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April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Go to Confession? Me? Really?

by Fr. Benjamin Hawley, S.J.

Yes. Really. You. And me. All of us.

Unfortunately, this liberating experience of Jesus' mystical love has been misused for millennia. The communal nature of sin and of God's liberation that we inherited from Judaism became individual Confession in the 5th Century, and in the High Middle Ages Jesus' healing became Extreme Unction, understood as confession just before death in preparation for the Beatific Vision. Individual "Confession" became a laundry list of "sins" detached from personal reality. Absolution from "sins" led to an abstract "state of grace" that said nothing of the fullness of life that Jesus promises (John 10:10, 15:11).

Psychology has provided us invaluable clarity into what "Confession" might be. And yet psychology itself can mislead us by divorcing our internal sense of ourselves from the spiritual and moral life by making personal "happiness" and "self-realization" the centerpieces of human life.

Such a shame! So, how might we find a middle way? We might start by acknowledging that the sin we do often arises from the sin done to us, where the violence of the sin done to us is often much worse than the sin we have



done. If we know that God will heal this greater hurt, we can be the more ready to confess the wrong we have done. So, ideally, a rethought Sacrament of Confession should be rolled into one with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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OFFERTORY

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY:	8:00 AM — Chapel
	5:30 PM — Chapel
SATURDAY:	8:00 AM — Chapel
SATURDAY (VIGIL):	5:30 PM — Church
SUNDAY:	7:30 AM — Church
	9:00 AM — Church,
	Trinity Hall, Livestream
	11:30 AM — Church
	5:30 PM — Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM — Church

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What else might we do? Tell your story as a matter of truth and honesty. Name the feelings, intuitions, and motivations. Affirm your good qualities as a balance to your failings. I often ask confesseees to name three good qualities they possess, and, astonishingly, many are stumped, though these qualities are gifts from God. I hear things like, I'm a good driver. Ok. But, what qualities? Are you generous? Are you just? Are you honest?

Answers tend to be, "I try to be," "Sometimes," "For some people." These answers, vague as they are, point a way forward: ask Jesus who loves you to help you be more generous, more honest, more just in the specific interactions of your life, and ask him to help you build on your good qualities.

Also, we might come to think of confession as a part of a learning experience: What mistakes have I made? How do these mistakes help me learn about myself, my behavior, and relationships and so point a way forward in my growth? Ask Jesus to help you learn. Sacraments are encounters with God, and divine love heals our wounds, restores our souls, renews our hope. Remember: God has a vested interest in our success as human beings. So, give God a chance.

On a final note let me add that every Friday I upload a video homily rather like this one to the parish website and Holy Trinity's YouTube channel. I shoot these videos in places around Washington that evoke our history and the readings of the day. Please tune in.✝

WE'RE BUDGETING NOW - 2023 PLEDGES NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who offered a giving intention (Pledge) for 2023! We deeply appreciate your faithful commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ as lived out through our worship, sacraments and formation and service ministries. However, **we have around 220 households who pledged in 2022 who have not yet renewed an intention for 2023.** We use pledges, as well as scheduled recurring donations, to estimate our income for the next fiscal year - a process we are beginning right now. At present, we would have to cut our budget by tens of thousands to make up for pledges not renewed. **If you have not yet offered a pledge intention, please do so now by scanning the provided QR code,** or by going to trinity.org and clicking "Give" in the menu, or by contacting Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, rschuler@trinity.org or 301-455-5437.



Thank you!

Parishioners in Action



Green Fair 2023



TODAY!

BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI MASS

April 30 | 12:00 PM, St. Ignatius Chapel. Join BC alumni in the DC area for a Mass followed by a reception.

