



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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As we begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us take a moment to reflect on the meaning of mercy and how we might show mercy in our lives during the coming year.

Forgiveness, Transformation and Mercy

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Mercy seems to be a recurring theme in my prayer. But what is mercy really? What does it mean when we say God is merciful? How am I called to be merciful? I am no theologian, but I think there are two words that describe what God's mercy means—forgiveness and transformation.

Forgiveness: God is a forgiving God. God's love for us is unconditional and the very foundation upon which we are forgiven. No matter what we have done or how long we have been away, God is going to welcome us back with loving, open arms. As we feel sorry for our sins and acknowledge our sinfulness, we return to God time and time again. In doing so, we are making a decision to allow a radical change in us.

Transformation: God's forgiveness and love for us are not just for us to receive a warm, fuzzy feeling and a clean slate. God invites us to be transformed by being forgiven. God, then, gives us a task: not just to avoid evil, but to work to overcome evil by doing good. The idea of mercy is seen in the First Week of the Spiritual Exercises. We are invited to meditate on our sins, and we pray for the grace to feel sorrow for our sins. We are looking at our sins, however, through the lens of God's love for us. As we ask for forgiveness for our sins, we are invited to consider three questions in prayer:

*What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What ought I do for Christ?*

Through God's mercy we are welcomed and loved, forgiven and transformed. As the questions from the Exercises show, though, God's mercy requires action on our part. For us to live out our call to be merciful, we must take up the tasks God asks of us to help bring about transformation in others. How are we welcoming others? Loving others? Forgiving others? Through prayer we come to know how and where God is inviting us to take up these tasks of mercy.

2015 Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, 24 December 2015		Friday, 25 December 2015	
4:00 PM	Church & Trinity Hall	8:00 AM	Church
5:45 PM	Church & Trinity Hall	10:00 AM	Church
7:30 PM	Church	11:30 AM	Church
9:30 PM	Church		
midnight*	Church		

**preceded at 11:00 PM by Lessons & Carols*

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Trinity is a Catholic parish sponsored by the Society of Jesus. We share the Society's mission to serve the faith and to promote justice. As disciples of Christ, we seek to be transformed by the Holy Spirit through our celebration of Eucharist and our practice of Ignatian spirituality into a welcoming and prayerful community that shares God's life and love with each other and the world.

JESUIT STAFF

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PARISH CENTER

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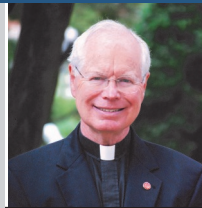
Parish Center Hours: Mon-Thur: 8:30am-7:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm; Sat and Sun: No receptionist on duty but the parish center is accessible during mass times.

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From the Pastor's Desk

What a great grace it will be to be installed by Cardinal Wuerl as your pastor this Sunday at 2:30 PM. Fifty One Jesuit priests have preceded me, from Fr. Francis Neale to Fr. Mark Horak. Here is the list and the years they served:

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2008-2015
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Francis Neale, S.J.
Benedict J. Fenwick, S.J., *founder of Holy Cross College*
Theodore M. DeTheux, S.J.
Stephen Dubuisson, S.J.
John Smith, S.J.
John Van Lommel, S.J.
Stephen Dubuisson, S.J.
James F.M. Lucas, S.J.
Philip b. Sacchi, S.J.
Peter Kroes, S.J.
Peter O'Flanagan, S.J.
Anthony Rey, S.J.
John McElroy, S.J., *founder of Boston College*
Peter O'Flanagan, S.J.
Joseph Aschwanden, S.J.
Anthony Ciampi, S.J.
Thomas F. Mulledy, S.J.
Joseph Aschwanden, S.J.
Alphonse Charlier, S.J.
Anthony Ciampi, S.J.
Louis Hippolyte Gache, S.J.
Charles H. Stonestreet, S.J.
John B. DeWolf, S.J.
John J. Murphy, S.J.
Anthony Ciampi, S.J.
Stephen A. Kelly, S.J.
Robert W. Brady, S.J.
John J. Murphy, S.J.
William J. Scanlon, S.J.
James F.X. Mulaney, S.J.
Thomas S. Harlin, S.J.
Edward M. Corbett, S.J.
Eugene Del. McDonald, S.J.
John C. Geale, S.J.
Benedict J. Smith, S.J.
Hugh A. Dalton, S.J.
Joseph A. McEneaney, S.J.
Walter Cunningham, S.J.
James A. McCarl, S.J.
Arthur A. O'Leary, S.J.
Emory Ross, S.J.
Martin J. Casey, S.J.
Thomas P. Gavigan, S.J.
Henry J. Butler, S.J.
James M. English, S.J.
James L. Connor, S.J.
James T. Maier, S.J.
Lawrence J. Madden, S.J.
William J. Byron, S.J.
James M. Shea, S.J.
Mark F. Horak, S.J.
C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J.

