



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WASHINGTON, DC

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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We have been blessed this past fiscal year, and we have much to be thankful for. This year, we have tried to present this annual report in a more accessible - and perhaps, a more entertaining way. There are a lot of numbers to digest, but we hope that you take the time to peruse these pages and see what an impact this parish has.

As some parishes find themselves with shrinking attendance and fewer parishioners, we have been fortunate to have added over 450 parishioners to our community and have seen Mass attendance continue to grow. Our Liturgical Ministry has also hosted a successful concert program, bringing many types of music and many non-parishioners into our historic church.

Your generosity enabled our Social Justice Ministry to hand out \$513,000 from the parish tithe to 30 organizations, some of them first-time recipients. The numbers on page 6 below are incredible when you take a moment to read them - for example: over 4,750 meals were served by our Saturday and Sunday Suppers program! The Migrant Familia continued to grow, and our work with our sister parishes in Haiti and El Salvador continues. This past year we're especially grateful to the History Committee for their leadership on the Juneteenth plaque dedication.

The Faith Formation and Religious Education Ministry continues to see growth. Sunday morning RE classes have close to 400 students enrolled in person, and another 68 students enrolled for at-home Catechesis. It's a beautiful chaos on Sunday mornings as those hundreds of students and catechists scramble to make it to their classrooms on time! Faith Formation has also hosted a number of programs for adults, including a speaker series which has brought many important discussions to campus.

Our Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer Ministry has engaged hundreds of individuals in retreats, both in-person and virtually, and through spiritual guidance. The offerings enumerated on page 8 below are a testament to the Ignatian team's dedication.

Holy Trinity School has benefited from the leadership of Principal Katy Williams, who completed her first year at HTS, as well as the dedication of our parents. The school continues to thrive, with full enrollment of 329 students and an incredible roster of teachers and staff, allowing the school to maintain an 8:1 student-teacher ratio.

To sustain these ministries, and all of the work for the greater good that we do, we are grateful for the generosity of all of our parishioners. At the end of Fiscal 2024, the total amount received from the Pledge program, Holiday giving, and the Offertory was \$4.34 million, roughly on par with the previous fiscal year.

Let me close by saying, "Thank You!" Thank you for your generosity, for the contribution of your time and talent, and for your prayers. On behalf of our parish staff and my fellow Jesuits - Fathers Clifford, Dennis, Earl, and Kelley - I thank you.



Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

# FINANCES

## Financial Results for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 20204.

We use this report to say “thanks” - while providing you, our parishioners, with a transparent accounting of how we used the resources you provide. Your gifts enable the ministerial work that we do here and beyond the parish. Holy Trinity had a strong fiscal year, where both income and expenses exceeded the expected figures in the budget. In addition to the oversight of the finance council, we have an outside auditor review the books of both the parish and the school. Parishioners may always ask to review our audited financial statements during normal business hours. Contact Thomas Favret, managing director, at (202) 903-2847 or [tfavret@trinity.org](mailto:tfavret@trinity.org) for more information.

	Last Year's Actuals 2023	This Year's Actuals 2024
<b>Parish Revenues</b>		
Collections: Pledge, Offertory & Holiday Gifts	4,348,820	4,335,201
Other Revenues: Bequests, Donations, RE and Sacramental	2,482,960	3,590,094
School Income: Tuition, Donations, Tutoring, Grants & Parish Support	7,218,126	7,587,585
<b>Parish Income Totals:</b>	<b>14,049,907</b>	<b>15,512,880</b>
<b>Parish Expenses</b>		
Liturgy and Worship	612,815	667,127
Rectory and Clergy	268,086	263,058
Faith Formation: Children, Youth and Adult	350,123	395,621
Social Concerns: Social Justice & Ignatian Spirituality	1,393,458	1,438,142
Administration	1,339,059	1,295,941
Physical Plant: Repairs, Utilities, Insurance	1,448,401	1,693,555
Parish Other: Holy Rood, ADW Support, School Assistance	1,426,347	1,512,616
<b>Parish Expense Totals:</b>	<b>7,208,114</b>	<b>7,670,610</b>
<b>School Expenses</b>		
Instruction: Instruction & Classroom Expenses	4,593,525	4,583,861
Operations and Maintenance	846,080	1,233,141
Administration	1,149,848	1,169,567
Auxiliary Services	394,940	424,735
Before and After Care	223,784	259,305
<b>School Expense Totals:</b>	<b>7,208,114</b>	<b>7,670,610</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14,046,410</b>	<b>14,936,669</b>

