

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Baptism and Formation in Our Faith

by Brian Flanagan, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation

Every Sunday during the Easter season, I look forward to the moment in the Mass where we get sprinkled with holy water, reminding us of the baptismal promises that we made or renewed on Easter Sunday. It's hard not to smile a little when you suddenly get a splash of cool water on your face, and I even like it when our pastors and acolytes sometimes seem to enjoy reminding us of our baptism with particular vigor.

The Easter Season is a season of baptism. Historically, Lent began as a period of preparation for those being baptized to prepare to enter the church, and quickly became a period for all of the Christian faithful to prepare themselves, through fasting, prayer, and charity, to renew their baptismal promises to renounce sin and confess belief in God. Now, in the Easter weeks that follow, each week we celebrate that renewal rooted in our own dying and rising with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit whose outpouring we commemorate at the end of the Easter season on Pentecost.

Pope Francis spoke often and powerfully about the importance of our baptism. He said that the most important day of his life was not the day that he was ordained a priest or bishop, or the day he was elected pope, but the day he was baptized. He encouraged us to





research and celebrate the day of our baptism, and in his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, he taught that "In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization," and that "in virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples."

Our new pope, Leo XIV, made these sentiments his own in his first speech to the College of Cardinals the day after

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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 9:30 AM — Church and Livestream 11:30 AM — Church 5:30 PM — Church
SACRAMENT OF Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church Reconciliation:

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his election, emphasizing "the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community" and "attention to the sensus fidei," that is, the knowledge of the faith found in all the baptized.

Baptism is also crucial for synodality, and the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality authoritatively teaches that synodality is "the basis of synodality" and that "all Christians participate in the sensus fidei through Baptism." Synodality and forms of participation of all in the governance and discernment of the church are rooted in our very identity and equal dignity as members of the baptized faithful and both the Second Vatican Council's teaching on the Church and the recent Synod on Synodality teach that to understand the church we should start with baptism before distinguishing the various vocations and charisms by which we live out that baptism.

Our Adult Faith Formation programs in this Easter season, many of which are available on our parish YouTube channel if you missed them, have focused on baptism. Dr. John Borelli, a parishioner and theologian, spoke about the baptism we share across the divisions within Christianity and the ecumenical movement working to re-unite the one church of Christ. Earlier this month we welcomed Dr. Christiana Zenner of Fordham University to talk about the place of water in Catholic social teaching, and the importance of ensuring fresh water for all those who need it in our creation. And last weekend our Pastoral Associate for Liturgy, Tony Varas, helped us think about the liturgy of baptism and how it can help us understand the sacrament as the gateway to fuller relationship with God and with the entire community we call the church.

More broadly, I'd like to think that all our Adult Faith Formation programming throughout the year has been about baptism, in two senses. First, learning more about our faith is the right – and the responsibility! - of all the baptized, not just those in a certain age group or preparing for a particular sacrament. If we are going to be the church of missionary disciples that Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV are calling for, all of us are called to keep growing in our faith, and growing in our experience and knowledge of God. And secondly, if you've been to an adult faith formation

program this year, I hope that you've experienced it as an opportunity for shared learning, conversation, and reflection, in which our speakers help us all to explore our faith rather than tell us what we should or shouldn't believe. We hope to root our faith formation in the truth that "all Christians participate in the sensus fidei through Baptism," and that we all have something to learn, and yet also have something to teach - through our words, through our experiences, through our lives of faith.

Though we will begin to slow down our programming during the summer, I hope that you'll join us for one of our adult faith formation opportunities, whether in person or on Zoom. You can find out more about them, see some of our past programs, and sign up for a weekly eletter at *trinity.org/adult-faith-formation*.

A CONVERSATION ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR HOLY **TRINITY**

Sunday, June 1 | 10:30 AM, Trinity Hall and Wednesday, June 4 | 7:00 PM, via Zoom

Following many years of planning, inquiry, and discernment, Holy Trinity is excited to move forward with a capital campaign to address the parish's long-term needs. The next step is a community conversation to discuss the campaign priorities and offer more information on how you can participate in this transformative effort.