Daily Mass Intentions

The parish community prays for all the dead every day at every Mass. However, we encourage parishioners to mention specific persons by name during the General Intercessions when invited to do so by the presider.

Parishioners can 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:

Monday	7:00am	Matthew Miller
	8:00am	William DuFour+
	5:30pm	Keathley Malone+
Tuesday	7:00am	James Martin
	8:00am	Mary Clancy +
	5:30pm	Carty Family+
Wednesday	7:00am	Victoria Rouird
	8:00am	Gregg Laskoski+
	5:30pm	Dick Barrett+
Thursday	7:00am	Victoria Revira
	8:00am	Col. Jack Lingo+
	5:30pm	Charles Benjamin Harlan+
Friday	7:00am	
	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Special Intention
Saturday	8:00am	John & Mary McAuliffe+

Pray for those sick: John Battaglia

Pray for those married: James Zalenski & Susan Lukacs

PRAYER REQUESTS

To add a name to these prayer lists, contact Rose Mary Padberg at: rpadberg@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.

We also invite parishioners to write the name of deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead which is kept in the back of the chapel. The parish community remembers these persons each time we gather for Eucharist.

SACRAMENTS

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

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

Note: Chapel is open on weekdays between Masses.

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

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 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, 202-903-2806 or hflanagan@trinity.org
- To register for the preparation process, see next item.

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
- Children's Initiation (RCIA): Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Adult Confirmation: Judith Brusseau, 202-903-2807
- Youth Confirmation: Sara Seligmann, 202-903-2814

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at www.trinity.org. Parishioner registration forms can be found under the **Participate** tab. Questions about registering can be directed to Rose Mary Padberg @ registration@trinity.org.

New parishioner orientations are held several times throughout the year. See the bulletin, eLetter and website for an announcement of dates/times.

PARKING

Limited on-street parking is available. On most Sundays, free parking is also available at the following Georgetown University parking lots — underground parking garage off Canal Road entrance; surface lot at the end of the Canal Road entrance; and the parking structure under the Leavy Student Center (university section only). Parking is also available at Visitation Academy, off 35th Street at Volta, on most Sundays. Handicapped parking is at the corner of 36th & O St. NW.

BULLETIN NOTICES & WEBSITE UPDATES

Please email proposed updates for the website or bulletin to the parish staff member responsible for overseeing the activity (see page 2 sidebar) by *2pm Thursday*, 8 days before the targeted weekend. Please note that the bulletin is published online, so information you submit may be available online.

Questions? www.communications@trinity.org

WORSHIP

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8th

Mass will be held at 7:00am, 8:00am and 5:30pm. All Masses are in the Church.

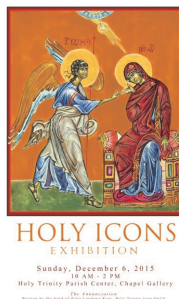
IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Can you imagine yourself a Jesuit?

BeAJesuit.org

Iconography Exhibit

TODAY! Sunday, December 6th,
10:00am - 2:00pm
Chapel Gallery and Rotunda of the Parish Center



SOCIAL JUSTICE

December Food Drive For Fr. McKenna Center

Our monthly food drive to benefit the McKenna Center will be held on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th, rather than December 13th and 14th. Please bring your non-perishable food items next week.

