



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

May 2018

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Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate God's presence within, among and around us.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Friends!

The dust is starting to settle around the mouth of the tomb of Jesus, and some wide-eyed disciples are beginning to think this one through. "Wait a minute. It was sad that He died. But it is over. I already called into the 'Sea of Galilee' Fishermen Extraordinaire Union" and am booked to chop fish heads on the Sunrise sail. Is this what I am to do with the rest of my time?" He said that sins were to be forgiven; the blind would see; the lame, walk; the hungry will have food without price; the dead will rise from the tomb; and armies will no longer learn war, but beat their spears into pruning hooks.....there will be Peace with prosperity, healing of disease, and the disease between nations healed as well. It is everything the Prophets of Old looked to come to pass!!

Should I tell someone He IS Risen!?!?!? That now is the forgiveness of sins, the time acceptable to God for men to grow in wisdom and peace? Oh, yes! Now is the time to share.

I was texting with my son last night, and - after talking about gathering with the clergy to publish a letter against loose gun laws, and then marching against gun violence in Boston, and the need to be ready to stand and raise one's voice if government fails to balance the powers and protect the rights of the citizens; then explaining how 'what we believe, and what we say need to be matched by what we do.' These are all of a piece from one uncut cloth. The Kingdom for which Jesus died and rose to destroy sin wants no backsliding in the claims of Dignity for God's people.

Carry out the Word; and carry the living Christ to give away. Alleluia! He is Risen!! I remain,
Your friend and Rector, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

THE MISSION PLATE

We will continue to support Puerto Rico this Month. Many in Puerto Rico are still without electricity, and still suffering from the damaging hurricanes of last year. During this Easter season we can share God's love and hope by contributing to Episcopal Relief & Development so that aid and relief can be sent where needed most there. I cannot imagine being without electricity and necessities for months on end. Please share whatever you can, and pray for those who struggle.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. I promise to bring sunshine and warmer weather when I return on May 2.

Suzy Sharp , Green Valley, AZ 774-230-3426

THANK

YOU!

THANK YOU TO ROY BAUM, BRIAN CANTY, AND GREG NIKOLLA FOR TRANSFORMING THE DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOM TO BE USED BY FAMILY WORSHIP!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Aliana Bousquet 12–Gordon Adams 12 - Anne Bouvier-Monroe 15–Sally Baum 28–Mary Hicks

If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!

HTEC LAWN MOWING

Spring is here and soon the grass will grow. All we need now are volunteers to cut the grass weekly. If you are called to this ministry, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church by May 13. Thank you.



BIBLE AND WINE: A BIBLE BOOK STUDY An Introduction to the Gospel of John Wednesdays from 7:30-9 PM

May 2 @ HTC—Read John 20:11-31
May 16 @ BLC—Continuation
May 30—TBD

Holy Trinity Church Financial Report: 1st Quarter 2018

The 1st quarter of 2018 ended March 31st, and we are in a stable financial position.

- On the income side pledges are behind \$2,200 after correcting for pre-paid pledges.
- On the expense side Church Repair/Maintenance is over budget primarily due to snow removal and a plumbing repair from 2017 paid in 2018. The oil tank was filled in February to take advantage of a good price on oil so that line is overbudget. The insurance line will be under budget until it is paid in December, but funds are held in reserve for this payment.
- For their 60th birthday celebration Susan Grant and Tamsin Lucey asked that donations be made to the Holy Trinity Building Fund; it was a grand party and the Building Fund grew by \$3,300.

For more details on the finances please see the Budget vs. Actual and Statement of Financial Position reports, attached with emailed Tidings, on our website: www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org or printed by request.

In Thanksgiving, Susan Howland, Treasurer
March 31, 2018

Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

May 6, 13, 20

When families come together to worship with kids in mind.



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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday, May 2—7:30 a.m.—Bible & Wine—HTC
Sunday, May 6—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Wednesday, May 9—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Sunday, May 13—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Wednesday, May 16—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King
7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—BLC
Sunday, May 20—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service—Pentecost Sunday,
Wear Red!
Wednesday, May 30—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—TBA

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