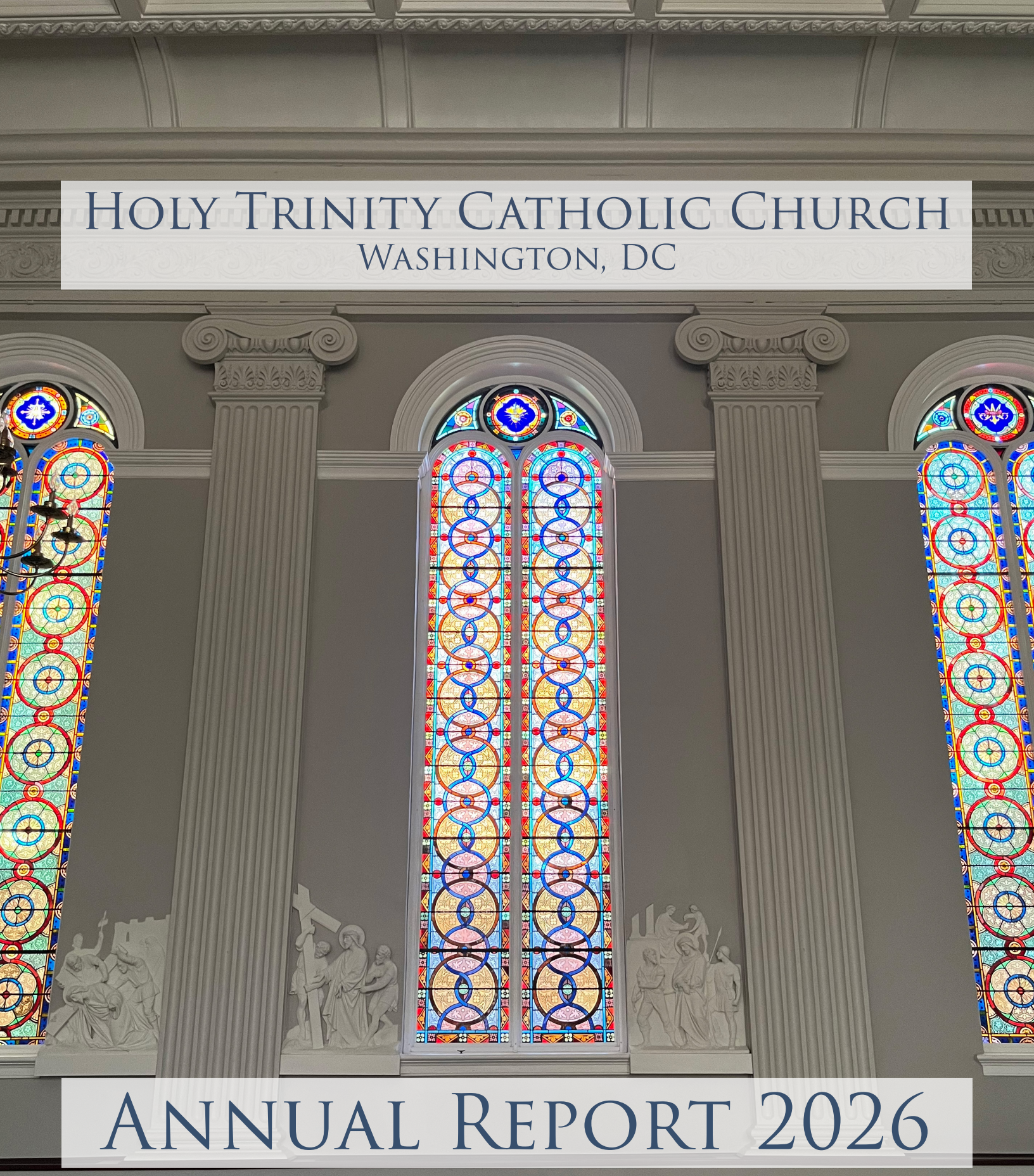
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Washington, DC



Annual Report 2026

A Message from the Pastor

As I look back on the last fiscal year at Holy Trinity, I find myself sitting in prayerful reflection on the gift of our shared life here in our nation's capital. Looking out over our historic parish campus, I am deeply moved by the quiet strength, generosity, and faith that animate this community. Together, we have walked through seasons of grace, gathered at the Lord's table, and sought to live out our Jesuit mission of being people for others.