To ensure wide participation, there will be two options as noted above Please register for either session by scanning the QR code at right:



Coffee & Donuts

Please visit McKenna Hall for coffee and donuts following the 9:30AM and 11:30AM Masses.

Venmo & PayPal now accepted for donations. Thank you!



Thanks to all the volunteers who generously give of their time to bring this important ministry to the parish.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT HOLY ROOD

Monday, May 26 | 10:00 AM, Holy Rood Cemetery Father Gillespie will preside over a Memorial Day service at Holy Rood, honoring those who served our country. Among those buried at Holy Rood are almost 100 veterans, including Joseph Nevitt (1753-1834), a Minuteman in the Revolutionary War.

Please note: There is no on-site parking at Holy Rood; limited street parking can be found nearby. You may want to bring your own lawn chair or blanket for seating at services held there.

YAC HAPPY HOUR & FAITH SHARING

Thursday, May 29 | 7:00 PM, Chapel followed by The Tombs

Young adults in their 20's and 30's will gather for faith sharing followed by fellowship at the Tombs. Meet for faith sharing at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of St. Ignatius for a discussion of the Gospel. No preparation is required. After Faith Sharing (**around 7:45**), we will walk together 2 blocks to The Tombs on 36th Street.

NEW PARISHIONER WINE & CHEESE

Sunday, June 1 | 6:30 PM, Rectory Garden

All those who have registered as parishioners in the past year are invited to meet & mingle at this annual reception in the beautiful Rectory Garden. Please e-mail *parishlife@trinity.org* to RSVP or for more information.

YAC MASS AND CAFE

Sunday, June 1 | 7:00 PM, Chapel followed by McKenna

The Young Adult Community will hold its monthly Mass and Cafe on **Sunday**, **June 1** at 7:15pm in St. Ignatius Chapel. All in their 20s and 30's are invited to attend and join the potluck in McKenna Hall afterward. For more information, please visit *trinity. org/young-adults*.

PRIDE MASS AND RECEPTION

Wednesday, June 11 6:00 PM, Mass in the Church and Reception in McKenna Hall

All are welcome to attend Holy Trinity's 5th Annual Pride Mass at 6:00 PM in the church. A reception in McKenna Hall will follow. Parking will be available at Visitation.

PARISH PICNIC IN TWO WEEKS

Sunday, June 8 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Georgetown Visitation campus

Holy Trinity's Annual Picnic will be held in two weeks! Due to construction projects, Mass will not be held on the Visi campus this year - rather, at 9:30 AM in the Church as regularly scheduled. The picnic will begin after the 9:30 Mass.

Come for the hot dogs, bounce house, games, face painting, DJ, sno-cones, and so much more!

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Haven't you always wanted to work the cotton candy machine? Read on: Parish Life is seeking volunteers on June 7 and June 8 to help prepare for and run the event.

To volunteer, please scan the QR code at right. For more information, please e-mail *parishlife@trinity.org*. Thank you!



ACCOMPANYING RETURNING CITIZENS

Monday, June 2 | 6:00 PM, Virtual

We will visit virtually with Bent Correctional on June

2 from 6-8pm. To sign up, please scan the QR code at right and indicate you are with Holy Trinity. If you would like to join the email list for updates on this work, please e-mail *aklick@ trinity.org*.



ENROLLMENT FOR FAITH FORMATION 2025-26

Enrollment for faith formation for the 2025-26 academic year is now open. Holy Trinity has Sunday morning classes, an At-Home Catechesis option, classes for children and teens with special needs, and Sunday Youth Group for high school teens.

For more information about our programs and to enroll for the coming school year, please scan the QR code at right.

Note - register by **June 30, 2025** to pay a discounted early bird rate.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUPS

A weekly general loss group will begin on **Saturday**, **June 7** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Our drop-in grief support group will be held on **Saturday**, **May 31 and June 28** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. These faith-based grief support groups can provide a place of rest, community and comfort during a time of loss. Registration is strongly encouraged. Please visit *trinity.org/bereavement*, or contact Lisa Colaianni at *bereavementministry@trinity.org*.

