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The Synod comes to Holy Trinity
This Synod is for All of Us Widen the Circle for the Synod
By Tania Chomiak-Salvi

If you are reading this in the Holy Trinity Parish bulletin, you are not our audience. But we hope that you take this note to our actual audience.

A few weeks ago in this space, Fr Kevin announced the launch of our parish's participation in the Synod. Last week, parishioner Brian Flanagan taught us about the synodal process. Pope Francis launched the Synod as a worldwide "season of the spirit."

The Church is us. This journey asks us to reflect together on what the Church is for us and what we want it to be. Holy Trinity Parish is not shy. We want our voices to be heard in Rome. We are active in this Synod.

The church is also those of us who have drifted away. It has

been too easy to drift away in recent years. Allegations of sexual abuse, evidence that members of the hierarchy didn't protect the vulnerable, entangling politics with the spirit, and – most recently – the literal closure of sanctuaries to protect from the pandemic. Too easy.

Can we call each other back? Can we reflect on what our church is? Can we feel God gazing at us? Can we appreciate the connection that humans share and the presence of the Spirit in the spaces between us?

We will meet four times to consider these questions:

- How are you invited to be engaged and are there things that hinder you from being active in this parish?
- What space is there for the Church to listen to the voices on the peripheries, especially cultural groups, women, people with disabilities, those who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
- How does your prayer life and celebration of the Mass inspire and inform your personal decisions and decisions in the parish community?

Two meetings will be on Zoom and two in person. You need only to join one meeting. Each meeting will consider all three questions. Join us:

- Sunday, January 16, 2 pm on Zoom
- Thursday, January 20, 7 pm, on Zoom
- Sunday, January 23, 2 pm, McKenna Hall*
- Thursday January 27, 7pm, McKenna Hall* (*pandemic conditions permitting)

Zoom links will be shared closer to the meeting dates, on the website and in the bulletin.

If you are reading this in the bulletin, would you consider reaching out to a friend or relative who has drifted away? Would you invite them to tell us – and tell Rome – what seems to be missing? Could we draw together again in the Spirit?

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Registration deadline: Today!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Christmas Day, Loyola Productions launched a four part series on Netflix as a way of advocating for greater empathy and better understanding of the elderly.

Titled "Stories of a Generation-with Pope Francis", the series presents a variety of illustrations of elderly men and women across the world. There are four major themes: Love, Dreams, Perseverance and Work. During each hour-long segment one hears an elderly person speak about his or her life meanings from their past, in the present and toward their future. Elderly individuals and couples from around the world are highlighted; including noted environmentalist Jane Goodall. In one noteworthy scene, the viewer observes Pope Francis relating his memories of how his grandmother shaped his life. I highly recommend this profound show.

This series coincidently complimented my Christmas visit to family and friends' relatives in the Philadelphia area. For several days I was able to visit Jesuits in their retirement community as well as the neighborhood of my older sister and her husband who recently moved into a community of peers.

Through my visits I gained a greater sense of how material, psychological and spiritual needs of these family members and fellow Jesuits are quite challenging and the ways in which they are and are not being met. I realized that even in a safe and secure retired environment growing old is by no means easy.

Aging is certainly an ongoing area of ministerial concern when I learn how so many of our elder parishioners are challenged physically, socially, mentally and even spiritually especially during this pandemic. Fortunately we have several parish programs that seek to respond to the needs of our older parishioners. For example, there is the Homebound Communion Ministry, a team of volunteer Eucharist ministers coordinated by Richard Shullaw. Perhaps you have seen a couple of ministers approach the altar at the end of Communion to receive several hosts and then be missioned on behalf of the parish to homebound parishioners. Please contact Lisa Dittmeier parishlife@trinity.org if you are interested in participating in this important ministry.