We cannot ignore the deep shadows that stretch across our world. The news of this past year has often weighed heavily on our hearts. We have watched with sorrow as conflict and war continue to shatter communities across the globe, leaving countless families broken and displaced. We see the quiet, grinding realities of poverty—not only in distant lands, but right here on the streets of our own city—where basic human dignity is too often overshadowed by systemic neglect.

We continue to witness the ongoing distress faced by migrants and refugees. Families seeking safety and a better life frequently encounter hostility, abuse, and indifference rather than the welcoming heart of Christ. It is easy in such times for heartbreak to harden into despair. When global crises feel overwhelming, we might ask ourselves: Where is God in all of this? How do we hold onto hope when the world feels so broken?

The answer lies at the very center of our faith. Our hope does not rely on political guarantees; it rests securely in God's unfolding plan of redemption. God does not stand aloof from human suffering. Through the Incarnation, Christ stepped directly into our brokenness, walking alongside the poor, the weary, and the stranger. The Gospel reminds us that light shines brightest in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Over this past year, I have seen that divine light shining vividly right here at Holy Trinity. This document spells out what you probably already know - that Holy Trinity is a vibrant, welcoming place filled with hope. Hope is not a passive wish that things will get better; it is an active, living force. Every time we offer a meal, comfort the grieving, or advocate for the forgotten, we participate in God's work of healing the world.

Take a look at the breadth of work being done in Liturgy and Music, Holy Trinity School, Social Justice, Ignatian Spirituality, Faith Formation, Parish Life, and in Communications. We continue to welcome more to our celebration of the Mass, and more students to our Jesuit school and Sunday religious education program. We continue to walk with the disenfranchised, to help the stranger, and to feed the hungry. We do all of this through the lens of Ignatian spirituality.

A Message from the Pastor

We spent part of this past year looking back at the 175th anniversary of our Church building, as well as our nation's 250th birthday. We have also been focused on the future - Lighting the Way: The Campaign for Holy Trinity has raised millions in its first year. The campaign is rooted in the conviction that if we are to hand on the gift of Holy Trinity to another generation, we must invest now in the mission entrusted to us.

As we look ahead to the coming year, let us recommit ourselves. Let us pray for peace where there is war, work for justice where there is injustice, and open our hearts to all. May we walk forward grounded in the certainty that God's love is ultimate, His grace is sufficient, and His providence will guide us through every storm.

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 Campbell, Dennis, Earl, Kelley, and Pignone – I thank you.



Rev. C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Finances

Financial Results for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026.

This report gives you, our parishioners, a transparent accounting of how we deployed the resources you provide. Your gifts enable the ministerial work that we do. Despite the headwinds faced by many in the current economy, Holy Trinity came close to meeting financial expectations. Thank you.

In addition to Finance Council oversight, an outside auditor reviews 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* for more information.

	Last Year Actual 2025	This Year Actual 2026
Parish Revenues		
Collections: Pledge, Offertory, Capital Campaign & Holiday Gifts	4,319,799	5,972,330
Other Revenue: bequests, Donations, RE, HTS Contribution and Sacramental	3,595,627	4,443,220
School Income: Tuition, Donations, Tutoring, Grants & Parish Support	7,742,084	8,365,212
Parish Income Totals:	15,657,510	18,780,762
Parish Expenses		
Liturgy and Worship	704,144	702,335
Rectory and Clergy	270,576	336,029
Faith Formation: Children, Youth & Adult	470,737	455,953
Social Concerns: Social Justice & Ignatian Spirituality	1,621,608	2,036,770
Administration	1,561,939	1,517,842
Physical Plant	1,970,367	1,825,722
Parish Other	1,516,957	2,036,915
Parish Expense Totals:	8,116,328	8,911,566
School Expenses		
Instruction Totals:	4,436,501	4,859,094
Operation and Maintenance Totals:	1,550,576	1,574,423
Administration Totals:	1,137,565	1,048,061
Auxiliary Services Totals:	437,885	433,119
Before and After Care Totals:	312,812	263,466
School Expense Totals:	7,875,339	8,178,163
Total Expenses:	15,991,667	17,089,729

Liturgy & Music

Sacraments

Infant Baptisms: 160

First Communions: 130

Confirmations: 130

Adult Initiations: 49

Marriages: 34

Funerals: 47



Estimated Weekly Mass Attendance: 2,100 (+ 8%)

Liturgical Ministers: ~380

Music Ministers: 80 among the various Masses

Holy Trinity Columbarium

Inurnments: 28

Niches Purchased: 84



Concerts At Holy Trinity

Sponsored Duke Ellington School student concerts at Chartres Cathedral and UNESCO accompanied by Fr. Gillespie, followed by a concert at Holy Trinity.