ENCUENTRO PROJECT - FALL BORDER TRIP

The Encuentro Project offers participants a faithbased, multi-faceted immersion program in the El Paso-Ciudad Juarez border region to experience a deeper understanding of the complex migration

reality and of Catholic social teaching. We will be hosting an information session on **May 27 at 7:00 PM**. Please register for more information about the immersion experience by scanning the QR code at right:



HT CARING CIRCLE

Parishioners Janice Wilder, Richard Shullaw, and Marysue Flanagan are working with the Social Justice Ministry to create the HT Caring Circle. The HT Caring Circle aims to connect parishioners to community volunteers to assist with transportation needs, grocery shopping, meal prep, technology, and other small chores.

In this first stage, we invite interested volunteers to sign up by scanning the QR code at right. For more information, please e-mail Helen Domenici at *hdomenici@trinity.org*.



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL IS HIRING

Holy Trinity School is hiring for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Educational System Administrator
- Elementary Grades Homeroom Teacher specializing in either English & Language Arts or Math/Science
- Spanish Teacher for Grades 2 5

Please visit *htsdc.org/careers* for full descriptions and application instructions.

MIGRANT FAMILIA UPDATE

It has been a challenging five months for our migrant community so far in 2025. Thanks to the commitment of our Migrant Familia mentors and volunteers, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that our familia members have the legal representation that they need.

Since January, we have also hosted eight workshops/ events providing a safe community to learn and grow. We also started a program focused on the youngest members of our familia ensuring they have the support they need to thrive. The gifts of time, talent and treasure of our parish community are unmatched and allows us to adapt and grow in meaningful ways for our familia members.

So far this year we have welcomed two families and one individual bringing our total familia members to 30 families/individuals from 14 countries. At the end of May we will say goodbye to one family who opted to self deport (it only took them 8 weeks!). We ask that you continue to keep all of our familia members, current and "graduated" in your prayers. They often reference how being connected to the Holy Trinity community has changed their lives for the better.

Current needs:

- Clothing size 7/8 for a little boy
- Furniture: dresser; kitchen table with 6 chairs
- Transportation Team volunteers

To learn more about volunteer opportunities this summer, please e-mail *migrantteam@trinity.org*.



THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

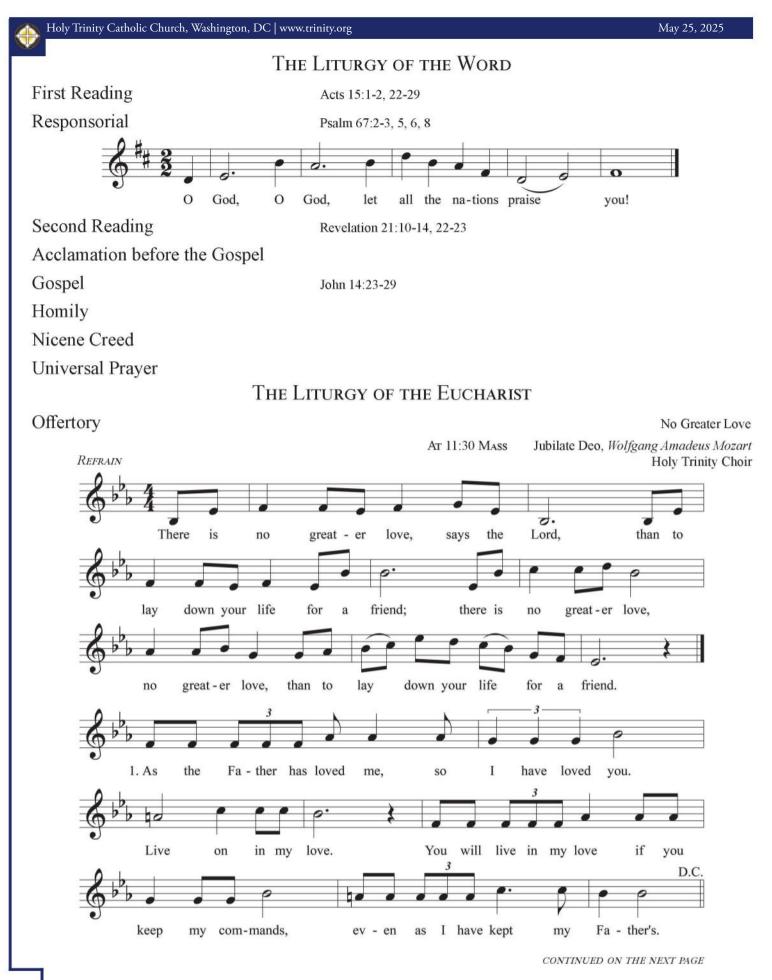
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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



