

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

September 24, 2023 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Reflection on YAC Trip to Rio Grande Valley By Elizabeth Ash & Julie Yelle

In July, five YACs visited the U.S.-Mexico border to learn more about migration and the Catholic Church's response. While volunteering, attending Mass, and visiting a migrant camp in Matamoros, Mexico, we had the opportunity to talk with many people about their journey to the United States and their hopes for the future. In the face of a prolonged and complicated humanitarian crisis at the border, these personal encounters were a source of consolation and motivation for us.

On Friday, we volunteered with Catholic Charities' Humanitarian Respite Center (HRC), which offers resources and shelter to families who have just completed their immigration interviews. We helped prepare bundles of clothes for migrants headed to their final destinations, then served dinner to about 400 people who were staying overnight. (The volunteer coordinator told us that shortly before Title 42 ended, the HRC hosted as many as 800.) The kitchen staff alongside whom we served were temporary volunteers staying at the HRC themselves, and when the work slowed down after everyone had been served, they shared some of their own stories and hopes for the future with us.



On Saturday, we spent the day with Team Brownsville, an organization that welcomes those who have recently crossed the border. Unlike at the HRC, which primarily serves families with children, we met more single travelers and adult families. While handing out food, supplies, and medicine, we had the chance to chat with migrants, many of whom maintained hope in spite of incredibly challenging circumstances. One young man told us about his four-month journey north from Venezuela. Another man described how he had learned to trust in God while confined in a detention center for two months.

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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 9:00 AM — Church, Livestream and Trinity Hall 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church

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

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We spent our final day with Fr. Brian Strassburger (host of the Jesuit Border Podcast), who celebrates Mass twice a week at a migrant camp in Matamoros, Mexico. The camp's main topic of conversation: immigration appointments, which migrants request through the (glitchy) CBP One app. The wait, which can take months, is perilous. Most migrants lack work authorization in countries of passage, such as Mexico. As they wait, they rely on the limited financial support of family and friends in their often impoverished communities back home. Gangs threaten migrants' safety, extort money from them, and even kidnap people from their tents, targeting those suspected to have personal savings or other financial means and disproportionately affecting migrants of certain nationalities (e.g., Chinese).

At the same time, tremendous faith exists alongside fear and uncertainty. Some residents of the migrant camp embrace entrepreneurialism and ingenuity to meet the needs of their temporary community and themselves. For example, we met two young men who had opened a makeshift restaurant under their tarpaulins, first serving arepas, a food popular in their South American home countries, and then adding hamburgers to the menu after acquiring the business of a fellow migrant who had completed his wait in the camp.

That afternoon, Fr. Brian celebrated Mass for unaccompanied minors. These children, who entered the United States without a verifiable parent or relative, live in centers run by for-profit companies until they can be reunited with family or alternative guardianship agreements can be verified. Most were in their early teens, and some were even younger. Some told us they had been waiting for months.

After Mass, we chatted with them over snacks, talking about their favorite movies, television shows, and singers. Some of their preferences were typical of their age group (Coco, Lana Del Rey), and others (the elementary-school-age series Masha and the Bear) were means of envisioning a more carefree childhood. Some of the youth chatted away vibrantly in Spanish, and others whispered phrases in their native tongue of Q'eqchi when we asked if they spoke an indigenous language.

One of the greatest consolations of the trip was witnessing the powerful role of faith amid the challenges and uncertainties of the migration experience. In Brownsville, several recently arrived young men gave us their wishes for God to reward us for our service with "blessings and good health," and the hope of many was palpable as they took their first steps in the United States, even as they acknowledged that the path ahead would demand much of them and was lined with still more uncertainties.

On the other side of the border, Fr. Brian's homily contained a poignant call to persevere in patient and trusting endurance that was echoed in the voices of the migrant camp residents we conversed with in Matamoros. We are grateful for the chance to hear personal stories, witness unbelievable courage, and learn from the faith of people seeking a new start in the United States.

## Interested in learning more?

- On September 24 (World Day of Migrants and Refugees), Dominique Poirier, Director of Legal Services at Just Neighbors, will speak on "Racism and the US Immigration System" in Trinity Hall at 10:15 a.m.
- Holy Trinity's Migrant Familia accompanies 24 families from 11 countries. Contact *migrantteam@ trinity.org* to get involved.
- Reach out to *yacs+socialjustice@trinity.org* with additional questions.



## **NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**



## **TODAY!**



DONUTS Following 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Sunday Masses McKenna Hall

## **RACISM AND THE US IMMIGRATION SYSTEM**

September 24 | 10:15AM, Trinity Hall

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on September 24. Pope Francis has chosen "Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay" as the title for his Message.

In recognition of this day, the Holy Trinity Migrant Team presents:

Dominique Poirier, Director of Legal Services at Just Neighbors, speaking on "Racism and the US Immigration System." This event takes place after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday, Sept. 24, in Trinity Hall.



## **LBGTQIA+ MINISTRY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

## LGBTQIA+ Families & Friends Ministry

September 24 | 10:15AM, Neale Room The Families and Friends Ministry will gather for the first time this year -- all are welcome! More info at trinity/lgbtqia-ministry.