Chamber Music Concert featuring Holy Trinity parishioners.

Partnered with Georgetown University for the world premiere of *Requiem for Flannery O'Connor*, featuring members of Holy Trinity's choirs and Georgetown's student orchestra and chorus.

Two concerts with The Thirteen, featuring works by Bach and Monteverdi.

Performance of Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* by Holy Trinity's music ministry, in partnership with the parish's Iconography Guild.

Solidarity concert with the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington National Opera Orchestra, in partnership with Save Our Symphonies.

Holy Trinity School

By The Numbers...

Students: 326, in pre-K through Eighth Grade

HTS Teachers' Average Years of Experience: 13 years

Student-Teacher Ratio: 7:1

Catholic Student Population: 89%

Recipients Of Need-Based Financial Aid: 20%

Racial or Ethnic Minorities: 30%

Languages Spoken At Home: 7





Did You Know...

Holy Trinity School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School

HTS teachers have spent over 4,500 hours in on-campus professional development in the past year

For 25 years, students have driven the McKenna Sandwich program of weekly delivery in support of Martha's Table

HTS is the only Jesuit elementary school in the DC area

Social Justice

Tithe: $631,000 to 35 organizations (11 new)

Walking With The Poor And Excluded

Saturday & Sunday Suppers:
8,000+ served at Holy Trinity & Mt. Zion Church

GMC Tuesday Lunches:
1,920 meals

GMC Extends December Meals:
500 served

Thanksgiving Meals:
500 served for multiple partner organizations

SOME Lunch Casseroles:
2,140 meals

FMC Breakfast Casseroles:
2,570 meals

80+ Backpacks for students at Friendship Place and Migrant Familia

1800+ gifts through the Giving Tree





Accompaniment

Third Immersion Experience in Alabama (Restorative Justice)

First Immersion Experience in Louisiana (Prison Ministry)

Visit to Sister Parish Maria Madre in El Salvador

Visits to DC and Arlington jails via the Frederick Douglass Project

Advocacy through prayer, postcards, and visits to Capitol Hill

Ignatian Spirituality

Spiritual Direction & the Spiritual Exercises

- 35 lay and two Jesuit Spiritual Directors accompanied 170 individuals in their prayer this year.
- 81 participated in the Spiritual Exercises Information Sessions
- 44 individuals made the Spiritual Exercises in the 19th Annotation (daily life) format

Spirituality Programs

- 96 individuals in Fall and Lenten Trinity Faith Sharing groups, and an average of 12 attendees for weekly Young Adult Faith Sharing
- 45 Holy Trinity & Epiphany parishioners participated in the "*In Our Forbears' Footsteps*" pilgrimage in November
- 50 attended the Lenten Ignatian Spirituality Simple Supper & Prayer
- Ignatian Spirituality Project: 14 women engaged in monthly meetings; 50 people participated in Table of Grace dinner and prayer
- Presupposition Workshop was given for the Parish Pastoral Council, the Development Committee, the 50+ Club, and the Young Adult Community
- Presentations and reflections offered to parish groups, such as parents of second graders preparing for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, the Social Justice Committee, and the Liturgy Committee, included guided Ignatian imaginative contemplations, Examens, and Ignatian discernment



Retreats

- 12-member ecumenical Ignatian Retreat Team
- 154 unique individuals engaged in six Retreats in Daily Life
- 110 Confirmation Candidates made the Living in God's Love retreat
- 51 individuals participated in two Young Adult Community retreats
- 65 individuals attended the LGBTQIA+ Being Seen, Being Heard, Being Accepted

