



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

July 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!

Re-creation is in order now that summer is here. The garden beckons and the plantings are well in, and yet God has magic yet to work before the harvest. Like a Kingdom beyond our sight, God is making life large, like the melons, beans, tomatoes and leafy greens that are now only pushing up through the soil. The buzz of bees flitting about on their task of pollinating and making honey in vast quantity - our telling "how it all is" goes beyond our knowledge. But we know to expect all these blessings.

Re-creation also includes these times when we lie fallow and avoid the heavy work in the summer's heat. Resting is part of our well-being. Vacation is a time of personal renewal (I will take the two Sundays at the end of July), and recommend finding the moment when each can put down the normal tasks in favor of a lite meal and a cool beverage.

Summer is here with its high temperatures and humidity. No better time to practice inner stillness, quiet, and presence. This is the better part of rest, the true meaning of Sabbath. So make Sunday morning liturgy a part of your re-creation. Let it be the anchor to balance both the questions, and the search, and one's presence to God. As the saying goes, "For it is in returning and rest we shall be saved."

I remain, faithfully yours in Christ,
 (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

powdered lemonade mix, iced tea mix, tea, coffee, toilet tissue, soap, dish soap

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS CELEBRATION AUGUST 12

BECOMING A BELOVED COMMUNITY

Thank you to all who have joined the discussion on the book The Souls of Black Folk. We only have 2 more sessions.

**No class July 2
Chapter 5—July 9
Chapter 6—July 16**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1—Lily Nordman 1 - Sam Pieczynski 2—Peter Lucey 6 - Diane Nichols 15 - Paul Aloia
29—Norma Kennedy 29 - Ryan Bousquet

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!

**Holy Trinity's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

\$10/child
\$20/family
Scholarships available!



Ages 5 and up
*under 4 with a parent in attendance

**Join us for Family Worship in
Blakely Hall
July 1, 8, 15**
When families come together to worship with kids in mind.

FINANCIAL REPORTS
Financial reports will now be quarterly. Monthly statements will be sent as attachments, as usual, and will be available on the website.



**AUGUST 6-10
9:00AM-12NOON
LUNCH INCLUDED!**



Maximum of 40 children! Register soon!



STATION AND CREW LEADERS NEEDED! PLEASE SEE EILEEN DEMINGS!

Vacation Bible School Sponsorship Opportunity
HTC is once again offering the opportunity for children from our parish and the community to take part in VBS. We are reaching out to our parish community to sponsor a child attending VBS. By sponsoring a child, you will help pay for them to have daily themed projects, take-homes and a t-shirt. Each sponsor is \$15.00. Forms are located in the bulletin and on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry. I hope that my challenge to you all on the 17th to donate jars of jam or jelly was fruitful ;-). Also, don't forget that we would still like to see parishioners take part by carrying items up to the altar during the offertory.

Meanwhile, during July we are looking for the following:

powdered lemonade mix ice tea mix tea coffee	toilet tissue soap dish soap
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Any and all varieties of the above are greatly appreciated, as are items from other months if you happen to see a good sale!

If anyone is interested in taking a bag to use the "Meal in a Bag" system we previously used, I noticed that there are some bags still in the back of the church, and it certainly would be prudent to make use of those – particularly if they would be useful to you as a reminder to remember to purchase donations. I will be moving those and the basket for collecting our offerings nearer to the door

Remember, it makes sense for us to donate the items that people are looking for that they would need to buy because the food bank cannot provide them. Here is the chart of those items:

January May September	February June October	March July November	April August December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburger Helper • Tuna Helper • beef stew • soup • Spaghettios • soup mix (like Lipton's chicken noodle) • Ramen noodles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pancake mix • maple syrup • jelly • cereal – what they get from the pantry is pretty generic like corn flakes and wheat chex, so more "fun" types are appreciated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • powdered lemonade mix • ice tea mix • tea • coffee • toilet tissue • soap • dish soap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crackers • mayonnaise • ketchup • mustard • relish • toilet tissue • soap • dish soap
<p>Toilet tissue, soap and dish soap are on here twice because those are things that people need that none of the typical support systems provide. I will admit that I actually considered putting them on for each month – my guess is that they would never turn those down.</p>			

Blessings, Rose Reith

<p><u>MISSION PLATE</u> We will continue to collect for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in AZ in July. <i>Suzy Sharp</i> 774-230-3426</p>

“The Time for Singing Has Come”

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like played during the offertory please let Anne know. I try to match up the music with the lectionary, but during the summer we can have some of our favorites.

Join us on Sunday morning at 9:00AM to go over the hymns. If you enjoy singing hymns, this is the place to be.

Song of Songs 2:11-12 New International Version (NIV)

*See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.*

Anne Bouvier-Monroe



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SPONSOR FORM**

Holy Trinity Church is once again offering the opportunity for children from our parish and the community to take part in **Vacation Bible School, August 6-10.**

This year’s theme is:

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

We are reaching out to our parish community to sponsor a child attending VBS. By sponsoring a child you will help pay for them to have daily themed projects, take homes and a t-shirt.

Each child sponsorship is \$15.00

Please complete your name, the number of children you would like to sponsor or if you prefer the amount you would like to sponsor. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Church with “VBS sponsorship” in the memo. Cash should be enclosed in an envelope with this form. Drop in the collection plate or mail to the church: 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Thank you!

Name _____

of children sponsoring _____

Amount _____

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**The Episcopal Diocese of Western
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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

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

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, July 1—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Sunday, July 8—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Monday, July 9—7:00 p.m.—Chapter 5 of **The Souls of Black Folk**
Wednesday, July 11 —7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Sunday, July 15—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship & Healing Service
Monday, July 16—7:00 p.m.—Chapter 6 of **The Souls of Black Folk**
Wednesday, July 18—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

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