



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

December 11, 2022

## *The Third Sunday of Advent* **GAUDETE SUNDAY**



**“The joy of  
the gospel is not  
just any joy...**

**It is the joy  
that comes from  
knowing you are  
welcomed and  
loved by God.”**

**—POPE FRANCIS**

### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>MONDAY - FRIDAY:</b>  | 8:00 AM – Chapel<br>5:30 PM – Chapel  |
| <b>SATURDAY:</b>         | 8:00 AM – Chapel  |
| <b>SATURDAY (VIGIL):</b> | 5:30 PM – Church  |
| <b>SUNDAY:</b>           | 7:30 AM – Church<br>9:00 AM – Church,<br>Trinity Hall & Livestream<br>11:30 AM – Church<br>5:30 PM – Church |

### **\* *The Nativity of Our Lord* \*** **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE—12/24**

4:00 PM – Church, Trinity Hall \*\*

5:45 PM – Church

7:30 PM – Church

9:30 PM – Church

Midnight – Church

with Lessons & Carols starting at 11:20 PM

\*\* Church doors will open at 3:00 PM

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY—12/25**

9:30 AM – Church

11:30 AM – Church

*Note: Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year.  
The usual Sunday Mass times are replaced by the above.*



### ***Offertory***

We invite you to share your  
gifts with others in our  
parish community!



## From the Pastor's Desk

Recently in this column, Father Bill O'Neill explained aspects of his work with refugees in Kenya and his ministry with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). This international organization defines its mission as "to accompany, serve, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons, that they may heal, learn, and determine their own future." The JRS mission reflects the ways in which the Catholic Church has prioritized outreach to refugees.

As the website of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) notes: "The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move." Holy Trinity Church has responded to Christ's call for us to "welcome the stranger among us," for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ.

Through the generosity of our parishioners and the talents of more than 50 volunteers, Holy Trinity has shared in the mission of JRS and the USCCB. This Saturday, December 10, the parish will host our third annual Mass for Migrants. Coinciding with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mass (proclaimed in Spanish) brings together the families, our Migrant Team, and a host of supportive parishioners. Presently we are supporting thirteen households and are in touch with seven others who have "graduated" from our sponsorship. They are the following:

### **Current households:**

Hameed, Amina and sons (Afghanistan); Hadia (Afghanistan); Kateryna, her mother and sons (Ukraine); Olena and son (Ukraine); Etienne, Olga and family (Congo); Enrique, Yosselin and family (Honduras); Jeymy and daughter (Honduras); Bernadette and daughter (Gabon); Julien Patrick (Cameroon); Angie (Colombia); Lino (Honduras); Carolina and three children (Honduras); Edras, Margo and children (Haiti).

**"Graduates":** Mario F. (Nicaragua); Asila (Afghanistan); Mugahid (Sudan); Fredys (Honduras); Oneyda (Honduras); Mario J. (Nicaragua); Cheikho family (Syria).



**REV. C. KEVIN GILLESPIE, S.J.**

As noted on our website, the HT Migrant Team/Migrant Familia has been accompanying and advocating for refugees since 2017 when we welcomed the Cheikho family from Syria. Over 84 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, and our Migrant Familia stands ready to welcome and accompany these mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters and sons as they seek refuge in our community.

Our Migrant Team comprises 50+ volunteers addressing education, healthcare, legal, transportation, employment and food insecurity each week. Their leadership includes the following parishioners: Jeanne Rossomme, Mary Gibbons, John Brain (Migrant Team Leads); Geri Fitzgerald, Mary McCabe (Health Care); Patti Franco, Kitty Wach (Legal); Mike Conway, Mary Lou Hartman (Transportation); Ash Hawken, Kathy Lankford, Colleen Conroy (Food insecurity) and many more who tutor, problem solve and mentor.

During this Sacred Season of Advent as we move closer toward celebrating the birthday of Jesus Christ may we respond generously to our parish refugees and all strangers who need our assistance locally and globally and may we recognize Christ in them. They indeed illuminate the Presence of God among us.



# Upcoming Events & News

## LAST CHANCE GIVING TREE

**DEADLINE TO DONATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Giving Tree gifts are due December 11. There is still time to support our partner! You may donate via check (please write Giving Tree) in the memo or on the website [trinity.org/donate-holy-trinity/social-justice/virtual-giving-tree](http://trinity.org/donate-holy-trinity/social-justice/virtual-giving-tree).

## SHOP FOR A CAUSE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – following all morning Masses, McKenna Hall**

Haitian coffee, Mexican crafts, Salvadoran art and more will be available for purchase. Learn more about our sister parishes in Haiti and El Salvador and meet members of our Migrant Team while you shop!