## Men's Discussion Group

September 25 | 7:00 PM on Zoom Processing Backlash as Queer Men of Faith. Register: trinity/lgbtqia-ministry

## **IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE INFORMATION SESSIONS**

An info session about the Teach-In will take place on Zoom on **October 2** at 7:00pm. You can find the link on the parish calendar or the Youth Ministry Service & Justice page. Contact Katie Laskey *klaskey@trinity*. org with any questions.

Not able to attend the Zoom? Find us at Coffee & Donuts after the 9am and 11:30am Masses on Sunday, September 24 to learn more!

## **SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP**

September 24 | 10:15AM, Parish Center Library, Parish Center. All high school students welcome!

Sign up to provide breakfast food for Sunday Youth Group meetings. A great way to get involved with Youth Ministry if you aren't sure what your role could be. Contact *klaskey@trinity.org* for more information.

## SEASON OF CREATION NATURE WALK WITH FR. **KEVIN**

September 30 | 10AM - Noon

Please join Fr. Kevin Gillespie and fellow parishioners for a nature walk on the grounds of the U.S. National Arboretum.

Carpool opportunities from the parish are available!



Please sign up by scanning the QR code, or at: bit.ly/4885W1d

## **RECENTLY-MARRIED COUPLES BLESSING &** RECEPTION



**October 1** | 6:30PM, Chapel & Garden All couples who were married in the last 5 years are invited to a brief blessing followed by a wine & cheese reception.

Please RSVP: hflanagan@trinity.org

## SR. ILIA DELIO AT HOLY TRINITY

October 8 | 3:00PM, Trinity Hall. Reception to Follow

The Holy Trinity Women Who Stay invite you to: "God in the Grass: Learning to Live in the Entanglement of Love" with Sr. Ilia Delio

Ilia Delio is a Franciscan sister of Washington, DC, a theologian, author, and university professor. She holds the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair of Theology at Villanova University. For more information, please e-mail aklick@trinity.org

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## **BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED AT HTS**

Holy Trinity School fields basketball teams for grades

3-8 and is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming season. Practices start in late October and the season generally ends in late February. If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a coach, please contact Lindsey Toohey at *ltoohey@htsdc.org*.



## ABIDING IN GOD'S LOVE: AN IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

## October 22 - 28, 2023

#### Registration Deadline: October 8

Join us in praying in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, engaging the intellect, feelings, and imagination. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. Register at *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/godsabiding-love-retreat/*. Questions? Contact *moshea@ trinity.org*.



#### A SACRED SPACE OF FINAL REPOSE

Holy Trinity's Columbarium at Holy Rood Cemetery is located at 2126 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, on a hillside overlooking Georgetown, about a mile from the church.

The Columbarium is open to all, and over half of the available spaces have been sold.

## <u>Please note: a price increase is scheduled for</u> <u>November 1.</u>

For more information, you can scan the QR code, visit the Holy Trinity Columbarium website at *holytrinitycolumbarium.org*, or call (202) 903-2836.



**CELEBRATING CATHOLIC WOMEN IN OUR LIVES** 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.

#### FROM KATHLEEN WACH:

My aunt Rosemary Wach, SNDdeN, has been a

source of unconditional love and spiritual guidance my whole life. She is my late father's older sister – and at 95, the sole survivor of the nine siblings in my father's family. She regales us with stories about their childhood in Dayton, Ohio, madcap antics in the small house (one



bathroom for eleven people!) and life lessons learned staffing the general store their father bought during the Depression.

Rosemary's long life has been spent in the joyful service of the Lord. She joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur following high school; taught elementary school (developing a love for the fearsome 8th graders) and was appointed principal by age 30. At age 33, to her considerable shock, she was appointed to the international leadership for her order in Rome. Because canon law set 35 as the minimum age for congregation's leadership, a waiver had to be obtained. She was in Rome during the heady, thrilling years of Vatican II, when the Church was opening its windows and all things seemed possible. She arrived in Rome in full-length black habit and departed (six years later) in a sensible dress, bareheaded. She went to Kenya, to start the SND's new mission in that country, and taught several generations of teachers at the Egoji Teachers Training College in Meru, Kenya. After 30 years, she came home to Ohio and earned a nursing degree. Returning to Africa, this time to Harare, Zimbabwe, she provided medical care for another decade.

Rosemary is now living in the SND de Namur motherhouse and nursing home in Cincinnati, Ohio, beloved by her nieces and nephews and much soughtafter by staff, fellow sisters and all, because she is joyful and wise, and great-hearted.

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CANTOR/CHOIR You are salt for the earth, O people:

AT THE 9:00 AM MASS

Entrance

September 24, 2023

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## THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Saturday, 5:30 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30AM

ALL Salt for the Kingdom of God!

