



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Washington, DC

April 15, 2018

Shepherd's Flock Assisting Students to Encounter God

by Judith Brusseau, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

April is National Autism Awareness Month, and, at Holy Trinity, we're pleased to welcome children of all learning abilities into our Sunday morning Faith Formation program. All students—including those with special needs—are called to be witnesses to the Gospel.

Holy Trinity's Shepherd's Flock program has been ministering to students with learning challenges for more than a decade. The program's hallmark is respecting the students' dignity and ensuring students understand that they are like each of us: uniquely formed and loved by God.

Each Sunday morning, volunteer catechists create a physical environment that is safe for children who move around quite a bit and who may be sensitive to noise, lighting or even too many decorations. Catechists interact with students on their level with a variety of materials that connect to their learning style. Meeting the children where they are is one of the keys to the program's success. The Shepherd's Flock class regularly participates in all the other activities the RE program offers. They participate in the annual Communion of Saints parade, Christmas Giving Tree, as well as take part in our service opportunities.

The world often defines our Shepherd's Flock students by what they cannot do or by missed benchmarks of development. In the space we create each Sunday, however, they are children of God—loved and whole. In our effort to teach them the tenets of the Catholic Church and to help them prepare for the Sacraments, we seek to meet them where they are and to let them express what they know in meaningful ways. The students process, dance, paint, act out the parables and handle recreations of liturgical items. For some children, Jesus is found in the stories. For many, God lives in music or art. Those who seek routine find comfort in the predictable rhythm of the liturgy.

Our catechists identify the most essential and most tangible elements and then make room for the Holy Spirit to work. As these children grow in relationship to God, they show us how to love more simply, more completely, and they lead us to be recreated in the image of God.

In addition to the weekly class and sacramental celebrations, the Shepherd's Flock program hosts a monthly Mass for the families, which is followed by a potluck dinner. At Mass, the students serve as greeters, lectors and gift-bearers. One parent says, "The message Shepherd's Flock sends to the students, is 'Yes, you can!' Our daughter takes great pride in

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Today's Events: April 15

Coffee following 7:30am Mass
Parish Center Library

One American Discussion: Opioid Crisis
12:30pm, Parish Center Library

Free Minds Letter Writing Event
4pm, McKenna Hall

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to:

Accompany one another in Christ
Celebrate God's love
Transform lives

PARISH CENTER

Phone: (202) 337-2840 **Fax:** (202) 337-9048

Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-12pm through August 25; Sat & Sun: No receptionist on duty, but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

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Living Our Mission: Accompany One Another in Christ

*This week's column is written by Kate Tromble,
Pastoral Associate of Social Justice*

Accompany Your Neighbors as Part of This Year's Power of One

In the Neale Room, families are lacing colorful wooden beads onto string to make rosaries for first communicants in Haiti. In McKenna Hall, parishioners are listening to Salvadoran music and writing notes of love and encouragement to parish youth leaders. In the parish library, people are starting knitting projects for men and women in the hospital. Outside, the garden committee and some helpers are pulling weeds and preparing flower beds for the summer months. Farther afield, parishioners are cooking and serving meals to the homeless, organizing furniture and household goods for recently housed neighbors, clearing trails of trash and invasive species, packing diapers for low-income mothers, and painting and repairing the homes of community members.

Each year, Holy Trinity parishioners spread across the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to serve the most vulnerable in our community. We call it the Power of One. We call it that even though we serve at different places and different times over the course of the day. Why? Because on this day we celebrate what is usually a challenge for us as a parish—our geographic diversity. We may not live in the same neighborhood, our children may not all attend school together, but once a week we celebrate the Eucharist as community and once a year we go into our geographic communities and share that Eucharistic love.

That is the Power of One—one universal church sharing our experience of God's infinitely generous love with each other and our neighbors for one day each year. We do so in Virginia, in DC, and in Maryland. We do so in the morning or afternoon or evening meal time. But we do so as parishioners of Holy Trinity, as Catholics, as women, men, and children for others. And that, our willingness to serve without counting the cost to us on that day, is what makes us powerful.

Join us this year on Saturday **May 19** for another opportunity to show each other and the greater community what true power—the power of love—looks like. You can find details about what service opportunities are available at www.trinity.com/power-of-one. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kate Tromble at ktromble@trinity.org or (202) 903-2809.

One community giving itself to serve the most vulnerable, even if for one day, is a powerful example of God's love lived on earth. Be part of the Power of One!

