their relationship to shape their future careers, help them navigate life's challenges, both blessing and suffering, and demonstrate God's love for all His creation, "every tribe and tongue." Let's walk with them for a moment or two listening to how the bonds they shared helped them accomplish what they did – and how their lives have been enriched. The Season of Creation is a month-long prayerful observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. It starts September 1st and ends October 4th. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and other creatures inhabiting it.

This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of Creation... "

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that "we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation".

Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (LS 139).

Advocating for Creation Care helps safeguard the inheritance the Creator has given us, ... an inheritance essential to our well-being. Pope Benedict XVI told us that protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation.

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2023-2024 IGNATIAN RETREATS IN DAILY LIFE SAVE THE DATES!

Abiding in God's Love - October 22-28, 2023 and January 21-27, 2024

An introductory retreat for those who are new to praying in the Ignatian Way

Emmanuel Retreat - December 3-9, 2023

Follow a daily practice of prayer in the way of Ignatius as we prepare our hearts for Christmas

Lenten Retreat - February 11 - March 23, 2024

Deepen your relationship with Jesus as you experience a taste of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola **Setting Captives Free** - *Feb 11, 18, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 2024*

Discover through the guidance of the Holy Spirit how you may be complicit with systemic racism

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to get involved with Youth Ministry but aren't sure how? Contact Katie Laskey at *klaskey@trinity.org* to set up a meeting.

INFORMATION SESSION ON THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

September 16 | 11:00 AM, Zoom

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are one way to come to love as God loves. Throughout an 8-9 month retreat made in daily life, the retreatant can grow in self-knowledge, deepen their intimacy with Jesus, and grow in their practice of discernment of spirits. Join us for an hour conversation about this gift that God gave the church through St. Ignatius. Contact Martina O'Shea at *moshea@trinity.org* for the link to the online session.

JOIN OR DIE FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

September 22 | 7:00 PM, Trinity Hall All parishioners are invited to join the Young Adult Community for this screening of Join or Die, a documentary about why you should join a club (or church group!). The film follows the story of America's civic unraveling



through the journey of social scientist Robert Putnam, whose viral "Bowling Alone" research into the decline in American community lights a path out of our democracy's present crisis. Director/Producer Pete Davis will be present at the screening for a Q&A discussion and reception after the film.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FAITH SHARING GROUP THIS FALL!

"Participating in Trinity Faith Sharing gave me hope. It helped me to see scriptures in a new light and gave all the consolations of praying in community." - past participant

You are invited to join a small faith sharing group for eight weeks this fall. Trinity Faith Sharing will meet once a week, for one hour, the weeks of **September 25** through **November 12**. Participants reflect together on the Sunday scriptures and the ways they intersect with our lives. There will be both in-person and online groups. Please visit *trinity.org/faithsharing* for more info and to register for a group.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Clark +
	5:30 PM	Anthony Martinez +
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Alice Ann Davidson +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Anton +
	5:30 PM	Ronald Bashian +
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Barbara Reynolds +
	5:30 PM	Timothy Mooney +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Alice Tuiyott+

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jeremiah 20:7-9 | Romans 12:1-2 | Matthew 16:21-27

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN O.T. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN O.T. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 | Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN O.T. Colossians 1:1-8 | Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN O.T. Colossians 1:9-14 | Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGINMARYMicah 5:1-4a | Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CLAVER Colossians 1:21-23 | Luke 6:1-5



New Parishioner Registration

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at *www.trinity.org/register* or scan 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.

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