# LITURGY & MUSIC

## SACRAMENTS

**Infant Baptisms:** 207

**First Communions:** 106

**Confirmations:** 111

**Adult Initiations:** 29

**Marriages:** 33

**Funerals:** 48



**Sunday Masses:** 5

**Daily Masses:** 2

**Estimated Weekly  
Mass Attendance:** 1,875 (+ 4.2%)

**Liturgical Ministers:** ~400

**Choir Members:** 75+ voices among the various Masses

**Young Adult Community Masses:** 12

**Mass with LGBTQIA+ Community:** 1

## CONCERTS AT HOLY TRINITY

**Duke Ellington School Choir “Lift Every Voice & Sing”**

**The Thirteen: I Wonder As I Wander**

**Wolf Trap Opera**

**Amabile Piano Duo**



## HOLY TRINITY COLUMBARIUM

**Inurnments:** 17

**Niches Purchased:** 55

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Tithe: \$513,000 to 30 organizations**



## FEED THE HUNGRY

**Sunday Suppers: 3,640 served**

**Saturday Suppers: 1,140 served**

**GMC December meals: 490 served**

**GMC Fruit & Bagels: 900 served**

**Thanksgiving Meals: 500 served for multiple partner organizations**

**Offsite meals: 350 served for 9 partner organizations**

**SOME Snack Bags: 5,809**

**McKenna breakfast casseroles: 252**

## ACCOMPANIMENT

**Inaugural Pilgrimage to Alabama**

**Kino Border Initiative Visit**

**Maria Madre Pilgrimage**

**Dozens of parishioners visited DC jail via the Frederick Douglass Project**

This church, dedicated in 1851, was for many years a segregated space. Black parishioners, enslaved and free, then numbered as much as a third of the congregation.

Until the 1880s, Black parishioners had to sit in the church's side and rear balconies. The main floor was for White parishioners. After the side balconies were removed, the rear balcony was expanded and Black parishioners had to sit there during Mass, separated by a curtain from the choir and taking Communion after the White parishioners.

Hundreds of Black parishioners left Holy Trinity in the 1920s and founded Epiphany Catholic Church in Georgetown because of the ongoing segregation and discrimination they found here.

O God, forgive us for these sins of racism and the pain they have caused. Guide us from repentance to reconciliation.

Approved by the  
Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council  
Dedicated June 19, 2024

## Juneteenth Plaque Dedication:

*The plaque marks one more milestone on our parish journey to discover and understand the lessons of slavery, segregation, and race which are deeply embedded in Holy Trinity's past.*

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## MIGRANT FAMILIA

**Families:** 27  
38 adults & 33 children, 12 countries

**New Families Welcomed:** 3

**Asylum:** 1 family

**“Graduates”:** 2 individuals, 1 family

**Volunteers:** 400+



**Christmas gifts:** over 1,500 for  
11 partner organizations



## SISTER PARISHES

### St. Jean Baptiste/Haiti:

- \$15,000 tithe donation to school (scholarships for 120 students)
- 54 Post-Secondary Scholarships

### Maria Madre/El Salvador:

- \$20,000 tithe donation to school (benefits 182 students)
- 35 godparents are sponsoring 38 students



## ENVIRONMENT

**Compost:** 6.4 tons of waste  
NOT sent to the landfill

**Solar Panels:** Project finally greenlit  
for FY 2025 installation (July 2024)

**Plastic:** 5,615 single-use water bottles  
“saved” due to the fill up stations

# IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

## BY THE NUMBERS...

- **141** individuals engaged in five Retreats in Daily Life
- **187** individuals received individual spiritual direction



