



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

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2017 YAC Retreat participants

Going on a YAC Retreat is a No-brainer!

By Mike Daly

When I was in my teens and early 20s, I thought going on retreats was stupid. I thought they were reserved for religious fanatics who sat in circles and talked about God, held hands praying, and did other things I couldn't envision myself doing. I was "too cool,"; I was above them.

When I moved to DC in 2015, my immature notion of retreats changed. I came to a city where people were over-the-top career focused, and where everyone seemed to be trying to get ahead. I was longing for community, for a deeper sense of purpose, for a more meaningful relationship with God. I decided to give one of Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community (YAC) retreats a try. It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

The YAC retreat is unique for each person, but for me, they draw me closer to God in three ways. First, the

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Mass for Dreamers with Bishop Dorsonville

Family-based immigration is vital to ensuring that families are able to reunify. And, as Pope Francis has stated, the family "is the foundation of co-existence and a remedy against social fragmentation." This includes not just nuclear families but families of all sizes.

Families are an essential element of our communities, parishes, and nation; they are what holds America together. Upholding and protecting the family unit, regardless of its national origins and its size, is vital to our faith and to our country. As Catholics, we must defend family unity. This includes encouraging our lawmakers to pass just and humane legislation to protect Dreamers and reject proposals that would undermine our existing family-based immigration system. It also includes, more fundamentally, praying for families who struggle to remain unified because of our current immigration system and understanding their stories.

Join us on Saturday **April 7** at 5:30 pm for our Vigil Mass with Bishop Mario Dorsonville, Auxillary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington. As we celebrate the Eucharist we will pray for Dreamers, their families, and for our own openness to understanding their reality. We will also hear briefly from two Dreamers and then all are invited to continue fellowship after Mass in McKenna Hall with other Dreamers and parishioners.

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RESCHEDULED: Faith & the Faithful in US Politics March 26, 6-7:30pm, Trinity Hall

This first of a series of three dialogues will offer an overview and analysis of the continuing and changing religious dimensions of political life, including the election of President Trump and the leadership of Pope Francis.

RSVP at www.trinity.org/RSVP

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

Accompany one another in Christ
Celebrate God's love
Transform lives

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Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-12pm through August 25; Sat & Sun: No receptionist on duty, but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by David Pennington,
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Have you noticed the wood cross hanging above the altar since the beginning of Lent? In typical Holy Trinity fashion, there's an apocryphal story about this cross. It says that its beams come from wood that built the original St. Ignatius Chapel, and that after the restoration of the chapel in 1999, someone took wood from the chapel to build this cross. Truth be told, I like to believe this tale, despite being unable to prove the veracity of its claims.

The cross that normally hangs in the altar area, a work of art in plexiglass and brass called the *Crux Gloriosa*, is veiled during Lent. Veiling the cross (and other sacred images) during Lent comes from an ancient Christian practice. For about the first five centuries of Christianity, crosses were decorated with precious metals and jewels and often lacked a corpus (the figure of a body). During the penitential period leading to Easter, these crosses were thought *too* beautiful and were covered as a way of fasting visually from opulence. During the joy of Easter, the veils would be removed and the jewels and metals allowed to shine.

The rough-hewn cross that hangs above the altar in Lent reminds us that, just as sin and death entered the world by the sin of Adam and Even under the tree in the Garden, salvation and new life comes from Jesus' death on the tree on Good Friday.

This week, the cross will take on its most active role in our Triduum liturgy. It will hang above the altar on Holy Thursday as we follow Jesus' command to live our lives in service to one another and to wash each other's feet. It will hang above the altar on which we remember Jesus by celebrating the meal of his love in the Eucharist. And, as we process to Trinity Hall to begin our Triduum vigiling, it will remind us that it was on the cross that Jesus died for us and for our salvation.

