



William (Bill) Gould

Why do you want to serve on the Parish Council?

The world and our Country feel lost recently. Social networks are anything but sociable - generally driving people apart. The Church, Trinity, and Jesus Christ, are arrayed in opposition to that division. In a recent homily focused on Luke's Gospel Father Gillespie spoke movingly about Jesus being with us without our realizing his presence. It prompted me to be more eagle-eyed for opportunities to contribute to our Parish community. Candidly, I have no idea - or confidence - that I am best suited amongst us for this role. But, if selected, I would engage

with energy and joy.

What issue(s) would you like to address when you join the Council?

Holy Trinity does exceptionally well with Parish and DC community engagement - including, obviously, with Georgetown. If selected, I would enjoy focusing on, and continuing, that strong tradition.

How have you been involved with Holy Trinity?

Father Maier married my wife, Becky, and me at Holy Trinity on the afternoon of November 30, 1991. Other than years when work took us to Charlottesville, we attend Mass at Trinity regularly.

What else should your fellow parishioners know about you?

My wife and I have three children. I travel a good bit for work. Mass and exercise are my two main avenues for peace and to smooth out the world. I quite enjoy attending Mass in other parts of our Country, and the world, with the knowledge that no matter where I am, our Trinity community is hearing the same readings. My most recent such Mass was at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Hangzhou, China. In a city of almost 13 million people, it is the lone Catholic church. It was packed with people - and joyous. My three most recent reads: *If Beale Street Could Talk*, *Fever Beach*, and *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*. Current favorite singer/songwriter: Jason Isbell. Favorite band ever: Radiohead.



Tom Hill

Why do you want to serve on the Parish Council?

Last summer, Pope Leo stated that we are "called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment." Today, those words are even more relevant. I am eager to help our parish maintain and grow its community amidst these great challenges, identifying ways and creating opportunities for our parishioners to "become artisans of peace in our daily lives."

What issue(s) would you like to address when you join the Council?

As a parent of both current and future HTS students, I would like to support the activities of the HTS School Board committee. Next year, my oldest daughter begins her path to receiving the sacrament of Eucharist and later Confirmation, so the education and spiritual formation program is of great interest. In my professional life, I have spent decades working in the international peacebuilding field which I hope will be value added to the work of the social justice committee.

How have you been involved with Holy Trinity?

I have been a parishioner since 2003 and have become more active in the church community since my daughter started at HTS last fall. On Sunday's, we're usually the family near the back of the church with lots of toy cars, coloring books, and snacks.

What else should your fellow parishioners know about you?

I am a father of two children (Nora, age 5.5 and Thomas, age 3). With my wife (Caroline), we currently live in the Brookland neighborhood near the Franciscan Monastery. I grew up in the Washington, DC area (Chevy Chase) and went to high school at Gonzaga (my older sister went to Stone Ridge) and then on to Santa Clara University for undergrad. Go Broncos!



Richard Lee

Why do you want to serve on the Parish Council?

I have come to care about the parish as a real spiritual home, and I want to help it make good decisions for the whole community. As someone who has directly undergone the process of going from a non-Catholic to new parishioner, I am particularly interested in understanding how we can be more welcoming to those seeking a spiritual home, and helping the parish as a whole flourish.

What issue(s) would you like to address when you join the Council?

I would like to explore ways to make our parish more welcoming and accessible to new members, especially non-Catholics, visitors, and those returning to the Church after a long absence. I hope to support efforts that help people feel invited, informed, and connected from their first visit, and to strengthen opportunities for community, participation, and spiritual growth so that more people can find a lasting home in the parish.

How have you been involved with Holy Trinity?

I have been a member of Holy Trinity since 2023, and currently involved as an OCIA sponsor and the YAC steering committee.

What else should your fellow parishioners know about you?

I'm a lawyer by profession and have been involved with faith-sharing and community-building efforts within the parish. I care about helping parishioners feel welcomed, known, and connected, especially newcomers. I bring a practical, organized approach, including noticing what needs to be done, organizing people, and following through. I care about helping parishioners feel welcomed, connected, and part of a larger faith community.



Eric Nicoll

Why do you want to serve on the Parish Council?

I want to be part of the lay leadership team because Holy Trinity changes lives and makes a difference in the world. Our Jesuit identity calls us to pray for and serve others, stand up against the injustices of our time, and work for a more equitable society. I'll bring ideas for innovative, impactful programs that help us act on the teachings of Christ and bring about real change in our community.

What issue(s) would you like to address when you join the Council?

Following the lead of Popes Francis and Leo XIV and our own Pastor, I would advocate for synodal practices in parish dialogue. This includes structured discussions to ensure that all are welcomed, heard and respected; discerning God's call for the parish and moving forward together. We should have more robust collaboration between parish committees. I believe we can more actively invite parishioners to bring their talents and interests to the work of the parish.

How have you been involved with Holy Trinity?

I served as Chair of the Social Justice Committee and on the Tithe subcommittee. For six years I have managed the parish relationship with So Others Might Eat, leading teams of students and parishioners to cook, collect food and serve thousands of meals. I expanded the program to support The Father McKenna Center and am active with both organizations. I'm working with a team to develop a new ministry accompanying Returning Citizens (formerly incarcerated persons).

What else should your fellow parishioners know about you?

Last year I retired. I worked on Capitol Hill, lobbied, then completed about 20 years in the federal Senior Executive Service, always overseeing teams and managing organizations. For the past year I've participated in the Parish Council in a non-elected capacity. Much has been given to me, and now I try to give back through daily volunteer work, serving others and prayer. Finally, I have a full-time job working for my French Bulldog, Magis.



Bryan Walsh

Why do you want to serve on the Parish Council?

A parishioner for 20 years, a product of 8+ years of Jesuit education, and a single parent of two children (ages 7 and 13), I am deeply invested in the mission of the parish—and its place in the wider Church—and its continuance to future generations.

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The issues raised by the changing demographics of the parish (and wider US church) over the next twenty years, excellence in liturgy and involvement of children and youth.

How have you been involved with Holy Trinity?

I have served as a cantor and musician for the past twenty years, chair of the Worship Committee (2016-18), and also as a committee member as part of the parish's assessment and renewal project.

What else should your fellow parishioners know about you?

As a parent of two school-aged children who in the Spring of 2027 will both celebrate sacraments of initiation—first Eucharist and Confirmation—I am particularly committed to the flourishing of the parish's liturgical and religious-educational ministries.