WEEKEND YOUTH GROUP MEETING

April 30 | 10:15 AM, Parish Center Library
Jewish Community Relations Council Student to Student Presentation during Youth Group

THE EUCHARIST: A MYSTERY TO BE CELEBRATED

Today, Tony Varas, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy, will offer a short talk titled The Eucharist: A Mystery to be Celebrated, at 10:15 AM in Trinity Hall. He will also present two follow up and more in-depth presentations on the Mass over the following two Saturdays, **May 6 and 13** at **9:00 AM – 11:00 AM** in Trinity Hall. No need to attend all talks in the series. Feel free to join one, two or all of the talks! Registration is not needed.

NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES BLESSING & RECEPTION

April 30 | 6:30 PM.

A blessing in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Garden for couples married since 2016. For more information and to RSVP please contact parishlife@trinity.org.

LAY PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMILIES

Beginning with the 2nd Sunday of Easter at the 11:30 AM Mass, the following parishioners are participating in the homilies given by our Priest Celebrants. This is an opportunity to hear from our own parishioners about how they are living as disciples of the Risen Lord!

- **April 30-4th Sunday of Easter**- Fr. Ben Hawley/Marie Shiels-Djouadi
- **May 7-5th Sunday of Easter**- Fr. Kevin Gillespie/Brian Flanagan
- **May 14-6th Sunday of Easter** – Fr. Pat Earl/Katie Laskey

ARE YOU CALLED TO ACCOMPANIMENT?

May 1 | 6:00 PM, McKenna Hall

As our Migrant Familia and Friends expand, so do our needs for accompaniment. Join the Migrant Team for an orientation on accompaniment at Holy Trinity. We'll discuss the role of a mentor, working with families v. individuals, navigating needs across the DMV, and more. Attending the orientation does not commit you to working with an individual or family. We hope the event will answer questions on whether this model is a fit for you now or in the future. Dinner will be served. RSVP to migrantteam@trinity.org

BRIDGE HOUSING LEARNING SESSIONS

Wednesdays | 7:00-8:30 PM **May 3, May 17** and **May 24**, Zoom

Join Dumbarton UMC and Georgetown Ministry Center for this series of learning sessions about bridge housing:

What is it? How does it work? What are some of the best practices and stories of success? How does our faith support these efforts? Fr. Kevin joins the discussion on May 24.

Meeting ID: 870 6423 5179 Passcode: 012872

GARDENING MINISTRY

May 5 | 6:30 PM

Come enjoy the Holy Trinity Garden while sipping cocktails and noshing on hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased online trinity.org/gardenparty



NOTRE DAME VISION REGISTRATION

Deadline May 17

There is still time to register for ND Vision this summer! Use Katie Laskey as the organizer name when registering. See trinity.org/youth/youth-summer-experiences/ for more information



SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

Grades 7-8, ServiceworX, a local service program, July 10-14

Grades 9-11, **Baltimore Community Engagement**, overnight, July 16-22

See trinity.org/youth/youth-summer-experiences/ for registration details.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

May 6 | 8:30 AM, McKenna Hall

The St. Jean Baptiste Haiti Committee is hosting a breakfast for Delane Bailey-Herd (Partnerships Program Director) and Ed Raine (CEO & President) from Food for the Poor. All are welcome! Food for the Poor has been a wonderful partner to St. Jean Baptiste by providing 31 new homes, 2 community centers, a sanitation block, 2 wells, a generator, sewing machines, cots, stoves and food for the school lunch program for our sister parish. RSVP to aklick@trinity.org



BECOMING A CATECHIST WEBINAR

We want to answer all your questions as you prayerfully discern if this ministry is right for you. Join us for a webinar by emailing rek8@trinity.org or register online at forms.gle/qWGjkXKXAqCd3PuU6. Dates available:

- **May 8**, 7:30pm
- **May 17**, 7:30 pm
- **May 21**, 7:30pm.