On Good Friday, the cross will come down. Its immediacy cannot be underplayed as it rests on the altar, draped in shocking red. Then, as a parish community, we'll come forward to the altar and kiss the wood of the cross, the wood that once held up the walls of our parish and now symbolizes our daily share in the suffering of Christ. We bring these sufferings with us on Good Friday night and reverence the symbol of Him, who redeems our suffering.

During the Gloria on Holy Saturday night, before the Elect enter the waters of baptism, the *Crux Gloriosa* will be illuminated to remind us that death does not have the last word, that suffering is redeemed by the wood of the cross, and that, just like the wooden beams which hung above the altar during Lent once held up the walls of our parish buildings, it's up to us to console, build up, and accompany one another as we renew our life as baptized Christians.

I encourage you to participate in one of the Triduum liturgies this year, especially if you have never participated in one. We'll gather on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at 8pm. These liturgies are the richest, fullest, and most beautiful liturgical expressions of the Church year. And to those of you who have celebrated these liturgies before and are planning on coming this year, bring a friend and invite them to share the journey from the Cross to Glory with you.

Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all of the dead every day at Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners may also request that a specific person be remembered by name at a particular weekday Mass by calling or visiting the receptionist's desk in the Parish Center during normal office hours.

Names must be submitted one week in advance. Persons to be so remembered at weekday Masses this week are:

Week of March 26, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Adm. Stansfield Turner+
	5:30pm	John Bucar+
Tuesday	7:00am	Nancy O'Keefe
	5:30pm	Genevieve Godfrey+
Wednesday	8:00am	Sylvia Danovitch
	5:30pm	Tia Gillanders Garner+
Thursday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:00am	

Pray for those who are sick: *For those we hold in our hearts*

Pray for those who are dead: *For those we hold in our hearts*

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org. You must be an immediate relative of the one to be remembered, or have express permission in order to add a name to these lists. The names on this prayer list will be mentioned aloud at Sunday Mass during the General Intercessions and will be published in the parish eLetter and bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (*Check bulletin or website for Holy Days*)

Weekdays: 7am, 8am & 5:30pm in the Chapel (on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 4:30pm—5:15pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Ignatius Chapel. Call the Parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Helene Flanagan at (202) 903-2806 or hflanagan@trinity.org.

Sacramental Preparation:

Persons desiring to receive certain sacraments at Holy Trinity need to be registered parishioners and are expected to participate in a preparation program. For more information or to register, contact the appropriate staff person:

- Infant Baptism: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808
- First Reconciliation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808
- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, (202) 337-2840 x128
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org/register. Questions about registering can be directed to registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter and website for announcement of dates and times.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 akoester@trinity.org for more information or visit our website.

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. PPC meetings are open to all parishioners. Meeting minutes are posted at www.trinity.org/ppc.

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Vice President Ellen Toups parishcouncil@trinity.org



LENTEN JOURNEY

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Reconciliation Liturgy, **March 28**, 7-8:15pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 25

Regular Mass Schedule - Masses begin in Trinity Hall except 7:30am and 9:00am

Holy Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer, 8am, Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, Church

Good Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer, 8am, Church
Last Seven Words Ecumenical Service, 12pm,
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Stations of the Cross, 4pm, Church
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 8pm, Church

Holy Saturday, March 31

Morning Prayer with Presentation of the Creed, 8am, Church
Prayer Service, 12pm, Holy Rood Cemetery
Easter Vigil, 8pm, Courtyard outside McKenna Hall

Easter Sunday, April 1

7:30am Mass, Church
9:30am Mass, Church, Trinity Hall & Nolan Center at Visitation
11:30am Mass, Church & Trinity Hall
1:15 Mass, Church

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Ignatian Training Program to Become a Spiritual Director or Spiritual Companion

At Holy Trinity and throughout the metropolitan area, there is a serious shortage of men and women who are well-formed in the tradition and practice of Ignatian spirituality. Holy Trinity created a two-pronged training program that trains spiritual directors and spiritual companions in the Ignatian tradition—one that is accessible and affordable to individuals who have full-time work and family responsibilities. The next Ignatian Training Program will begin in September and the deadline to apply is **June 30**. Pick up a brochure in the back of the church, visit www.trinity.org/training-programs-in-the-ignatian-tradition, or contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.