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 April 16, 2018

Monday	7:00am	Jane Wilder
	5:30pm	Jane Spotts+
Tuesday	7:00am	Patricia & Matt Kraemer+
	5:30pm	Mary Clinton+
Wednesday	8:00am	Fanny O'Shea+
	5:30pm	James Tucciarone+
Thursday	8:00am	Judy Monohan+
	5:30pm	Thomas G. Quinn+
Friday	8:00am	Calvin Benjamin Jones+
	5:30pm	Norman F. Hermann+
Saturday	8:00am	Marilyn Panke+

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, contact Lisa Dittmeier at ldittmeier@trinity.org. 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.

SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule (*Check bulletin or website for Holy Days*)

Weekdays: 7am, 8am & 5:30pm in the Chapel (on N St.)

Note: Please see schedule for daily Mass times.

Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

Saturday: 8am — Chapel; 5:30pm Vigil — Church

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 4:30pm—5:15pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Communal anointing is celebrated on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Ignatius Chapel. Call the Parish to request the sacrament at home or in the hospital.

Baptisms and Weddings:

- To schedule a Baptism or Wedding, contact Helene Flanagan at (202) 903-2806 or hflanagan@trinity.org.

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: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- First Eucharist: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
- Marriage Preparation: readmin@trinity.org, (202) 903-2808
- Adult Initiation (RCIA): Anne Koester, (202) 337-2840 x128
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- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, (202) 903-2807
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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 and website for announcement of dates and times.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 akoester@trinity.org for more information or visit our website.

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.

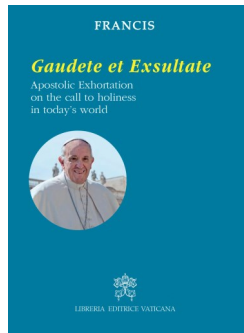
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WORSHIP

Gaudete et Exsultate

On April 9, the Vatican released Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad), subtitled *On the Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World*. In the introduction, the Pope emphasizes that the goal of his exhortation is to "repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities."



An apostolic exhortation is considered the second-highest form of papal teaching after an encyclical letter. Since his election, Pope Francis has issued two other exhortations: *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) in 2013 and *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) in 2016.

The full text of the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* can be found on the Holy See website at w2.vatican.va.

2018 Jubilarian Mass for Married Couples

The Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass for Married Couples **June 17** at 2pm. If you would like to participate in the liturgy, please email the couple's name, mailing address and if the couple is celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 51+ years of marriage to David Pennington at dpennington@trinity.org by **April 18**.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Ignatian Training Program to Become a Spiritual Director or Spiritual Companion

At Holy Trinity and throughout the metropolitan area, there is a serious shortage of men and women who are well-formed in the tradition and practice of Ignatian spirituality. Holy Trinity created a two-pronged training program that trains spiritual directors and spiritual companions in the Ignatian tradition—one that is accessible and affordable to individuals who have full-time work and family responsibilities. The next Ignatian Training Program will begin in September and the deadline to apply is **June 30**. For more information, pick up a brochure in the back of the church, visit www.trinity.org/training-programs-in-the-ignatian-tradition, or contact Martina O'Shea at moshea@trinity.org.

Receive Weekly Email Updates on the Events and Happenings at Holy Trinity!

Sign up at www.trinity.org/eLetter

Afternoon with a Jesuit, Part 2

What's necessary to make a faith-filled decision? Please join us **May 6** at 4pm in Saint Ignatius Chapel for the second part of Fr. Brian McDermott, S.J.'s talk on discernment, followed by Q&A. Fr. McDermott is a Special Assistant to the President at Georgetown University. Hosted by the Young Adult Community and open to all parishioners.

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA)

CLA is a two-year program that cultivates Ignatian spirituality and leadership in young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Participants join a vibrant, faith-filled community of peers committed to becoming leaders in their fields as they search to find God in all things. A CLA cohort meets monthly (3rd Sundays from September to May) to discuss and engage in topics relevant to leadership and spiritual growth. Participants are offered retreat opportunities along with access to spiritual direction and mentoring. Applications to this program are currently being considered but the deadline is early May. An information session for prospective applicants will be held in the Peter Faber room **April 15** at 7:30pm, **April 23** at 7pm, and **May 6** at 4pm. Visit www.contemplativeleaders.org for more information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Meet Pere Medard

All are invited to a Haitian dinner and conversation with Pere Medard, pastor of St. Jean Baptiste, our sister parish in Haiti on **April 15** at 6:30pm in McKenna Hall. Dinner will be served immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

Join Us in El Salvador

You are invited to learn more about our July 19-25 trip to Maria Madre on **April 18**, 6:30-7:30pm in the Neale Room. We travel to El Salvador to accompany our sisters and brothers in their everyday life so we can better understand their reality in order to advocate on their behalf; to see the influence of Blessed Oscar Romero in this community; and, to strengthen our own faith so we can truly "welcome the stranger" on our return. Note: Coming to this session does not commit you to the trip. RSVP to margielegowski@gmail.com

COMING UP!

