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Restorative Justice at Work: Circles of Courageous Conversations

by Mary M. Stump, Circle Member

In May 2020, the killing of George Floyd caused many people in this country to react with deep sorrow, anger, and horror. Our parishioners felt the tremendous anguish and looked for actions of healing and ways to express their need for change. Several meetings among parishioners involved in justice ministries gathered to express ideas to assist. Later that summer, three small groups of Holy Trinity parishioners began to gather on Zoom for Racial Healing Circles in an attempt to verbalize their understanding of, and reaction to, racism in the United States. Under the auspices of the Restorative Justice Committee, Circle Keepers, Ron Castaldi, Frances Kummer, Paul Maco, Bob Stump, and Ellen Toups have provided the structure for ongoing conversations.

One of the first questions posed to the groups was, "Do you believe there is and has been systemic racism in this country?" Using the protocols of a Circle – speak in turn, no cross talk, listen attentively – members responded, spoke of the need for

continued education on the subject, and expressed interest in reaching out to Black/Brown members of other faith communities.

Since then, connections have formed with St. Augustine's Catholic Church and John Wesley AME Zion Church, as some of their members accepted the invitation to join our Circles. There was uncertainty as to whether these outreaches would simply be "dating" or ones that would lead to longer and deeper relationships.

As Circle Keepers facilitated those early outreach sessions, they asked what emotion each member was bringing to the Circle on a particular day. Reactions included: curiosity, excitement, gratitude, optimism, motivation, hope, and open-mindedness.

The Circle that now includes five members of the John Wesley congregation began to consider steps they could take to begin to create racial equality in our DC area and agreed that everyone involved would need to become "comfortable in uncomfortable situations."

Subsequent conversations have covered such thought-provoking questions as:

- What did you learn about race from your family/ community?
- Who were your models for dealing with people of a different
- Do racists hate only one race or any that is different from theirs?
- How do I respond to someone who is racist in my presence?
- How do we get our broader faith communities to care about racial healing as essential to our well-being as community?
- If you feel rage today, how is it different from the rage you felt five years ago?

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LIVING OUR MISSION

Fr. Bill Woody, S.J.

"God loves you just the way you are... but way too much to let you stay that way!"

As we conclude our Easter season and reenter Ordinary Time, we as Church celebrate two great solemnities marking God's desire to be with us: the Solemnity of Pentecost last weekend, and our parish's own patronal feast in Trinity Sunday this weekend. With Pentecost we mark the "birthday of the Church," the moment when the Spirit of God is poured forth upon the disciples in abundance, instilling a holy boldness and an ability to bear witness to the Risen Lord. One week later we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a revelation of God's very self that speaks to us of God's desire to be known and in relationship with us – Father, Son, and Spirit, inviting us into the great mystery of the Divine life of intimate unity marked by wonderful diversity. This God desires to be known and to be with us – inviting us into relationship and being poured forth in abundance into our hearts.

Opening our hearts and our lives to that love of God can be a truly transformative experience – leading us, much like those early disciples, from spaces of fear or confusion into the freedom of the children of God. The disciples were led forth from an upper room of fear and hiding into a holy boldness where they could bear witness before others – sharing the joys of the Risen Lord, the victory of the love of God, and the invitation to a life transformed by an encounter with God's grace.

God desires to be known and to be loved. God so deeply desires that we be in a relationship, called into communion. And as we come to know God more intimately through this revelation of the Trinity, the Spirit of God is poured forth into our own hearts, much like those early disciples. This Spirit rushes through the locked doors of our own upper rooms, into those spaces of fear and hiding, of shame and confusion. And we, too, are transformed from within! Emboldened and encouraged, we are led forth from those spaces that hold us back.

God seeks us out tirelessly, giving generously and pouring forth in abundance, to meet us and to invite us into that transformative encounter with God's very self. As a spiritual director of mine was fond of reminding us: "God loves you just the way you are...but way too much to let you stay that way!"

We have nothing to fear, nothing to lose, and everything to gain! Opening our hearts to an encounter with the Spirit of God promises a transformative and life-giving encounter – an invitation to set aside past sorrows, shames, and fears, and to begin living that "life abundant" that Jesus promises to us.