YAC Retreat: What Next? Finding Answers with Faith

As young adults in our 20s and 30s, our careers, living situations, relationships, and identities are always changing. Our faith and Ignatian Spirituality give us tools to reflect on our past and move forward with courage and grace, although the future is often uncertain. Come spend a weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains with new friends and old **April 20-22**. Young adult speakers, small and large group discussions, and quiet time for prayer and reflection will give us ample opportunities to explore how to navigate the transitions that are inherent in life. **Registration deadline is April 9**. Please visit www.trinity.org/yac-retreat for more info.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Support Peace Camp

Little Friends for Peace (LFFP) hears the cry of "action now" coming from students, parents, and all who care about precious human lives. Their action is Peace Camp – for every person of every age. They seek to replace the guns and the fear that loads them with the disarming tools of care and peacebuilding. At Peace Camp, kids can rewire their brains and hearts with the habits of compassion and focus on each other's goodness. LFFP wants to make Peace Camp available to all children, including newly arrived refugee children. But, they need some support to do that. You can provide a full scholarship for \$300 and a half scholarship for \$150. All donations are welcome. Please contact Caity Dee at c.dee@lffp.org to help.

Faith Feminism & Being Unfinished

On Thursday **April 5**, join Georgetown University Women's Center, Office of Mission and Ministry, Department of Theology, and the Berkley Center for an evening discussing Anne Patrick SNJM (1941-2016) and her work. Theology Professor Julia Lamm will moderate a panel of experts including Heather Dubrow of Fordham University, David Hollenback, SJ, Leo Lefebure of Georgetown University, and Susan Ross of Loyola Chicago. 6:30pm-8pm, Riggs Library, Georgetown University. Contact: Jane Malhotra,



Save the Date! Building Your Toolbox for Justice Final Session

On **April 14** we will have our last Building Your Toolbox for Justice session. Together we will reflect on how we are called to use the gifts and tools we have developed to work for justice as Catholic Christians. 2-4pm, McKenna Hall. Contact Kate Tromble for more information.

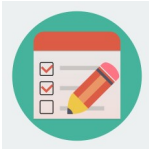
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is seeking input for planning next year presentations.

Please take two to five minutes and share your thoughts www.trinity.org/survey.

We look forward to your suggestions!



Please note! Religious Education Updates

Religious Education will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on **April 8**.

Religious Education “Early Bird” registration opens **April 5–May 31** with special pricing of \$200 per child. Registrations completed *on or after June 1* will be \$300 per child.



We don't want you to miss any of the news about registration, so please make sure we have your correct information. Have you updated your account in our online database lately? Do so now! Please go to www.parihssoft.com/connectnow and update all insurance and contact information. This will ensure registration goes more smoothly!

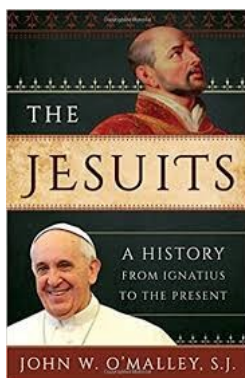
PARISH LIFE

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated St. Patrick's Day last weekend. We enjoyed your fellowship, and the special performance by Father Gillespie! For more information on Parish Life events or to volunteer for coffee and donut service, please visit www.trinity.org/parish-life.

Holy Trinity Book Club

Holy Trinity Book Club will begin a new discussion on *The Jesuits: A History from Ignatius to the Present* by Fr. John O'Malley, S.J. on **April 4** at 7:15pm in McKenna Hall. All are welcome! Future selections will include *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee* and *God on the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology*. For more information, email grobtertstewart1@mac.com.