- **71** individuals engaged in young adult retreats
- **28** individuals made the Spiritual Exercises in the 19th Annotation format
- **14** member ecumenical Ignatian Retreat Team

- **50** individuals in Trinity Faith Sharing Groups
- **55** individuals attended the Lenten Ignatian Spirituality Simple Supper & Prayer
- **13** women engaged in Ignatian Spirituality Project monthly meetings



- **30** individuals participated in the LGBTQIA+ Being Seen, Being Heard, Being Accepted retreat
- **12** women participated in the Gonzaga Mothers' Ignatian Prayer and Discussion Group
- **45** individuals participated in the Spiritual Exercises Information Sessions
- **111** Confirmation Candidates made the Living in God's Love retreat
- **14** Holy Trinity staff participated in the Magis Day of Reflection

# FAITH FORMATION

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

**In-Person Religious Education:** 397 students, 101 volunteers

**At-Home Catechesis:** 68

**Shepherd's Flock:** 6 students, 5 volunteers

**Bible Story Hour:** 19 children, 3 volunteers



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**59 teenagers, 7 volunteers**

**Sunday morning Youth Group,  
Service Events, Social Outings**

**Ignatian Family Teach-In**

**Junior High Service Week**

**Summer Baltimore Service Projects**



## CONFIRMATION

**Our 8th Graders participated in a number of activities, including:**

- **Neighborhood Cleanup**
- **Volunteering with RE Classes**
- **Studying Middle East Conflict**
  - **Attend Youth Group**



## FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

**Celebration of the Saints**

**Family Stations of the Cross**



# FAITH FORMATION

## SPEAKER SERIES

**Hundreds of parishioners attended Adult Faith Formation speaker events, including**

- **God in the Grass: Learning to Live in the Entanglement of Love with Sr. Ilia Delia (hosted by Social Justice & Women Who Stay)**
- **Panel Discussion on the Synod with Fr. Tom Reese, SJ, Rhina Guidos, and Richard Coll**
- **Russia and Ukraine in a Time of War with Valerie Hopkins**
- **Women of the Exodus with Dr. Jamie Waters (hosted by Social Justice & Women Who Stay)**
- **Belief, Belonging, and Betrayal: A Conversation with the Creator of “Dear Alana,” Simon Fung (hosted by the LGBTQIA+ Ministry)**
- **Peace in the Middle East with Marie Dennis & Fr. Joe Nangle**
- **A Conversation with John Podesta (hosted by the Green Team)**



## LAY PREACHING



Reflection: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

### 7 Lay Preachers

**Weekly video Gospel reflections sent to thousands of subscribers**

**Monthly reflections at Mass**

**Developing a program of formation and discernment for lay preachers**



**Parent Socials throughout the year**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Marriage Preparation: 17 couples, 5 volunteers**

**Baptism Preparation: 221 Families, 351 Parents & Godparents**

# PARISH LIFE

## BY THE NUMBERS...

**New Parishioners Welcomed: 466**

**Hot Dogs at the Parish Picnic: 800**

**Donuts Served: 20,736 (!)**



## PARISH EVENTS

**Camp Trinity**

**Newly-Married Couple Blessings**

**New Parishioner Orientations**

**Christmas Caroling in Georgetown**

**Twelfth Night**

**St. Patrick's Day Potluck**

**Spring Garden Party**

**Annual Parish Picnic**

**LGBTQIA+ Social Events**

**Young Adult Community Events**



**Donut worry!**



If you don't carry cash,  
you can now pay with  
Venmo or PayPal



### These Are All Compostable!



Coffee Cups...



Coffee Stirrers...



Coffee Sleeves...



Milk Cups...



Paper Napkins...



And Yes, Donuts  
(But don't waste food!)

Everything offered  
here today can be  
thrown in the large  
green composting bin  
by the doors.