## MARY'S MAGNIFICAT & HANNAH'S SONG

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 10:15 AM, Trinity Hall**

A special faith formation event sponsored by the Women Who Stay to celebrate the Women Who Sing! Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Mary of Nazareth, the mother of Jesus, are two prophetic voices of Advent that are muted in our Catholic Sunday Lectionary. Many of us know Mary's Magnificat in the first chapter of Luke, but did you know that the entire song she sang while visiting her cousin Elizabeth is never read as the Gospel on any Sunday during any liturgical cycle? And the prophetic song of Hannah that Mary echoes is also never heard in any Sunday Mass either? We'll explore these voices absent from the Lectionary.

## YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY (YAC)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 7:15 PM, Chapel**

Join Holy Trinity's YAC for Mass in St. Ignatius Chapel. Come, bring a friend, and gather in McKenna Hall afterwards for our potluck YAC Café! Other December events include Saturday Suppers, Christmas Caroling and happy hour. Visit [trinity.org/young-adults](http://trinity.org/young-adults) for more info.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN GEORGETOWN

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 – 6:30 PM**

Meet in the Holy Trinity Upper School Cafeteria and join the fun with people of all ages from the parish and the school as we carol around the Georgetown neighborhood. Wear your festive clothes as we knock on doors and sing on the street corners! Enjoy hot chocolate and treats afterward around a campfire. No singing experience and no RSVP required. Contact Sara Keese at [swkeese5@msn.com](mailto:swkeese5@msn.com) for more information.

## ADVENT YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

**WEDNESDAYS – 7:30 PM, Zoom**

High school students are invited to join Youth Ministry's weekly Advent prayer group on Wednesdays at 7:30pm on Zoom on Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. Pre-registration is not necessary, and students are encouraged to attend whichever dates they can make. The link will be on the Youth Ministry website and in the Youth Ministry eLetter. Meetings will last 20-30 minutes and focus on trying out different forms of prayer in community.



## PARISH COUNCIL DECEMBER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 – 7:00 PM, McKenna Hall, Zoom**

Join the Parish Council for our monthly meeting. This month the Council will hear from the Green Team, HTS's principal Kevin Mcshane, and discuss next steps for 2023. All are welcome. For the Zoom link, please email either [ppcpresident@trinity.org](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org) or [parishcouncil@trinity.org](mailto:parishcouncil@trinity.org).

## THANK YOU!

We exceeded our Thanksgiving Drive goal! Thank you for your support as we did not consider inflation in planning the \$40 budget. We provided over 200 Thanksgiving meals and funded the Thanksgiving meals at SOME. Special thanks to the HTS 8th graders, HTS Kindergarteners, Lori Harrup, Eric Nicoll, Migrant familia transport team, SOME volunteers and Pam at Waghsals for helping us nourish so many families. We also acknowledge the Turkey Trotters who represented Holy Trinity early on Thanksgiving morning and helped raise over \$3500 for SOME.



## LGBTQIA+ EVENTS

### *Men's Discussion Group*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 – 7:00 PM,**

**Neale Room, Zoom**

If you plan to attend online, register at [trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry](http://trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry).



### *Women and Marginalized Genders Discussion Group*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 7:00 PM, Zoom**

Register at [trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry](http://trinity.org/lgbtqia-ministry).

### *General Meeting / Christmas Social*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 1:00 PM, Neale Room**

Join us for a potluck Christmas social to celebrate the season! If you're interested in helping organize or volunteer that day to help set up and clean up, please email us at [lgbtqia@trinity.org](mailto:lgbtqia@trinity.org). This gathering is in-person only.

## PRAYING IN SACRED SPACE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 – 4:00 PM, Zoom**

In this hour of prayer and faith sharing, all are invited to encounter the Advent scriptures in a way St. Ignatius introduces us to in the Spiritual Exercises. During the hour, savor the contemplative silence and share with others who are seeking God's presence. No preparation necessary. All are welcome! Register: [trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/invitations-to-pray/](http://trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/invitations-to-pray/)



## HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023**

Come and tour our campus with a student and parent tour guide and learn more about our wonderful program, and warm and welcoming community! Please register at [htsdc.org/visit](http://htsdc.org/visit). We are accepting applications from October 3, 2022 to January 27, 2023 at [htsdc.org/how-to-apply/](http://htsdc.org/how-to-apply/)

### *Holy Trinity is Hiring!*

- Building Engineer
- Substitute Teacher (ongoing)

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé and cover letter to [jobs@trinity.org](mailto:jobs@trinity.org). No calls, please.

Long ago Holy Trinity decided to commit 1 of every 10 dollars donated for general operations to our tithe fund in support of social justice. That amounts to more than \$400,000 per year and has resulted over the years in nearly \$5,000,000 being distributed to benefit individuals and communities in need.

