

# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## November 2018

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*transforming*  *generosity*

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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,

Notes from the harvest: 10 days away in September, with no one to water the garden was a tactical error!!!

We knew that at an intuitive level, but the shriveled and desiccated vines that bore the heat of mid-September without support were a sight to behold. Dry and lifeless, the abundant watering on our return was scarcely able to turn a single leaf to green again, or to restore the flow of the life principle to the vine. Clearly the patient, routine, day-by-day, week-by-week tending of life’s appetites supports and deepens life in one’s experience and formation.

So it is, too, with the hewing close to God. Every day as little as a thought, or meditation, just a small cleaving to God, admiring the beauty in each flower or in each soul as it finds itself in relationship to other souls. These actions will steep the soul with enough to ponder, and to sustain an evolution within. Never discount the small habits of faith and prayer. God is growing life in you. Larger life.

So it is, too, that the Church year reminds us of the string of harvest festivals to end the year: All Saints, Thanksgiving, and Christ reigning as the King of eternity. For such we are made, and towards such God is inexorably moving us. Amen!! Alleluia!!

I remain, your friend and Rector,  
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

**FOOD PANTRY  
COLLECTION**  
powdered  
lemonade mix,  
iced tea mix, tea,  
coffee, toilet  
tissue, soap,  
dish soap

**Join us for Family  
Worship in Blakely Hall  
November 11 & 25**  
**When families come  
together to worship  
with kids in mind.**



### **WINTER COAT CLOSET**

Winter coats for men, women, youth and children will be available on Saturday mornings from 9-11am, through December 15. Clean, gently used coats are always in need!



### **Notes from the Treasurer: end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018**

As we close out the 3rd Quarter of 2018, there is nothing remarkable to report about the 2018 budget. Pledges have caught up and are under \$1,000 over the expected arrearage. Thanks everyone! Many expense lines are under budget but we have a healthy reserve to cover those expenses when/if needed. Some of the capital expenses have been paid out of the savings fund as approved by the vestry. We will be paying the bill for the brick pointing and the balance on the heat soon, but with more capital expenses to come.

The vestry reviewed a draft budget for 2019, prepared by the finance committee. We look forward to pledge cards coming in during our recommitment Sunday, November 18, 2018.

#### **Building update:**

We received and accepted an estimate for the slate roof hole repair for \$3,000; two thirds of the cost is for the lift. The good news is Chris Rice from Cole Contracting climbed up to view the room over the sacristy and there is no water evident there (or anything else!). Chris believes the water is being deflected to the trim at the roof edge where the slate is missing, and not entering the building. The water entering the sacristy is from a crack in the lintel stone and can be repaired with silicone. Cole Contracting thinks it is likely that the tree branches broke loose the slate during a storm. We submitted an insurance claim which was awarded for \$2,000. At this time we have money in the building fund and savings to cover these essential repairs, but going forward, we will need fresh infusion of money if we expect to be able to maintain our 150-year-old building.

Work started the week of October 15. Tamsin did some further negotiating with Cole, investigated Holy Trinity's renting the lift for 7 days, so in addition to the slate repair, we can start the badly needed repair of the wood rot in that section of the church, along with replacing the missing gutter guard and repairing the crack in the lintel stone under a sanctuary window. While we have the lift, we have hired our former sexton, Hector Chapa, to trim and remove tree branches that are touching and dragging on the slate. At the same time Brian Canty, our lately retired sexton, is doing some exterior painting, other small jobs, and assisting with the tree trimming project. **THANK YOU BRIAN!!** And finally, Mrs. Tamsin Lucey is doing a fantastic job orchestrating everything. That is a mighty baton she wields!!



All the best blessing,  
Susan Howland, Treasurer

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2—Mary Demers 6—Barbara Kalber 8—Paige Spooner 8—Carolyn Anderstrom  
23—Lana Pieczynski 23—Josh Spooner 25—Eileen DeMings

*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!*

*You're Invited!*

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE  
STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING BRUNCH  
NOVEMBER 18  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**



Fr. Richard invites all children of any age to wear their Halloween costumes to church on Sunday, November 4 for **All Saint's Sunday**.



**November 4  
@ 2:00 a.m.**

**Stewardship Ingathering and Harvest Service**

*Sunday, November 18 @ 9:30 am*

As life brings us back around each year, we gather to celebrate the In-Gathering of Pledge Cards and Harvest Service. We will be celebrating all of our great harvest and bring them to the Lord with great joy, openness of heart, and splendor! Please plan to join us for this special service, during which pledge cards will be collected in the offering and placed on the altar. {Pledge cards will be mailed to households separately & are available on the Narthex table.} Everyone is invited to enjoy brunch in the parish hall after the service.