There are also several other parish programs geared to aging parishioners. For example, the **Conscious Living Group** seeks to help the conscious living person attend to his or her life review and to journey within to find God anew. *trinity.org/parish-life/conscious-living-group/*. The parish's "50Plus group" offers "an exciting schedule of activities organized for parishioners who are 50 or over, married or single, working or retired." *trinity.org/parish-life/50-plus-group* Finally other groups while not limited to the elderly so serve to support those who are going through a life transition. These include: our **Grief Support Group**; *trinity.org/grief-support-group/* our **Separated and Divorce Support Group**; *trinity.org/parish-life/separateddivorcedwidowed-support-group/* and our **Aging Support Network** *trinity.org/parish-life/aging-support-network*

If you are undergoing the transition of aging, please feel free to participate in one of more of these important ministries.

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 January 10, 2022

Monday	8:15am	William Finofield+
	5:30pm	
Tuesday	8:15am	James Sivleak+
	5:30pm	
Wednesday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	Mary Cina+
Thursday	8:15am	
	5:30pm	
Friday	8:15am	Eleanor K. Budic+
	5:30pm	
Saturday	8:15am	Daniel J. Woody, M.D+

Pray for those who are sick: Jean Louis Wissa Pray for those who are dead: For those we hold in our hearts

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, please email parishlife@trinity.org or call (202) 903-2801. 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.

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 (sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter) and website for announcement of dates and times.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (Check bulletin or website for Holy Days)

Weekdays: 8:15am & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8:15am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church **Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:30pm — Church;

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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/Eucharist: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- Youth Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
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- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808

Baptisms and Weddings:

To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Kathleen Haley at baptisms@ trinity.org or weddings@trinity.org, respectively.

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated seasonally in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. Call the parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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 at akoester@trinity.org or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org (202) 903-2846 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 President Tania Chomiak-Salvi at ppcpresident@trinity.org and Vice President Jennifer Dorsey at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

PRAY



Abiding in God's Love January 23-29, 2022

Registration deadline: **January 9, 2022** *Register early as space is limited!*

Our parish has been offering this introductory Ignatian retreat in daily life for 43 years. We now offer you a refreshed version of the retreat with new Scripture passages and music. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. For more information or to register go to *trinity.org/retreats*. Questions? Contact *moshea@trinity.org*.



Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola Information Session

Saturdays, 11:00 am (January 8, March 19, May 21, 2022)

"Discernment is not only necessary when serious problems have to be solved, it is an instrument of struggle to follow the Lord better day by day and hour by hour." jesuits.org

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are one way in our Catholic tradition to come to love as God loves. Throughout the 8-9 month retreat, made in daily life, the retreatant can grow in self-knowledge, deepen their intimacy with Jesus, and grow in their practice of discernment of spirits. Through this potentially life-changing journey, the individual becomes spiritually freer to respond generously and wholeheartedly to God's invitations to love. Join us for an hour conversation about this gift that God gave the church through St. Ignatius. Contact Martina O'Shea moshea@trinity.org for the link to the online session.

Pandemic Reflections: Slowing Down

During this pandemic, often our plans have been dashed and our hardships amplified. We've been forced to slow down and simplify our existence at times. What's most important rises to the surface: our spiritual and emotional connection to God, family, friends, community and Creation... and the health of those we love. Pope John Paul II reminds us that in light of Christ's death and resurrection, suffering is no longer an exclusively negative event. "Rather, it is seen as...an opportunity 'to release love..., to transform the whole of civilization...' Salvifici Doloris, #30)". What positive changes and behaviors can we carry forward from this forced slow down? What new insights will we have into what material things we really need in life? How can working together to overcome the COVID-19 variant crisis provide learnings on how to overcome other crises, like the climate crisis?

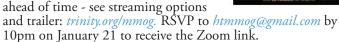
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Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist or Confirmation

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist and Confirmation is a two year process. If your child is currently in 1st grade or 7th grade and is planning to prepare for sacraments next year (2022-2023), please make sure s/he is enrolled in faith formation this year. If your child is not enrolled, and you would like more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, akaufmann@trinity.org or (202) 903-2807.

