

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

First Communion

by Kate Devlin, Lower School Assistant Principal

Seeing the glow of having experienced God's grace on second graders' faces as they process back to their pew after receiving First Communion is one of my favorite memories each year. The preparation process for First Communion is a true community affair, and if Holy Trinity is known for one thing, it is known for its strong community.

Families are the foremost teachers when it comes to being a child's educator. When HTS parent, Cait Crivella, reflected back on the experience from last year, she recollected, "Last year, my son, Connor, received his First Communion at Holy Trinity. It was something our entire family prepared for and looked forward to for months. There was the preparation work they did in Faith Formation with Ms. McGowan, the workbook and discussions we partnered on together at home, picking out the perfect outfit and inviting all the grandparents to take part in the special day." As the Saturday Vigil Mass last week concluded, the 8-and-9-year-old joy and that of their families was palpable. Family had traveled from near and far to honor this momentous occasion. One of our second graders wore her grandmother's First Communion dress; these sacred traditions represent the strength of the Catholic faith and Catholic family.



At home and school, meaningful conversations were had to prepare the students for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. In the week leading up to the students' First Communion, one traditional school day was replaced by a First Communion Retreat, planned by their Faith Formation teacher, Ms. McGowan. She planned a day that perfectly balanced the weighty nature of receiving a sacrament and the fun that comes with being a 2nd grader about to celebrate something wonderful. Students completed a craft representing how Jesus is in the

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel

5:30 PM — Chapel

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM — Chapel

5:30 PM — Church SATURDAY (VIGIL):

7:30 AM — Church SUNDAY:

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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Eucharist; they played a game of B-I-N-G-O with the topics relating to what they see in their church; they read and reflected on how Jesus nourishes us and gives us life. The students also received the opportunity to consume an unconsecrated host and practice the process with reverence.

Christina Duffy, a parent of a Holy Trinity third grader, noted, "What struck me most about the process was the overwhelming feeling of joy and ease at each celebration." Those feelings are the end result of preparation by the children themselves, their families, our 2nd grade teacher, Megan McGowan, and Holy Trinity's Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, Anne Marie Kaufmann. It is collaboration and a true team effort with love at the core of every action.

Though we are on the other side of it, the pandemic does give us an additional appreciation for gathering together on occasions like this. Cait Crivella poignantly noted that her son's grade "had been through a lot. Covid lockdown hit the Spring of their kindergarten year. We felt like we had missed so many big events - Christmas shows, field days, birthday parties, normal holidays. However, as we celebrated this sacrament of initiation with our kids, things were just as we had hoped. The circumstances magnified the wonderful church community we have and that their journey is just beginning."

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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!



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

Summer Job at Holy Trinity

We are looking for high school or college-aged youths with computer skills to assist in updating the Parish database. Hours, work location and salary are flexible, 20-40 hours/week starting around June 12 for 6-8 weeks. We need dependable, responsible individuals, ideally with skills in computers, databases, spreadsheets, etc. Salary ranges from \$18-\$26 per hour. Contact *pholejack@trinity.org* with your expression of interest or any questions.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



TODAY!

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning with the weekend of May 27 and 28 we will be moving to the summertime Mass schedule. This means the 9:00am Mass will move to 9:30am. Also, the final Trinity Hall Mass for the season will be celebrated on May 21. Other Mass times will not change.

FINAL YOUTH GROUP MEETING FOR THIS SCHOOL **YEAR**

May 21 10:15 AM, Neale Room All high school and 8th grade students are welcome to join for free food and fellowship!

BIBLE STORY HOUR

May 21 | 10:15 AM, Lower School 108 All 3-5 year olds are invited to join in Bible Story Hour this Sunday with Anne, Danielle and Madeline from 10:15 AM-11:15 AM in LS 108. The



topic will be on Mary, our Blessed Mother. We ask that at least one parent attend with his/her child.

LBGTQIA+ MINISTRY EVENTS FOR MAY

Full Ministry Monthly Meeting May 21 | 1:00 PM in Neale Room Movie Screening of "The Pope: Answers" Documentary of the pope in a dialogue with a group of young

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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 bit.ly/3IhuUQD

Dates available:

May 21, 7:30pm.

BRIDGE HOUSING LEARNING SESSIONS

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

Join Dumbarton UMC 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

SPIRITUALITY OF WORK

June 3 9AM-12PM, McKenna Hall RSVP to aklick@trinity.org by May 26

Anne Koester will guide our time together which will include small and large group discussion with some input about what spiritual writers and theologians have said about the spirituality of work. The spirituality of work or spirituality in the workplace is bound up in what we bring to our work and our workplaces, that is, ourselves - who we are and who we are becoming. For better or for worse, our work in life shapes who we are and in turn, we shape our work and our workplaces. Work offers us daily grace-filled and grace-enabled opportunities for deep encounters with God (in this sense, work has a sacramental dimension), which in turn means daily opportunities to experience transformation of life, to serve our global community, to practice good stewardship of our earth's resources, to care for creation, to contribute to the common good and the building of the reign of God.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