**Gathering of the Great Bounties for the Harvest**

We will be adorning the Sanctuary with Fall Harvest Bounties on Sunday, November 18. Come one, come all, and bring a little touch of fall with you to help decorate! We are looking for contributions of pumpkins, gourds, squash, corn stalks, bales of straw, mums, kale, colored leaves, anything that reminds you of the Great Harvest! We will also be taking non-perishable contributions for the St. John Paul II food pantry, and perishable contributions (i.e. potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, dried cranberries) to go to an organization making Thanksgiving baskets! **Decorations must be dropped off no later than Thursday, November 15. Perishable and nonperishable food donations may be brought on Sunday, November 18.** If you would like to help with decorating, please see Diane Nichols.



**Dear Thankful People at Holy Trinity**

Our combined United Thank Offering of \$917.42 was taken to the UTO ingathering held during the Diocesan Conventions Eucharist...Thanks be to God!



**NOVEMBER 10 FROM 4:30PM-8:00PM**  
At Holy Trinity Church in the Undercroft



## **BRING A CULTURAL DISH & DESSERT TO SHARE!**

This is a potluck dinner. Please bring enough to feed 5 people. Beverages provided. You may also wear a native costume, if desired. If you have a special song, poem, one-man monologue, or comedy from your heritage, please share!

**Bring a friend or family member—the more, the merrier!**

**RSVP on the table at the back of the church by November 4.**

*Any questions, please see Lorraine Brumskine (917) 676-0754*



Help is needed to set up before the event, and clean up after the event. If you are able to help in one or both of these areas, please sign up at the back of the church.  
Thank you!

# Thanksgiving Service

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00p.m. Fr. Richard will be part of the service. It is a beautiful and uplifting service. We encourage you to attend! Bring a friend!

## MISSION PLATE

We will continue to collect donations for BUILDING BRIDGES for veterans through November 11, Veterans Day. Did you know that originally it was called Armastice Day since 11/11/1919, the first anniversary of WW1. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day in honor of all those who served in American wars. In 2016 we had 20.4 million veterans, and 11% of homeless persons are veterans. BUILDING BRIDGES supports and honors our veterans in the Springfield area.

Stay tuned for how the donations for the rest of November and December will be designated!  
This truly is the Giving Season!

Suzy Sharp, 774-230-3426

**A beautiful lawn  
doesn't happen  
by itself**

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following people who took good care of our lawn this summer and helped make our church beautiful and inviting!!  
Dave Monroe, Josh Spooner, Bill Pieczynski, John Grant,  
Bill Nelson, Paul Aloia, and Trisha O'Brien-Briere

## **Thanksgiving Pies**

We will once again be offering homemade pies for sale in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The selection will be at least the same as last year - traditional apple and Dutch apple pies, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, and meat pie. Please look for order forms in the Narthex and place your orders early. Don't forget to invite neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers to place an order as well! Baking dates and times have yet to be confirmed. If interested in joining the pie baking team, please speak with Joe DiSalvatore or Cat Reith-Lowery. Donations of ingredients to help offset the costs are always welcome. We are looking for the following ingredients: flour, butter, lard, dark brown sugar, eggs, apples, pecans and evaporated milk. Gift cards to local grocery stores are always welcome. Look for ingredient stickers on a board at the back of the church. Thank you!

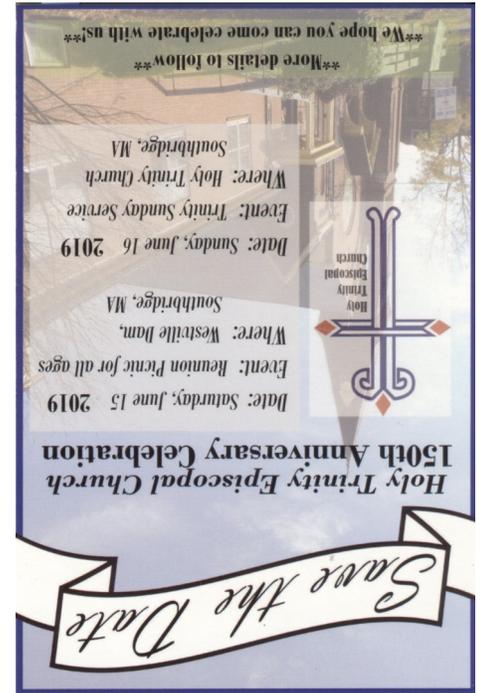


## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ST. LUKE'S GUESTHOUSE

The Daughters Of The King will be collecting articles for St. Luke's Guesthouse & guests. We are requesting the smaller toiletries, trial size, which will be placed in paper bag. We are looking for the following items to be donated: shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, body wash, and deodorant. These items will be distributed on the first Sunday of each month. Larger items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels & dish detergent can be placed in the plastic St. Luke's bin at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!



Sincerely, The Daughters of the King



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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**

Saturdays in November—9:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet

Sundays in November—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 4—9:30 a.m.—All Saint's Sunday

Wednesday, November 7—Bible Study

Saturday, November 10—4:30 p.m.—International Dinner—HTC

Sunday, November 11—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 14—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, November 18—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service

11:15 a.m.—Stewardship Brunch

Wednesday, November 21—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

6:30 p.m.—Bible Study

Sunday, November 25—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal



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