Ignatian Spirituality

Leadership Development

- Training parishioner facilitators to lead Trinity and Young Adult Community faith sharing groups
- Forming small teams of young adults to lead our peer-led YAC Retreats
- Participation in the 10-member Ignatian Spirituality & Jesuit Identity Committee
- Training parishioner facilitators to lead the Ignatian Presupposition Workshop for parish groups
- Teaching parishioners to lead guided prayer in the Ignatian tradition on retreats and other parish ministries

Parishioner-led groups

The following groups meet under the auspices of Ignatian Spirituality & Prayer:

- Christian Meditation
- Movie Moments of Grace
- Iconographers' Guild
- Zen Meditation

Training programs

Our most in-depth opportunities for formation for ministry are our programs to train individuals to serve as spiritual directors and givers of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. Two of our programs were held last year:

- **Explore and Discern:** 10 participants discerning a call to train as a spiritual director
- **Faber Training Program to Give the Spiritual Exercises:** 8 spiritual directors learning to accompany others through the Exercises

The Team

- Our Ignatian Spirituality & Prayer Ministry grew this year with the hiring of **Ed McCormack, PhD**, as Senior Coordinator of Ignatian Training and **Emily Dennis** as Coordinator of Ignatian Retreats.
- They join Pastoral Associate **Catherine Heinhold** and Administrative Assistant **Mary Gaughan** on a ministry team now able to grow and expand our offerings.

Faith Formation

Children & Family formation

In-Person Religious Education: 422 students

At-Home Catechesis: 105

Shepherd's Flock: 10 students

Catechists & Volunteers: 210



Youth Ministry

High School Summer Service Baltimore Immersion Trip
7 high school youth explored the connection between faith, service and justice

Middle School Summer Service Week
9 middle school youth served at local outreach organizations such as The McKenna Center and Miriam's Kitchen



Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Preparation: 189 Families, 334 Parents & Godparents

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist: 130 Children & Youth

Confirmation: 130 Youth

Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples: 26 couples

Fully Initiated at the Easter Vigil: 7 youth & 16 adults

Received into Full Communion: 17 adults

Completion of Initiation: 9 adults

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Highlights

- 850 attended 12 presentations on a range of topics including the liturgy, the Season of Creation, women and the diaconate, end of life care, our sister parish relationships
- 80 participated in the Women in Ministry in the Church listening session
- 61 participated in scripture studies during Advent and Lent
- 31 participated in the Job Loss Support Group

Catholic Standard Highlights Holy Trinity's Job Loss Support Group

Catholic Standard

Latest News



In wake of mass firings of federal government workers, Holy Trinity Parish offers job loss support group

Mental Health Ministry

- A new Mental Health Ministry was formed to foster a "community where conversations about mental health are met with welcome, honesty, and understanding. Through education, synodal listening, and prayer, we seek to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and strengthen a parish culture in which mental health is affirmed as an important dimension of spiritual well-being and human flourishing."
- Promoted Mental Health Awareness month in May and the Archdiocesan Mass for Persons living with mental health challenges.



Bereavement Ministry

- 30 participated in grief groups (general and spousal loss)
- An average of 12 people attended monthly grief support drop-in groups
- 40 attended fellowship reception before All Souls' Day prayer service
- 30 attended *Hope for the Holidays* in November