Response to the Refugee Crisis

Interested in learning more about the refugee crisis and Jesuit Refugee Service's Response? Then come hear Katrine Camilleri, director of JRS Malta, speak about what is happening currently, how JRS is responding, and what you can do to help. Sunday December 6th at 10:10am in Trinity Hall.

Giving Tree and Toy Sunday

On Sunday December 13th we will celebrate Toy Sunday at the 9:00am mass. Bring a used, but good condition toy to donate. Also on the 13th, please return your wrapped Giving Tree gift with its tag by 1:00pm. Gifts may be brought to the back of church or McKenna Hall.



Join Good Faith Communities Coalition

On Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00pm in the Chapel there will be a meeting on getting involved in advocacy to combat homelessness in DC. Details: Zach Conron, zconron.gfcc@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE (cont.)

Following the Pope's Promptings to Protect our Common Home.

During the season of Advent we are invited to consider what we want to change in our spiritual life and home. We are similarly invited to consider changes in our material home.

One such area might be the food you consume. In Laudato Si' Pope Francis said "each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations." (para. 67)

Consuming food mindfully can significantly reduce the carbon emissions that can harm the planet. For example, the average carbon dioxide released in producing one pound of beef (including all emissions produced on farm, in factory, in transit, and in store) is 12.2 pounds, four times as much as is released in producing a pound of chicken and six times as much as eggs. Also, you can save an average of 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste.

Knowing this, might you consider . . .

- Reducing the number of times a week you eat beef?
- Becoming a "locavore" by eating locally grown food products?
- Reducing the use of processed and packaged foods?
- Planning and shopping to reduce food wastage?
- Increasing your use of recycled products?
- Composting at home?

Craft and Coffee Sale!

On Sunday December 6th our sister parish committees will be selling crafts from El Salvador and coffee from Haiti. Come support Maria Madre de los Pobres and St Jean de Baptiste after all Masses in McKenna Hall.

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Needed: RCIA Sponsors and Prayer Partners

Interested parishioners may learn more at: <http://trinity.org/become-catholic/sponsorsprayer-partners/>.

Jesse Tree Prayer Service

On Sunday, December 13th, at 10:25am in the Church, students from the 4th, 5th and 6th grade will lead us in a prayerful review of the Jesse Tree. All are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION *(cont.)*

Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

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Adult Confirmation

Preparation for adults who wish to be confirmed will start in January. The registration form and calendar can be found at:

<http://trinity.org/confirmation/adult-confirmation/>

If you have further questions please contact, Judith Brusseau, jbrusseau@trinity.org.

Praying with the Women of Advent

A dinner of soup with bread and dessert will be offered on December 9th at 6:30pm in McKenna. Prayer will follow beginning at 7:15pm in the Neale Room. This evening is offered through the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a Jesuit ministry that seeks to end homelessness through retreats in the Ignatian tradition.



Catechists Needed

The Sunday morning Faith Formation program experiences a need for additional catechists mid year due to Georgetown students leaving to study abroad or there's a change in a catechist's ability to serve. We need an additional 5 co-catechists to assist the lead catechists. If your schedule has opened up and you have time to assist, contact Mary Tull: REK6@trinity.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Come Listen to Other's Stories, Tell Yours, and Be A Part of Ours!

High School Youth Group: Next Sunday, 12/13, ALL high schoolers are invited to share in food, fun, and fellowship in the Upper School Faculty Lounge with their peers from 10:15-noon.

DEVELOPMENT

We ask that you please consider Holy Trinity for your year-end tax deductible contributions. Thank You!

2015 Parish Pledge Update

Thank you to those who have supported the 2015 Parish Pledge! We have reached 96% of our budgeted goal with participation from 1,485 Parishioners. Good strides have been made in the past few weeks. For us to reach this important goal, we need every household to make a contribution. No amount is too large or small - participation is key. If you have not yet made a contribution to the 2015 Parish Pledge, we ask that you please do so very soon. Brochures are found at the entrance of Church. You may also make a contribution online at www.trinity.org or contact Diane Favret, Director of Development at dfavret@trinity.org /202-903.2801.

