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January 16, 2022

Join a Movement

by Ashley Klick, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice

This past week 12 parishioners began an eight week journey to discern how we may use our talents and passions to work for justice. During our opening retreat last Saturday, we spent time discussing movements. While the word "movement" may feel intimidating or cause a stress reaction, for our purposes it is defined "as a group of people seeking to move policies and institutions toward justice."

We explored the roles that are required for movements to be effective. These roles, identified by civil rights activist Bill Moyer, include Helpers, Advocates, Organizers, and Rebels. Helpers are people who see an individual in need and try to meet that need (think direct service). Advocates are people who serve as navigators of systems. Organizers identify root causes and build groups to address the systems. Rebels are the risk takers who lead us in marches and speak truth to power. I share these samples of roles because they are all required. Participants spent time reflecting on the roles that draw each of us into movement work. Not surprisingly, I identify as an organizer. The role of helper is often unfulfilling for me personally, and I lose patience with systems. I want to be a rebel, but my Southern mother would have a fit, and truthfully that role scares me.

The good news is that I don't have to serve in all of these roles. Through discernment, I am able to appreciate who I am, my talents, and how God is calling me. Maybe at the end of the eight weeks, I will have more patience to be a "good" helper. Maybe I will receive the courage to be a risk taking rebel. At the very least, I hope I will have learned how to be a better listener to all helpers, organizers, advocates, and rebels I encounter.

What role are you called to play in justice work at Holy Trinity this year? There are many movements afoot that need your skills: the Synod; advocating with other faith congregations to address affordable housing in DC and Virginia; the weekend



meals for the marginalized; bridging the education gap for students of color; becoming an anti-racist parish; welcoming Afghan families and accompanying our own migrant and refugee families; elevating the voices of women in the Church; exploring and understanding the history of race and slavery at Holy Trinity; and promoting environmental justice.

If you are unsure of how to join one of these movements, begin with a conversation with a member of the social justice ministry (fair warning though, once we have your contact information, we will contact you!). Take advantage of the retreats offered through Ignatian Spirituality or speak to a spiritual advisor. Your voice and presence are needed to live our mission and to transform lives. Please know that when you are ready, you will be welcomed.

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LIVING OUR MISSION: GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE IN ORDINARY TIME

By Anne Marie Kaufmann

Each December my family ventures down to Washington, DC to see the National Christmas Tree. Our visit is less about the tree and more about the trains that circle the tree. Throughout the year, my children stash away pennies in preparation for this annual visit. The challenge is to land pennies in the flatbed cars as they make their way around the tracks or for the truly skilled (or lucky) to knock down the plastic soldiers scattered around the buildings. This year as we reached the tree, we were disappointed to find no trains. The tree itself appeared smaller, too. As we walked around the tree, my one son decided to hurl four pennies into the tree. The tree began to sway and a hidden flock of birds suddenly flew out of the tree. Our family debates the number, but it was impressive. Behind us, we heard gasps of delight and voices exclaiming: "Wow! Was that part of the show?" The surprise exodus of birds coupled with the excited response of the crowd transformed our disappointment into that belly aching kind of laughter and a joy filled night.

Last Sunday closed the Christmas season, and we are now in Ordinary Time. In common usage, ordinary signifies having "no special or distinctive features." However, its use in the liturgical year stems from the Latin word ordinalis, meaning numbered or ordered, to allow us to number the weeks between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent – the two ordinary times in the liturgical year. These weeks invite us to journey alongside Jesus, to immerse ourselves in his life as experienced in the Gospels. We learn from Jesus how to recognize God around us – in our neighbors, in ourselves, and in our experiences. Quite opposite from being ordinary in the sense of undistinguished, these weeks bring about hope for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and in turn an experience of God's extraordinary love in our lives. The color of this season, green, represents this hope.

In this Sunday's Gospel from John, we witness the first of Jesus' signs of God's presence and glory in our midst. Mary calls upon Jesus when the wine runs out at the wedding feast. At Jesus' command, the servants fill six stone jars of 20-30 gallons each with water which then becomes choice wine. The merrymaking of the celebration continues thanks to the abundance of good wine! In this miracle, we come to know the generous love of our God who desires to shower grace upon us. Water used for purification becomes wine for celebration. Jesus' eventual sacrifice on the Cross leads to the restoration of our relationship with God, hope in the Resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit – all causes for celebration.

My family's experience of the unexpected exit of a flock of birds from the National Christmas tree all from a few pennies thrown into its boughs turned a disappointing visit into one filled with delight, laughter, and repeated attempts to flush out the remaining birds from the tree! While the birds might view it differently, God's presence was in that joy – unexpected and abundant.