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 June 13, 2022

Monday 8:00am

5:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am Thomas Murphy+

> 5:30pm Mary Anne Kuhn Koromilas+

Wednesday 8:00am

5:30pm

Thursday 8:00am

5:30pm

Friday 8:00am Jon Reynolds+

5:30pm Robert Joseph Barnet+

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, 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.

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR **PARISH COMMUNITY**

Register Today!



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www. trinity.org/register or click the QR code below. 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: 8:00am & 5:30pm (in the Chapel on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

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

Encounter Ignatian Spirituality this Summer

Our Ignatian Spirituality Resources web page has been updated with ideas for prayer and spirituality in summertime, resources for LGBTQIA+ folks and allies, and Ignatian retreat centers: trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/resources

SERVE

Catechists for Sunday Morning Faith Formation (grades K-8) Catechists teach in teams of two, and classes meet on Sunday mornings 10:15am-11:15am from September to May. Serving as a catechist not only provides a needed service to Holy Trinity, it also helps you to grow in your own faith. If you are interested in being a catechist or would like more information, please contact Sandy Nguyen, rek8@trinity.org or 202-903-2815.

Catechists for Shepherd's Flock - Faith Formation for Children & Teens with Special Needs

Shepherd's Flock provides a place for children and youth in our parish with special needs to grow in their faith and to prepare to celebrate the sacraments. We are looking for additional adult volunteers to assist and be trained as leaders. If you have experience working with children or teens with special needs or have an interest in serving in Shepherd's Flock, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, *akaufmann@trinity.org*, 202-903-2807 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children (RCIAafc) RCIAafc adapts the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults to form children and teens who desire to become members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil through the celebrations of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. Volunteer catechists help guide these children & teens on their journey of faith through weekly sessions. For more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, akaufmann@trinity.org.

High School Youth Ministry - Volunteer Leaders Needed

Our high school youth ministry program is in need of adult volunteers to help with our Sunday morning youth meetings and to help plan and implement other activities to help engage high school youth in the life of Holy Trinity Parish. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann, *akaufmann@trinity.org*.

Border Immersion Trips

Parishioner and Migrant Team member, Margie Legowski, is coordinating our 2022 border trips. These border trip learning opportunities aim to help you understand the complexity of immigration on the border and service opportunities that help support local immigrant ministries.

El Paso, TX: September 28 - October 2 Nogales, AZ: October 27 - 31

Please email *aklick@trinity.org* if you are interested in joining one of the 2022 border trips.

Summer Trip to Maria Madre de los Pobres (Mary Mother of the Poor)

Join Holy Trinity's Maria Madre team in a long-awaited visit to our sister parish in urban El Salvador from **July 13- July 19.** Strengthen your faith as we participate in the life of the parish; meet Holy Trinity's Godchildren; learn about modernday Salvadoran martyrs Oscar Romero, Rutilio Grande, the University Jesuits and their companions and the four US churchwomen; and, encounter the reality of life in La Chacra, a barrio in San Salvador. Please email

margielegowski@gmail.com for trip and meeting details.

Migrant Team Update

Our migrant familia continues to grow! We are preparing to welcome Kateryna, her two sons and her mother now that a parishioner has agreed to sponsor. While the paperwork is completed, we will begin looking for a 2 BR apartment in VA or DC.

Current needs:

- New or gently used girl clothing size 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Bunk Beds
- Housing supplies for Bernard family (visit www. trinity.org/Do-Something-Good-for-Your-Neighbor for wish list items and link to Amazon Wish List)

SOME Snack Bag Collections

Snack bag collections will continue through August. Please drop off donations Saturdays between 10am and 12pm at the corner of 0 and 36th Streets.

June 25: Snack bags and pairs of new socks

July 23: Snack bags and new or gently used men's or women's jeans or pants

August 27: Snack bags and pairs of women's or men's new underwear

CONNECT

Holy Trinity Annual Mass and Picnic

June 12, 10am, Visitation

Today!! The return of our annual Mass and Picnic held at Visitation High School. Starting with 10am Mass on the back lawn of the school. The picnic will follow on the front lawn. Enjoy games, hot dogs, sides, cotton candy, ice cones, a bounce tent, balloon making, a DJ, and great fun. There is no charge for the event, food or activities. Bring family, friends and your own blanket or chairs. Volunteers are needed! If you can help, please see the SignUpGenius on the Parish Life webage, or call Lisa Dittmeier in the Parish Office at 202-903-2801.