Movie Moments of Grace: The Father

January 22 at 7:30pm, Zoom
Join the discussion of The Father (2020), which traces the impact of Alzheimer's on an aging man, and on his daughter who is caring for him. His failure to remember causes confusion, sudden mood swings, inability to navigate past and present, and eventually the ability to care for himself. This is not just a tragedy for him, but touches the lives of others who are close to him. Watch



FATHER

The Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins

Coming in January 2022! Parishioner Ryan Carroll guided discussion this year on Ellacuria and Dean Spade. In January, he will host discussions on the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. We will examine his poetry within the context of social justice, especially environmental justice. These gatherings will be at noon on Fridays over Zoom. Further details coming soon.

Women's Discussion

January 11 at 7pm, Zoom

RSVP for the Zoom link: trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Cerissa Cafasso at lgbtqia+women@trinity.org.

General Meeting

January 23 at 1pm, Zoom

We will host a guest speaker, JR Zerkowski, the Executive Director of Fortunate Families, a nationwide ministry for



parents, family members, and friends of LGBTQ Catholics. JR will speak on how we as Catholics can support each other in our church and in our families. All are welcome, and parents and family members from the parish and school are especially invited to join us. Register at trinity.org/lgbtqiaministry to attend.

SERVE

Community Needs

Thank you for responding to the needs of our community partners! At this time we are not collecting weekly groceries for our migrant families. We will continue to accept grocery cards (\$25 increments) to Giant, Safeway, Trader Joe's or Whole Foods to supplement the needs of families and individuals. These may be left in the collection basket in an envelope marked for Social Justice.

A mother at Hope and a Home is expecting a baby girl later this month and has asked for our support in preparing for her new addition. Please drop off size 1 diapers, wipes and other newborn essentials at the parish center by **January 15.**

SOME Winter Collections

Eric Nicoll and the SOME Team had hoped to announce that the Provide-A-Meal (PAM) Program would resume this month. Due to COVID, this has been delayed. As you know Lynette and her kitchen team at SOME are grateful for the snack bags.



We will continue to collect these through April. When the PAM program is open, we will share that opportunity as well. Although we will not hold separate collections for socks and underwear, please know we will accept these items every month. The next collection date is **January 22.**

CONNECT

The Separated, Divorced, & Widowed Support Group The group meets Monday evenings at 8:00pm on Zoom, except on the 2nd Saturday of each month, when it meets in person at Holy Trinity. Please contact Jack Harllee at jackharllee@gmail.com for more information.



New Open House Dates for Holy Trinity SchoolWe will offer two in-person Open Houses in the New Year:

• Wednesday, January 19 at 9:00am - Adults only We ask that all attendants are fully vaccinated and wear a mask. Registration is required. Please visit *htsdc.org/admissions* to register and learn more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update:

This past week we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. "Epiphany" means "revelation" or "manifestation" and on the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the ways in which Jesus was revealed to be The Son of God.

Epiphany is also the final day of our 2022 pledge drive. Those who Pledge make it possible for our parish to plan and to pay for the ways in which we witness to Jesus as the Son of God, in our neighborhood, in DC and throughout our region, and in many nations around the world! Thank you to those whose pledges help us manifest Jesus's love! If you have not yet had a chance to pledge for 2022, join the hundreds who have made this intention to support Jesus' work among and through us by offering your 2022 pledge now! you can do so here *trinity.org* (top orange banner)

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- Director of Liturgy
- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Holy Trinity is seeking applicants for a director of communications, to manage the bulletin, webpages, eLetter and various other publications. Interested and qualified applicants can inquire of managing director Tom Favret at tfavret@trinity.org.

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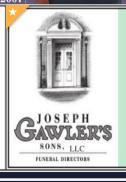
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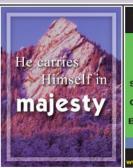


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