June 4 | 10:45 AM, Upper Room Parents with Young Children Play, Playgroup-families with children aged five and younger are warmly invited to a monthly playgroup and fellowship. Meet in the Upper



Room of the Parish Center (Level 2). If you have any questions please email: mary.cain323@gmail.com



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

June 11 | 10:00 AM, Visitation All parish families and friends are invited to our annual Mass and picnic at Georgetown Visitation High School on 35th St. Father Kevin will preside



at a 10am Mass in Visitation's Nolan Center. (there will be no 9am Masses at Holy Trinity). A picnic will follow on the front lawn. DJ DC Child will return and the kids can enjoy a moon bounce, balloon making, face painting and games. Our Fathers' Club will be grilling hot dogs and sides, beer and treats of watermelon, sno-cones and cotton candy will be available. There is no cost for the picnic, food or drinks. We do need volunteers to help during the day. If you can assist, please sign up here bit.ly/42ina8B

THE HOLY TRINITY COLUMBARIUM AT HOLY ROOD CEMETERY

Renovations at Holy Rood Cemetery are complete and a substantial number of niches have been sold. Advertising beyond Holy Trinity parish is underway to expand sales so interested parishioners should explore options at this time. Learn more about at holytrinitycolumbarium.org. Questions? Email HTcolumbarium@trinity.org or call (202) 903-2836.

AN UPDATE FROM THE MIGRANT TEAM

This month we have welcomed the Casimir Family of three and Michel Ange. We are grateful for continued radical hospitality of the Holy Trinity community. Highlighted needs include:

- Volunteers needed June 10! We are welcoming our familia and Nicaraguan friends to discuss job applications/translate resumes/advise on job search. Sign up to provide food or volunteer to be a translator. signupgenius.com/go/june10gathering#/
- Short term housing for Hugo in Virginia or DC. Hugo, one of our Nicaraguan friends, is a lawyer in his 60s in need of a short-term room. (He has been staying with friends in Vienna, but their 2 children are returning from college at the end of May).
- Gift cards to Giant and Trader Joe's.

HOLY TRINITY / ST JEAN BAPTISTE (HAITI) SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since 2016 Holy Trinity has collaborated with our sister parish in Haiti, St. Jean Baptiste, to offer scholarships for students eager to continue their studies after graduating from the parish's secondary school, St Raymond's. Eight of our scholarship students have successfully completed their post-secondary studies. Two of these students have asked to be sponsored under the U.S. government's Haitian Humanitarian Parole Program. One studied pharmaceutical science and another learned how to be a chef by completing a program with Jose Andres' World Central Kitchens in Port-au-Prince. The Holy Trinity Migrant Team has agreed to support their stay in the U.S. Of our 31 currently enrolled HT/SJB Scholarship awardees, one student is studying to be a school director while others are studying agronomy, computer systems, nursing, law, engineering and teaching. The HT/SJB Haiti Committee hopes to enlarge our team of donors for the Class of '23. Last year we had 21 contributors. All contributions are welcome, but each "sponsor" commits to donating \$250/year for four years. Our generous donors allow us to offer tuition scholarships to any student who receives admission to one of 8 programs in Haiti. Last year we were able support 12 new students attending 5 different programs! To donate to the St Jean Baptiste Scholarship Fund and to learn more about the various projects of the HT/ SJB Committee contact StJeanBaptisteHaiti@gmail. com.

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.

CHAPERONES NEEDED

Adults interested in accompanying youth through a week of service-learning **July 10-14** are asked to contact Katie Laskey, *klaskey@trinity.org*, with their interest. Visit *trinity.org/youth-volunteers* for more information.



HTS

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER (PART TIME)

Holy Trinity School, seeks to hire a part-time, Upper School (grades 5th through 8th) Music Teacher to join our faculty. Responsibilities include planning and delivering developmentally appropriate music lessons and activities. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Music/Music Education, minimum of 2 – 3 years teaching experience; piano/accompanying and conducting skills.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH INTERVENTIONIST

An educator who is able to plan and deliver targeted instruction to students with diverse learning styles and levels of mathematical skills. This person will apply a variety of instructional methods and strategies to meet the needs of the individual student, making their learning experience relevant and effective. On-site, could be part-time but full-time preferred.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 22, 2023

MONDAY 8:00 AM Valentina Clerc Franceschini +

5:30 PM Margaret Mary Brennan +

TUESDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM Margaret James +

WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM

THURSDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM

5:30 PM Rev. Eugene J. Prior, SJ +

SATURDAY 8:00 AM Mary O'Connell +

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 21

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:12-14 | 1 Peter 4:13-16 | John 17:1-11a

MONDAY, MAY 22

MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 19:1-8 | John 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 23

TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 20:17-27 | John 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

WEDNESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 20:28-38 | John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 25

THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 | John 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

Acts 25:13b-21 | John 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 27

SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | John 21:20-25

SUNDAY, MAY 28

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Genesis 11:1-9 | Romans 8:22-27 | John 7:37-39

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 layled 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH CENTER

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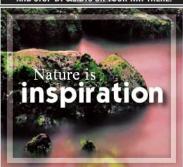
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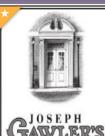
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