#### CANTOR/CHOIR Share the flavor of life, O people: ALL Life in the Kingdom of God! To REFRAIN CANTOR/CHOIR You are a light on the hill, O people: ALL Light for the City of God! CANTOR/CHOIR Shine so holy and bright, O people: ALL Shine for the Kingdom of God! To REFRAIN CANTOR/CHOIR You are a seed of the Word, O people: ALL Bring forth the Kingdom of God! CANTOR/CHOIR Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, ALL grow in the Kingdom of God! To REFRAIN CANTOR/CHOIR We are a blest and pilgrim people: ALL Bound for the Kingdom of God! CANTOR/CHOIR Love our journey and love our homeland: ALL Love is the Kingdom of God! To REFRAIN REFRAIN: ALL SING TOGETHER Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God! AT THE SATURDAY 5:30 PM AND 11:30 AM MASSES: Gather #644 Penitential Act At the 9:00 AM Mass in the church - The Rite of Receiving the Children for Baptism replaces the Penitential Act Glory to God Gather #319 Collect The Liturgy of the Word First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9 Responsorial Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 The Lord is near to all who call up him, the on is Lord near. the Lord is near. Second Reading Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Acclamation before the Gospel Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a Homily

## Nicene Creed

At the 9:00 AM Mass in the church, the Creed is omitted because there is a Profession of Faith during the Baptismal Ritual.

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

ONLY AT THE 9:00 AM MASS IN THE CHURCH

Andrew James Boyd Jack Christopher DeBear Nathaniel James DeBear Lydia Anne Mihalik

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

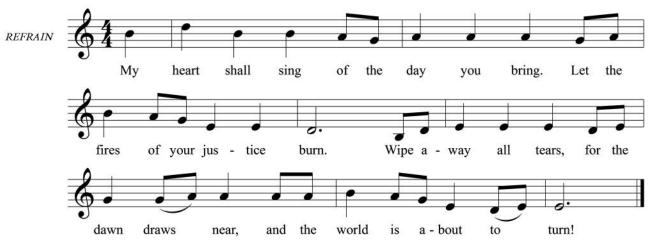


The Eucharistic Prayer

Gather #364, Mystery of Faith B, #366, #391

## The Communion Rite

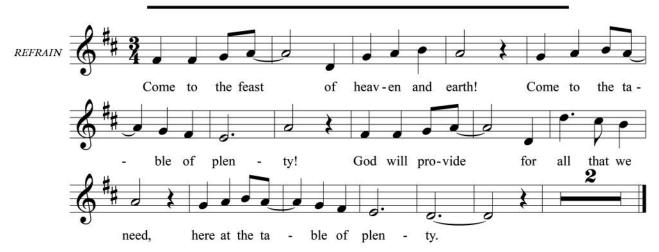
1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? TO REFRAIN



2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. TO REFRAIN

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. TO REFRAIN

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. TO REFRAIN



1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. TO REFRAIN

2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. TO REFRAIN

3. My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul. TO REFRAIN

4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.

For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil. TO REFRAIN

Prayer after Communion

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

**Concluding Processional** 



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### HOLY TRINITY GARDEN MINISTRY

Join our Garden Ministry during this Season of Creation! Fall gardening is on **October 14.** 

To RSVP or request more info, please e-mail htgardeners@gmail.com

## SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF FORMATION FOR ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

On **October 14**, all liturgical ministers are invited to a day of formation at Holy Trinity, from 9am to 1pm. Our guest speaker will be Father Paul Turner, pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, MO. More information to come...

## **REGISTER NOW FOR THE YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY RETREAT**

October 20-22 | Registration Deadline: October 9 Come away for a weekend to reflect on life and faith, and share fellowship with other young adults at the *One Body in Christ* retreat. Peer speakers, small and large group discussions, and quiet time for prayer and reflection will give us ample opportunity to explore our Catholic faith, and its call to community and service. For registration and more information, see *trinity.org/yac-retreat/* 

## ACCOMPANYING OUR MIGRANT FAMILIA

Thank you for your support of our Migrant Familia! We are grateful for your generosity and prayers. If you have the following new or gently used items, please drop them off at the Parish Center:

- Used or new cell phones
- Grocery cards to Giant or Trader Joe's
- Staple family-friendly pantry items (Cereal, snack bars, rice)

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

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM Mary Kathleen Koltes Crawford+
	5:30 PM
TUESDAY	8:00 AM Kent Wiedemann+
	5:30 PM Elba Arrocha
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM Patrcia Craven+
	5:30 PM Rosemary Corcoran Newberry+
THURSDAY	8:00 AM Bill Plante+
	5:30 PM William Renne Meyn+
Friday	8:00 AM Brian F. Maher+
	5:30 PM Burton Roberts+
SATURDAY	8:00 AM Beth Soldo+

## **DAILY READINGS**

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Isaiah 55:6-9 | Philipians 1:20c-24, 27a | Matthew 20:1-16a

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN O.T.** Ezra 1:1-6 | Luke 8:16-18

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN O.T.** Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 | Luke 8:19-21

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN O.T.** Haggai 1:1-8 | Luke 9:7-9

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | John 1:47-51

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a | Luke 9:43b-45



## **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.

#### PARISH CENTER

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