***Sunday morning Hospitality was made fully compostable this past year, part of Holy Trinity's ongoing effort to become a zero-waste campus.***

***Additionally, Venmo and Paypal were rolled out as options for donations during coffee and donuts.***

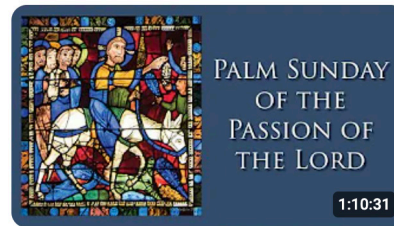
# COMMUNICATIONS

## BY THE NUMBERS...

- YouTube Views:** 86,437
- YouTube Hours Watched:** 12,973
- YouTube New subscribers:** +269
- YouTube Total subscribers:** 2,545
- Facebook:** 2,432 followers (+5%)
- Instagram:** 1,488 followers (+ 16%)
- Audio Podcasts:** 36,300 downloads - an average of 700/week (+8%)
- Website Traffic:** 756,467 page visits

## In Focus: YouTube

Holy Trinity's YouTube channel continues to grow, serving as an important means for reaching parishioners - through livestreamed Sunday Masses, funerals, and weddings, through daily homilies and reflections, and through special events programming.



**Mass: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

607 views • Streamed 7 months ago



**Homily: Anointing**

504 views • 3 months ago



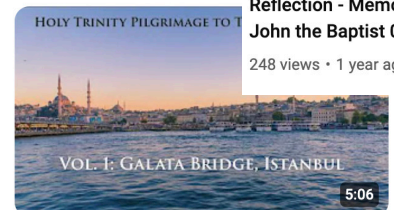
**Mass – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11.12.23**

593 views • Streamed 11 months ago



**Reflection - Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist 08.29.23**

248 views • 1 year ago



**Homily from the Galata Bridge, Istanbul**

627 views • 11 months ago



**In God's Image**  
*Shepherd's Flock Parents Share Their Reflections*

Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are. – adap. from St. John Paul II, *Centesimus annus*, no. 11.



**Parishioner Melissa Thierry shares her family's experience with Shepherd's Flock**

I am honored to share with you, during this Respect Life Month, my family's experience with Shepherd's Flock. My family joined Holy Trinity in the summer of 2021 after hearing about this program that focuses on children and young people with special needs and their families. Students who participate in Shepherd's Flock may have learning challenges, be on the autism spectrum, or have Down syndrome or other genetic disorders.

We have two children, and our oldest, Julia, has Down syndrome. In addition to all the academic, social and social considerations that we navigate on a daily basis

while rearing a child with special needs, finding an appropriate and inclusive environment to nourish faith formation was extremely important to us, not only for our daughter, but for our entire family. This is the beauty of Holy Trinity and the Shepherd's Flock Program. It embraces not only the student, but the entire family – and the whole congregation.

Shepherd's Flock uses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd model, teaching in a "ritarian" environment to create a meaningful experience for the children. This model offers lessons and curriculum to support children as they experience the "sacred" in a hands-on manner. Lucie Godone and other trained catechists combine, innovate and adapt these various resources to meet the needs of students. They also use the multifaceted Loyola Press curriculum designed especially for use with children with special needs, The Finding God Adaptive Program.



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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 9:00 AM — Church, Trinity Hall, and Livestream 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church	

**Bulletins:** ~62,400 copies/year

# HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

## BY THE NUMBERS...

**Students:** 329, in pre-K through Eighth Grade

**Teachers With Advanced Degrees:** 65%

**Student-Teacher Ratio:** 8:1

**Catholic Student Population:** 87%

**Recipients Of Need-Based Financial Aid:** 16%

**Racial or Ethnic Minorities:** 33%

**Languages Spoken At Home:** 11



## DID YOU KNOW?

**8th graders accepted to their top 1 or 2 choice of high school:** 100%

**Hours HTS teachers spent in on-campus professional development:** 4,510

**Average HTS student score on MAP Growth testing:** 91st percentile

**Number of Meals To Donate Packed By 8th Graders On Their First Day Of School:** 10,800

**HTS Is DC's Oldest Elementary School, Founded In:** 1818





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