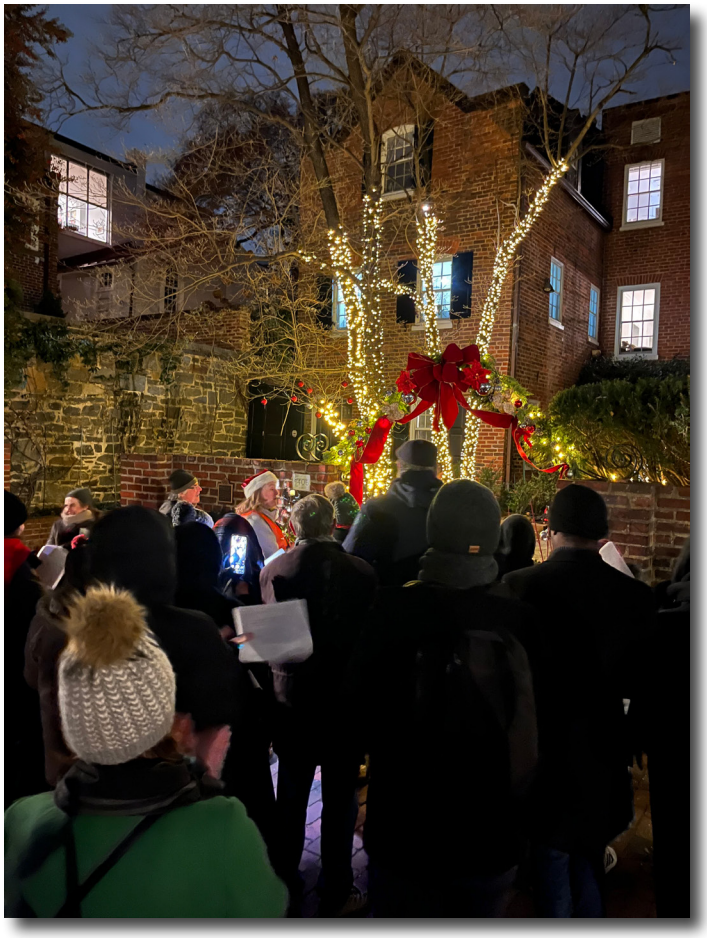
Parish Life

By The Numbers...

New Parishioners Welcomed: 442

Hot Dogs at the Parish Picnic: 999

Donuts Served: 19,400



Christmas Caroling in Georgetown

Father Gillespie and over 100 parishioners of all ages caroled through the neighborhood before gathering for s'mores and hot chocolate on campus.



175th Anniversary

As part of the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Church building, a Holy Trinity Trivia Night was held in June - and was a great success!

Parish Events

Parish Life events included:

Camp Trinity

New Parishioner Orientations

Twelfth Night

St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Spring Garden Party

Annual Parish Picnic

LGBTQIA+ Social Events

Young Adult Community Events

Communications

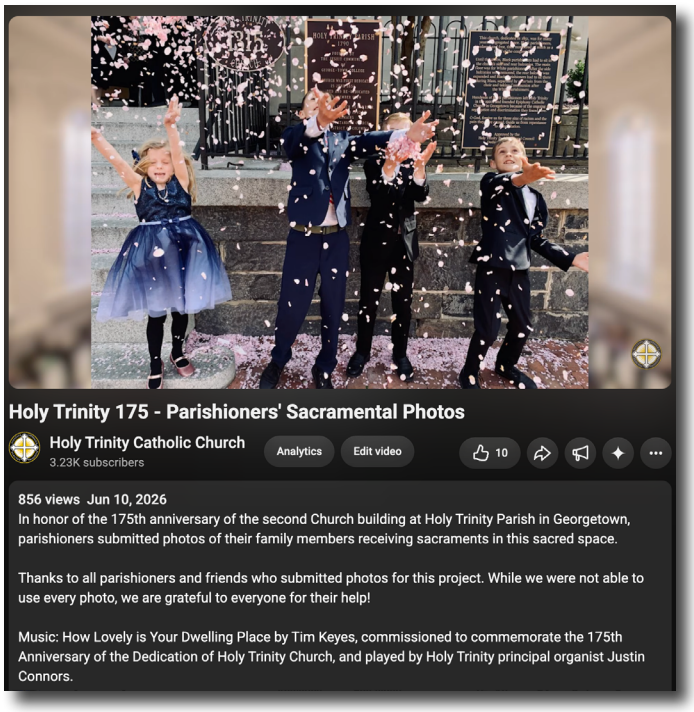
In Focus: YouTube

YouTube Views: 86.8K

YouTube Hours Watched: 11.1K

YouTube New Subscribers: +242

YouTube Total Subscribers: 3,131



175th Anniversary

As part of the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Church building, parishioners submitted photos of sacraments received by their family in the Church. The photos were compiled into a video, accompanied by the hymn composed for the anniversary Mass, *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place*.

The Bulletin

The cover of Holy Trinity's weekly bulletin features original articles, promotes parish ministries, and shares thought-provoking pieces. There are few parishes anywhere that regularly publish this caliber of content.



Bulletins: ~62,400 copies/year

The 1792 Society

Bearing the name of the year when Holy Trinity was established, The 1792 Society recognizes donors who have named Holy Trinity in their wills or estate plans, or have made any kind of deferred or lifetime gift arrangements that benefit Holy Trinity.

We are very grateful to our over 100 members who have joined the Society - some of whom have given us permission to reprint their names here:

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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