In these weeks of Ordinary Time, let us pray for the gift of recognizing God's presence in our lives and especially a deepening of our relationship with Jesus, that we may know of God's abundant love. Visit our website for more ways to engage in your faith or reach out to the pastoral staff. We are here to serve you. Peace.

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 17, 2022

Monday 8:15am Jeffrey Keffer+ 5:30pm Tuesday 8:15am 5:30pm Wednesday 8:15am 5:30pm Thursday 8:15am Kerri Ann Gallic+ 5:30pm Friday James Vincent Finley+ 8:15am

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

8:15am Suzanne Dupre+

PRAYER REQUESTS

5:30pm

Saturday

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
- Adult Confirmation: Anne Marie Kaufmann, (202) 903-2846
- 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

Prayers of Martin Luther King Jr.

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)



Setting Captives Free: Racism, I and You and God's Liberating Grace

AN IGNATIAN RETREAT

during the weeks of February 27 - April 3, 2022

Registration deadline is **February 17**

Retreatants are offered the explicit gifts of revelation, repentance, lament and contrition and implicit gifts of transformation, reconciliation, and reparation, which may be given by God and received by the retreatant in God's time.

Retreatants are asked to commit to 30 minutes of prayer each day for the six weeks of the retreat. Small groups (6-8 individuals) will meet on zoom for 90 minutes during the weeks of February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 to share the fruits of their prayer. Read a full description of the retreat and how to register here *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/setting-captives-freel*.

LEARN

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.



For a synodal Church

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Participate in the Synod January 16, 20, 23, or 27.

As part of our participation in the wider Church's Synod, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission," Holy Trinity Church will host four meetings 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, 2pm on Zoom
- Thursday, January 20, 7pm, on Zoom
- Sunday, January 23, 2pm, McKenna Hall*
- Thursday January 27, 7pm, McKenna Hall*

Learn more about at: trinity.org/2022/01/participate-in-the-synod/

Movie Moments of Grace: Supa Modo

January 22 at 7:30pm, Zoom
Join the discussion of Supa Modo (2018), which tells the story of Jo, a young girl living in a small village in Kenya, faced with a terminal illness. Her dream is to become a super-heroine. In an effort to make her dream possible the whole village cooperates in an elaborate plan to make her wish come true. Watch ahead of time - see streaming options and trailer: trinity.org/mmog. RSVP to <a href="https://dx.nitra.com/htmmog@gmail.com/htmmoggmail.com/htmm





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/lgbtqia-ministry* to attend.

Men's Discussion Group

January 31 at 7pm, Zoom

Join a small group discussion centered around our lives as LGBTQIA+ Catholics. Contact Bill Corcoran at *LGBTQIA@ trinity.org* with questions. Register at *trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry/* for the Zoom link.

SERVE

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.**

Welcoming Afghan Allies

Holy Trinity will be answering the growing need for housing support for Afghan Allies by partnering with LIRS to collect furnishings and household goods and set up housing for families. Our Community wish list on Amazon has been updated with these needs, and once we receive our assignments from LIRS, additional needs will be shared. To join the volunteer list, please email <code>aklick@trinity.org</code>

CONNECT

New Open House Dates for Holy Trinity School

We 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 https://doi.org/admissions to register and learn more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update:

Thank You to everyone who offered a 2022 pledge! Pledges represent an intention to give that can be changed at any time as your financial circumstances may change. At the same time, pragmatically they help greatly with our budgeting process, while spiritually they demonstrate faith in God and a commitment to the mission of Jesus as lived out through our common life. Pledges are acts of stewardship over the resources and blessings God has entrusted to us.

On a related note, we have noticed that a number of people who switched to electronic payments during the pandemic shutdown are switching back to paper checks. We strongly request folks to maintain their electronic giving and set up recurring electronic payments (through their own institutions or via our system). We discourage checks because many donors have reported to us that paper checks they mailed are not showing up on their statements – they apparently never were delivered in the mail. Also, it costs us more in staff time to process a paper check than the fees we pay for electronic transactions (especially if donors use ACH as opposed to credit cards and set a frequency for once a month or less, so there are less per transaction fees). Questions? Email Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at RSchuler@trinity. org or call him at 301-455-5437.

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) Thank you!

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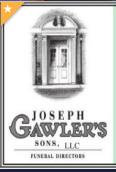
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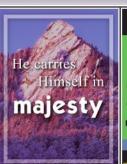


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