Learn more about our tithe fund and social justice ministries at [trinity.org](http://trinity.org) > Ministries > Social Justice. These ministries reflect how we Accompany our fellow human beings in ways that demonstrate God's Love and Transform lives for the better.

To make your 2023 Pledge and support the Social Justice work of our parish, mail your pledge card to the office, scan the provided QR Code, or email your pledge intention to Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship at [RSchuler@trinity.org](mailto:RSchuler@trinity.org). You can also set up your pledge and recurring payments online at [trinity.org](http://trinity.org) > Give > Parish Pledge > 2023 Pledge. Questions? Call Rock at 301-455-5437.



We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives. Join today!





## WOMEN WHO STAY: CATHOLIC WOMEN AT WORK

Beginning January 23, we will celebrate the voices of professional Catholic women from within Holy Trinity's own pews. In our discussion series, we will learn: What does it mean today to be Catholic in the workplace? How can our values help us shine professionally? And when can our faith elevate our problem solving or our uniting?

Through this series of moderated Q&As, we will explore the opportunities and challenges of being a female professional Catholic in today's world. The first four presentations will be held at 5:30pm over Zoom. Register on the website.

**JANUARY 23** – Faith & Education with Elizabeth Wittschen, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, & Dr. Eileen Moore, Georgetown School of Medicine (Virtual)

**JANUARY 30** – Faith & Business with Maury Devine, Former President and Managing Director of a Norwegian affiliate of ExxonMobil & Kitty Wach, Pro Bono Counsel for Miller & Chevalier (Virtual)

**FEBRUARY 6** – Faith & International Relations with Dr. Maria del Pilar Londoño-Kent, international trade and port and transport consultant, and Teresita Schaffer, Former Ambassador to Sri Lanka. (Virtual)

**FEBRUARY 13** – : Faith & Communication with Donna Cassata, journalist, and Gail Louis, relationship manager, PNC Financial Services Manager (Virtual)

**FEBRUARY 20** – In person reflection on the spirituality of work led by Anne Koester. Be prepared to be in conversation about the work you do and work as nourishment for our spiritual lives

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

### JUNE 2023

Once again Holy Trinity Parishioners are invited to join Father Brendan Lally, S.J. on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This year the pilgrimage will take place from June 14-24, 2023 and will include visits to Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana and The Dead Sea. In his various Jesuit ministries Father Lally has led more than 35 pilgrimages, including three pilgrimages that included HT parishioners. Please visit the website to learn more details at <https://www.pilgrimages.com/frlally/june/>. You can also contact Father Lally directly with questions at [blally@sju.edu](mailto:blally@sju.edu). Space will be limited to 25.

## Mass Intentions

Week of December 11, 2022

|           |        |                        |
|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| Monday    | 8:00am | Bonnie Prunka          |
|           | 5:30pm | Darlene Torres+        |
| Tuesday   | 8:00am |                        |
|           | 5:30pm | Dan Randall+           |
| Wednesday | 8:00am |                        |
|           | 5:30pm | Margaret James+        |
| Thursday  | 8:00am |                        |
|           | 6:30pm | Daniel Ferro+          |
| Friday    | 8:00am |                        |
|           | 5:30pm | Mary Charlotte Daniel+ |
| Saturday  | 8:00am |                        |

## Daily Readings

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zechariah 2:14-17 | Luke 1:26-38

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 | Matthew 21:28-32

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

#### MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 21c-25 | Luke 7:18b-23

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 54:1-10 | Luke 7:24-30

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

#### FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 56:1-3a | John 5:33-36

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

#### SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 | Matthew 1:1-17

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

#### SUNDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18-24



## On the Blog

the latest from the Holy Trinity History Committee:

### Ann Marie Becraft – Pathmaker

by Peter J. Albert and Bernard A. Cook

“Ann Marie Becraft (1805-34), a path-breaking African American educator in Georgetown and early member of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore, was the eldest child of William (1778-1860) and Sarah McDaniel (or McDonald) Becraft (1790-1866).

...In 2017, the oldest building on the Georgetown campus was renamed Becraft Hall to honor this extraordinary woman, “one of the foremothers of social activism in Black Washington.” It was previously named for Fr. William McSherry, S.J., Jesuit Provincial and Georgetown president (1837-39) who oversaw the mass sale of 272 enslaved people from Jesuit farms in Maryland to three plantations in Louisiana.”

To read the full article, visit [curavirtualis.org](http://curavirtualis.org)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:akaufmann@trinity.org) or (202) 903-2832 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/lgbtqia](http://www.trinity.org/lgbtqia) or by emailing [LGBTQIA@trinity.org](mailto: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 Jennifer Dorsey at [ppcpresident@trinity.org](mailto:ppcpresident@trinity.org) and Vice President Gail Louis at [parishcouncil@trinity.org](mailto:parishcouncil@trinity.org).

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