2016 Parish Pledge

The 2016 Parish Pledge is off to a great start! We wish to sincerely thank our Parishioners who have already made their 2016 Parish Pledge. Brochures can be found at the entrance of Church. You may also make your 2016 Parish Pledge online at www.trinity.org or contact Diane Favret, Director of Development at dfavret@trinity.org, 202.903.2801.

PARISH LIFE

Carolers Needed

Volunteers are needed to sing Christmas carols for homebound Trinity parishioners on Sunday, December 13th. No experience necessary. Carolers will gather in the Faber Room (next to the church) at 12:45pm and finish by 4:00pm. Contact Arlene and Dave Christian: (703-525-1321, christianarlene@gmail.com) for information and to sign up.



Trinity Adult Community

Join us to celebrate the Christmas season at our festive holiday gathering on Sunday, December 13th. We will meet in the Neale Room after the 5:30pm mass to enjoy good food, music and fellowship. In the giving spirit of Christmas please bring a side dish or beverage to share as well as consider joining with other TAC members in making a donation to support the Jesuit Refugee Service. Contact Diane Oakley, doaks.dianeoakley@gmail.com if you can help with set up and clean up or if you have any questions.

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9/Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6

*Giving Tree gift tags available
Church & Trinity Hall*

*El Salvador and Haiti Christmas Sale
after all Masses in McKenna Hall*

*no 1:15 PM Mass this Sunday
Mass with Rite of Installation at 2:30 PM*

- 10:00 AM Icon Exhibit**
Parish Center Chapel Gallery (through 2:00 PM)
- 10:15 AM The Refugee Crisis & The Jesuit Refugee Service's Response**
Trinity Hall
- 2:30 PM Mass with Rite of Installation for Father Gillespie**
Church
- 3:30 PM Installation Reception**
Trinity Hall
- 6:30 PM Young Adult Community Steering Committee Meeting**
Neale Room

Monday, December 7, 2015

Memorial of Saint Ambrose

Isaiah 35:1-10/Luke 5:17-26

- 7:30 PM Separated, Widowed & Divorced Group**
Faber Room

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20/Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/Luke 1:26-38

*Holyday of Obligation
beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy*

- 7:00 PM Good Faith Communities Coalition Meeting on Homelessness**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:00 PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
Faber Room

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

Isaiah 40:25-31/Matthew 11:28-30

- 6:30 PM An Evening with the Women of the Ignatian Spirituality Project**
McKenna Hall
- 8:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting**
Faber Room

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

Isaiah 41:13-20/Matthew 11:11-15

- 6:00 PM Christian Meditation Group**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:00 PM Job Seekers' Support Group**
Georgetown Neighborhood Library/R Street & Wisconsin Avenue NW
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Community Faith Sharing Group**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 7:15 PM Book Discussion Group**
Lower School Big Room
- 7:30 PM Education Committee Meeting**
Parish Center Library

Friday, December 11, 2015

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

Isaiah 48:17-19/Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

*second collection at Vigil Mass
Retirement Fund for Religious*

- 7:30 AM Zen Meditation**
Parish Center Upper Room
- 11:00 AM Baptism Preparation**
Upper School Cafeteria

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-18a/Philippians 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18

*second collection at all Sunday Masses
Retirement Fund for Religious*

*Toy Sunday Collection
9:00 AM Mass in Church & Trinity Hall*

*no coffee & donuts in McKenna Hall
wrapping & sorting of Giving Tree gifts underway*

- 10:15 AM Religious Education Advent Prayer Service**
Trinity Hall
- 10:15 AM High School Youth Group**
Upper School Faculty Lounge
- 12:30 PM Gathering of Carolers for the Homebound**
Faber Room
- 1:00 PM Deadline for Return of Giving Tree Gifts**
Church
- 5:00 PM Trinity Adult Community Monthly Event**
Neale Room
- 5:30 PM Young Adult Community Mass**
Saint Ignatius Chapel
- 6:30 PM Young Adult Community Cafe**
McKenna Hall