Farewell to Father Bill Woody

Father Woody will be leaving Holy Trinity at the end of July. We are preparing a book with letters from parishioners as a remembrance of the Parish. In the back of the Church, you will find a basket with blank pages. Please feel free to take a page and write a short letter to him which will be included in the book. You can either drop it at the Parish Office reception desk or mail it to Lisa Dittmeier, Holy Trinity Church, 3513 N St NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Restorative Justice at Work: Circles of Courageous Conversations continued from page 1

- What has the Church done about racial divisions and to support change?

- For what reason, if any, would you be afraid to engage in a discussion on race with a multi-racial group, including some you've never met before?

- Equity or Equality?

That same Circle feels a familial relationship, and as family, has experienced and mourned together the deaths in their midst – one member and the fathers of three others. A December in-person gathering at Holy Trinity's McKenna Hall became a celebration of that connectedness with spontaneous and joyous hugs. The future may bring more similar gatherings for Circle sessions themselves, as well as social events and nascent plans to attend services at each other's Churches.

It is our continuing work to try to process and condemn increasing acts of often fatal violence against Black and Brown communities, especially the recent massacre in Buffalo. Perhaps you are discerning your role as an ally and anti-racist member of our faith community. If the questions and processes of these Racial Healing Circles have led you to consider the possibility of joining conversations about racism, you may get more information by contacting: **Bob Stump**, rustump@aol.com or **Ron Castaldi**, Ron.Castaldi@gmail.com, and for other social justice initiatives, **Ashley Klick**, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice, aklick@trinity.org. \$



LGBTQIA+ Ministry June Events

June 12: Visit the LGBTQIA+ Ministry table at the Parish Picnic! And later in the day, find our booth at the Capital Pride Festival on Pennsylvania Avenue.

June 15: Pride Mass. On Wednesday, June 15, at 5:30 pm, we will celebrate Pride Mass in the Church. Please join members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their friends and families for Mass followed by a light reception in the East Garden. All are welcome!

Holy Trinity's LGBTQIA+ Ministry on New Website

Our ministry is highlighted in the Gaudete section of this new resource for LGBTQ Catholics: Visit *outreach.faith*.

Young Adult Community Happy Hour June 14

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather for happy hour at a yet-to-be-determined location! Keep an eye on the YAC Digest and Facebook page, both of which can be accessed at trinity.org/young-adults.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Trinity is Hiring!

- Receptionist
- Coordinator of Youth Ministry
- Building Engineer
- Upper School Literacy Coach
- Fourth Grade Math Teacher
- Fifth/Sixth Grade Math/Science Teacher
- Part-time School Counselor

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé and cover letter to *jobs@trinity.org*. No calls, please.

Parish Pastoral Council Election Ballot is Open

Voting to select new members of the Parish Pastoral Council closes today, **June 12.** Thanks to all who chose to run! We have eight candidates for four open positions. Please take a moment to review the candidate statements and cast your vote. Voting will be done completely electronically. Current parish council members will be available after Masses tody to answer questions and provide guidance on how to submit your ballot.



Sunday 9:30 Mass Starting June 19

Please make note that Holy Trinity will be moving to its summertime Mass schedule beginning Sunday, **June 19**. This means the 9:00am Mass will move to 9:30am. The 7:30am, 11:30am and 5:30pm Masses will NOT change. For a complete schedule and list of presiders, please visit *trinity.org*.

A Message From the Stewardship Dept: Changes Are Afoot!

We are grateful to God and our benefactors for the financial support that enables our parish community to be an abundant source of life and blessing to thousands of households each month. Thank you! Our Development team is revising our website donation page in a long-needed effort to simplify the user experience. This new page will roll-out this month. Changing the electronic payment processing system should be seamless. Those with existing automatic, recurring donations will have their payments automatically switched from Parish Soft Giving (old) to Engaged Donor (new). An Engaged Donor account is being created for all with recurring donations. Donors will not have to login or create new credentials, unless they wish to change a payment method, frequency or amount. Please contact Rock Schuler at *RSchuler@trinity.org* or 301-455-5437 with questions.

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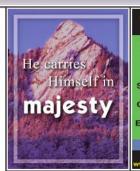
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