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retreats foster genuine community. The retreat has two meal ministers who are in charge of preparing food throughout the weekend, but everyone pitches in at some point. I'll never forget the look of gratitude on one of the meal minister's faces when I spent an hour on my first YAC retreat helping to prepare the food we would eat the next day. It floored me—I didn't feel like I was doing anything heroic or extraordinary. I started to grasp more intimately Jesus' call for us to serve in whatever way we can, and the profound impact our small acts of service can have upon others. Every person on the retreat adopts this attitude of service, and it has led to many deep and meaningful friendships in my life. We experience God's love through each other. We become a closer community. We become a closer church.

Second, the YAC retreat is a validation of the passage from *James 4:8*: “Draw near to the Lord, and He will draw near to you.” The hills and mountains of Pennsylvania offer a quiet place to escape all the noise that fills our frenetic lives. It is here that I can devote intentional time to growing closer to Christ, and He never fails to fill me with a spirit of gratitude and joy.

Third, it was on the retreat that I was introduced to the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises*—they are transformative. One of the exercises involves using our imagination to envision being one of the characters in the Gospel scene. During my first YAC retreat, we prayed with the risen Jesus revealing himself to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. By imagining myself in the scene, I was struck by the loving, inviting, humble, and non-imposing presence of Jesus. It made me love Him and worship Him in a manner I never before had experienced.

In sum, far from being “stupid” or something I am “too cool” to do, the YAC retreat is a profoundly enriching and meaningful experience that cultivates my relationship with other community members, enables me to be intentional in seeking God, and endows me with new and exciting ways to worship God. For me, going on these retreats is a no-brainer, and I hope and pray they are for you as well.

To learn more about YAC retreats and register for the **April 20-22 "What Next? Finding Answers with Faith"** retreat, visit trinity.org/yac-retreat.

200th/225th Anniversary Committees

Planning is underway for Holy Trinity School's 200th Anniversary and Holy Trinity Catholic Church's 225th Anniversary. If you would like to learn more or volunteer, please email communications@trinity.org.



Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

No Religious Education

Monday, March 26

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Isiah 42:1-7/John 12:1-11

6:00 PM

Faith & the Faithful in U.S. Politics
 Trinity Hall (RSVP required)

7:30 PM

Separated Widowed & Divorced Group Meeting
 Neale Room

Tuesday, March 27

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-6/John 13:21-33, 36-38

7:00 PM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
 Faber Room & McKenna Hall

Wednesday, March 28

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Isaiah 50:4-9a/Matthew 26:14-25

7:00 PM

Parish Reconciliation Liturgy
 Church

Thursday, March 29

HOLY THURSDAY

Chrim Mass: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Revelation 1:5-8/
 Luke 4:16-21;
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14/
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15

8:00 AM

Parish Center Closed

Morning Prayer
 Church

8:30 AM

Coffee & Conversation after Morning Prayer
 Parish Center

8:00 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Church

Friday, March 30

GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9/John 18:1-19:42

8:00 AM

Parish Center Closed

Morning Prayer
 Church

12:00 PM

Last Seven Words Ecumenical Service
 Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross
 Church

8:00 PM

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
 Church

Saturday, March 31

HOLY SATURDAY

Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2
 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/Isaiah 54:5-14/
 Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4/ Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28/
 Romans 6:3-11/
 Mark 16:1-7

7:30 AM

Zen Meditation

Parish Center Upper Room, rdruecker@aol.com

8:00 AM

Morning Prayer with Presentation of the Cree
 Church

12:00 PM

Prayer Service

Holy Rood Cemetery

8:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Courtyard outside of McKenna Hall

Sunday, April 1

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4 or
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8/John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

Please visit www.trinity.org/lent for information about our Lenten offerings

Daily Readings:
www.usccb.org/bible/readings

For a complete list of events, visit:
www.trinity.org/calendar

Join us for coffee & fellowship:
 Sundays after 9am & 11:30am Masses