ANNUAL HOPE BLOSSOMS EVENT

May 10 | 6:00 PM, Columbia Country Club

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Families. Sister Mary Bader, DC, and Honorary Co-Hosts Jan & John Magnolia invite you to Hope Blossoms - our annual cocktail reception and awards ceremony which celebrates and supports the families rewriting their futures at St. Ann's Center. All proceeds will directly support St. Ann's Center's programs.

www.stanns.org/events. Questions: Sue Flaherty: 301-559-5500 or sflaherty@stanns.org

INFORMATION SESSION ON THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES



May 13 | 11:00 AM, Zoom

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are one way to come to love as God loves. Throughout an 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. Join us for an hour conversation about this gift that God gave the church through St. Ignatius. Contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org for the link to the online session.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Beginning in May, parishioners will be electing four people to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). PPC members are advisors to the pastor, and assist the pastor in discerning, articulating, and communicating the identity and mission of the parish to other parishioners. They also work with the pastor and parish community to assure fidelity of the parish's activities to that identity and mission. PPC members serve three year terms. Please consider whether this is your time to serve, encourage our fellow parishioners to serve, and vote in support of candidates you believe will best serve our beloved parish. If you are interested in learning more, please join us at our regular monthly PPC meeting on **May 17** for an open Q&A on the role of the PPC and the responsibilities of its members. All are welcome either in person or by zoom. To request the virtual link, e-mail ppcpresident@trinity.org.

MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Mondays and Fridays | 9:00 AM, Zoom

Morning Prayer is celebrated on Mondays and Fridays 9-9:45 am via Zoom. All are warmly invited to join whether once, occasionally, or regularly. Go to trinity.org/morningprayer for information and the link.



Holy Trinity is Hiring!

Director of Communications

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé and cover letter to jobs@trinity.org. No calls, please. Visit trinity.org/jobs for job description

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS HIRING

Holy Trinity School, a Catholic elementary school in the Jesuit tradition, seeks to hire a **Middle School Science** and a **Middle School Math Teacher** starting in the 2023-2024 school year. These are permanent positions. The successful candidates will teach to segments of grades as part of a dynamic, high-energy educational team and will have strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field, minimum, and 2 – 3 years teaching experience; Certified to teach in MD, DC, or VA or is willing to gain certification within three years; and demonstrates strong writing and communication skills, a capacity for organization and follow-through, collaboration, and flexibility. Benefits included.

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé to principal@htsdc.org. No calls, please.

1ST GRADE ASSISTANT NEEDED (Temporary - Parental Leave)

Join our vivacious first grade classroom for the remainder of the school year as our lead teacher begins her parental leave through the remainder of the year. There will be 15 fun, little personalities who you will get to spend your day with from 7:45am to 3:15pm each day. Please contact Kate Devlin (kdevlin@htsdc.org) if you would like to learn more or are interested in this role!

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 1, 2023

MONDAY	8:00 AM	Colette Marie Morris+
	5:30 PM	Rosemary Burke Dolan
TUESDAY	8:00 AM	Pres. Bide, family & country
	5:30 PM	Julia Albrecht+
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Margaret James+
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	
	5:30 PM	Kathy Carliner
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10

MONDAY, MAY 1

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 11:1-18 | John 10:11-18

TUESDAY, MAY 2

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS

Acts 11:19-26 | John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 | John 14:6-14

THURSDAY, MAY 4

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:13-25 | John 13:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 5

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:26-33 | John 14:1-6

SATURDAY, MAY 6

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 13:44-52 | John 14:7-14

SUNDAY, MAY 7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12



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.



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) 903-2832 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 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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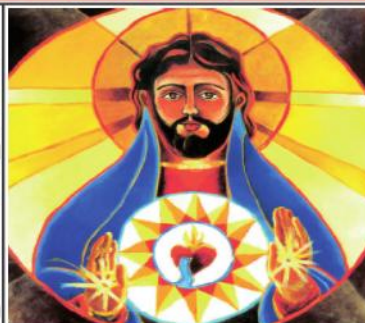
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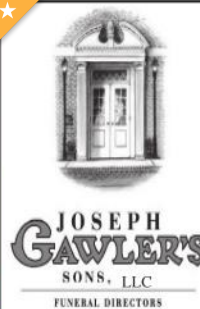


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