April 21:	Volunteer with Garden Club
April 28:	MMOG Presents: <i>Margarita with a Straw</i>
April 29:	Parent Pause for Prayer
May 12:	Volunteer with Garden Club
May 18:	Garden Party
May 19:	Power of One
May 20:	New Parishioner Wine & Cheese
June 10:	Annual Parish Picnic & Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ FAITH FORMATION

Children's Bible Story Hour

April 15, 10:10am, Big Room Lower School

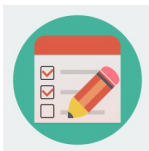
Parent Meeting for Rising 1st/2nd Graders

Please join us for a parent meeting for rising 1st and 2nd graders (those currently in Kindergarten and 1st grade)

April 22 at 10:10 am in Trinity Hall. The sacramental preparation journey to Reconciliation and Eucharist will be discussed. Contact Judith Brusseau for more information.

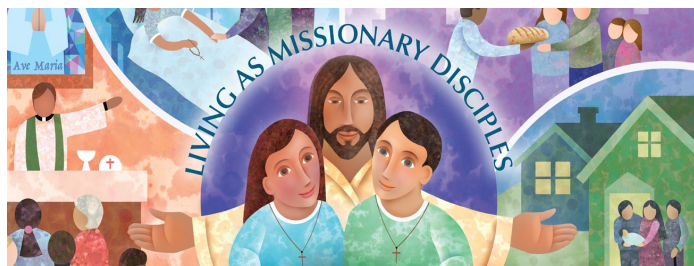
Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is seeking input for planning next year presentations. Please take two to five minutes and share your thoughts www.trinity.org/survey. We look forward to your suggestions!



Register Now for RE

Religious Education "Early Bird" registration is open until **May 31**.



What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word catechism for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, catechesis, is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Exploring the Possibility of Becoming Catholic?

Anyone who wants to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic is welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings that are part of the RCIA process and that are held **Tuesday evening** at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Parishioners are welcome to accompany potential inquirers to these meetings to help them feel at ease as they begin the process of looking at the Catholic Church. You may contact Anne Koester (akoester@trinity.org) or visit www.trinity.org to learn more.

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her participation in the liturgy. She has learned to be reverent while learning and has experienced God in a way that is meaningful *to her*."

For me, as an individual passionate about catechesis, I began this journey of structuring Shepherd's Flock to meet the needs of children, their families and enable all to find joy in Jesus and the Gospel. Little did I realize that I would come to see the world so differently—through the eyes of parents who provide 24/7 love and support for children whom the world often doesn't see. Making the Sign of the Cross is an enormous achievement for some of our students; the steps are often very small and slow. Being able to witness them doing it is a joy.

In a large thriving, highly motivated parish like ours, our most vulnerable children can be overlooked. Seeing the delight on a child's face—in the classroom, serving as a lector, coming forward for Communion—has given me an understanding of the Gospel quote, "were not our hearts burning within us." Today, the program structure is well grounded; it is this community that has brought about the presence of God in such an awesome, life-changing awareness of the grandeur of God's love for all his children.

Faith Formation welcomes any new volunteers to assist in the classroom of Shepherd's Flock or any of the other faith formation activities that rely on volunteer catechists: Sunday Morning Religious Education, Marriage Preparation; Baptismal Preparation, Confirmation Preparation.*

CELEBRATING 225 YEARS



OF PARISHIONERS FOR OTHERS

Be A Part of the Celebration!

Could Bishop John Carroll and Rev. Francis Neale, S.J. know what Holy Trinity would become 225 years ago? Did they imagine a robust church community with 101 ministries, groups, programs and committees? Could they envision a gathering of 2,500 faithful each week? Could Rev. Benedict Fenwick, S.J. see to 2018 when alums, and parishioners fully engaged with their neighborhood, region, and the world? Be a part of the celebration! Sign up at www.trinity.org/225