Glory to God~Gather Hymnals found in pews, #319

Collect



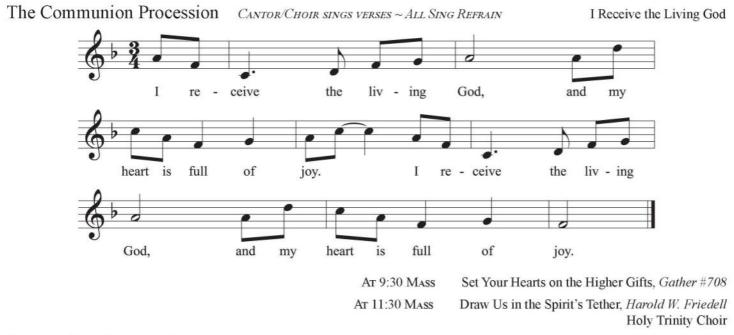


The Eucharistic Prayer

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. ~John 15:12



Be Joyful, Mary



Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

Concluding Processional



MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Entrance-Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Text: Surrexit Christus hodie, Latin 14th C. Tune: EASTER HYMN from Lyra Davidica, 1708. Blessing & Sprinkling of Holy Water-We Shall Draw Water by Paul Inwood, © 1988 Paul Inwood. Published by OCP. Responsorial-Psalm 67 by Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc. Offertory-No Greater Love by Michael Joncas, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc. Communion Processional-I Receive the Living God text by Bernard Geoffroy, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune by Doc Clément Jacob, OSB, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc. Concluding Hymn-Be Joyful Mary text Regina caeli jubila tr. unknown. Tune: REGINA CAELI, 1584. Selections used with permission under OneLicense.net A-701277.

KEEPING OUR PARISH RECORDS UPDATED

We are grateful to all the parishioners who have responded to our requests to verify their household information. With your help, we've now verified and corrected records for over 1,600 family households and added more than 200 new or returning households to our database. This effort ensures we are better able to serve our parish community and plan responsibly for the future.

The next round of e-mails has been sent. When you receive our e-mail, please review your information and provide any necessary corrections. Your prompt response will help us maintain accurate records and serve our parish community more effectively. If you have any questions, please e-mail Christopher *cdake@ trinity.org* or Luis *lgarrido@trinity.org*, or call 202-903-2837. Thank you!

PARISH LOST & FOUND

Numerous items get left behind after Mass and parish events - umbrellas, hats, reading glasses, etc. The parish lost & found is located in the sacristy behind the main Church. Due to space concerns, the lost and found is cleaned out monthly, with items being donated. Thank you!



HOLY TRINITY COLUMBARIUM: 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 nearly three-quarters of the niches have been sold.

For more information, please visit the Holy Trinity Columbarium website at *holytrinitycolumbarium.org*, or e-mail *htcolumbarium@trinity.org*.

MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Mondays and Fridays | 9:00 AM, Zoom Morning Prayer is celebrated on Mondays and Fridays 9-9:45 am via Zoom. Visit *trinity.org/morningprayer* for information and the link.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 26, 2025

Monday	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Ceal and Ed Moloney+
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Jim Richeson +
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Michael Normile +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	John Page +
Friday	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Vincent Manno Sr.,
		Antoinette Manno &
		Vincent Manno Jr. +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Maria Angelica Martin +

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 25

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | John 14:23-29

MONDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI Acts 16:11-15 | John 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY, MAY 27

TUESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER Acts 16:22-34 | John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

WEDNESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 | John 16:12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 29

THURSDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 18:1-8 | John 16:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 30

FRIDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER Acts 18:9-18 | John 16:20-23

SATURDAY, MAY 31

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

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives.

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 using your phone:



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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 OCIA 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 PPC President Gail Louis at *parishcouncil@trinity.org* with any questions.

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