



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

## April 2014

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

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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD SIGNORE

Dear friends,

In the evening news we heard that a manager at a 7-11 lost her job for giving a homeless man a cup of coffee. For giving away a cup of coffee? We do not know what history exists between her and the store owner. But it draws out clearly the great variance between the Gospel and the world. Christ rises from death, to establish a new order of compassion and love which does transform the world, and the life we live. But we best be prepared to buy that cup of coffee before we give it away – as the world will not acknowledge or value our Good News. And true compassion can be personally costly.

But if Christ's rising awakens our compassion; and patience with the lost and faltering; and gives rise to the vision of a peaceable Kingdom; and the eradication of poverty: then we need to be about giving care and comfort. Therein lies the most effective evangelical approach to new commitment to Christ and the way of God: "We are doing something for Jesus and his own, and we need your help! Come and share the work!!" No one can easily resist the innate desire to see these visions come to be, because being made in God's image, we're unable to be happy with anything less. And so, for us, the world remains God's playground. Take a gander at John 16:32-33!!

May our hearts rise with the Savior's returning Victory!! Blessed Easter, all!! I remain, yours in Christ,

Richard+

## SENIOR WARDEN SPEAKING

April last year found the parish invited to view the then newly completed Parish Profile. 11 months later, last month, I mentioned in Tidings that by April we hoped to know when Fr. Richard Signore would be with us permanently. I am excited to let you know that although we cannot give a firm date yet, Fr. Richard does expect to be with us permanently before the end of June 2014. The vestry is working diligently on a clergy position description for Holy Trinity Church. This document will help identify what Holy Trinity expects the clergy to do and that in turn will identify what we, the parishioners, will do. We then will have a guide for the officers, vestry, parishioners and our clergy as we all work to fulfill the mission of the Church and to live Holy Trinity's Mission Statement: The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, and Holy Trinity's Mission Statement: "Holy Trinity is called to recognize, communicate and celebrate God's presence within, among and around us".

The officers, vestry and Fr. Richard will be putting these statements at the forefront of everything we do. We will also be considering the following "If it is for Christ, if it is in Christ's name and will further the Kingdom of God, then why not?"

With all this in mind: As we continue our journey through Lent, the promise of Easter and spring are very tangible for us, we continue to prepare ourselves for the "New Life" that both Easter and Spring bring. Holy Trinity is reaching out to the community in many ways – offering the promise that Easter brings - a New Life in Christ, one that is Everlasting. We continue to strive to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street. In March we took part in the Ecumenical Fellowship Community Diaper Drive. All our Holy Week services are open to the community and on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> we will open our doors for a Community Family Easter Party. Looking forward to May we will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please look for ways that you can be part of these exciting opportunities and, as we are called to do, touch the lives of those around us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are moving towards God's Promised and Preferred Future for us as the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street, Southbridge:

If you have comments, concerns or questions please know that I am always available via email [abritinusa@gmail.com](mailto:abritinusa@gmail.com) or cell phone 774 200 4279.

~Tamsin Lucey

*You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do.*

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP

*Saturday April 12  
10am - Noon.*



Putting on our best for Easter!

Rain date: Wednesday April 16.

Time to be determined.

Please let Bart know if you can help.



## **FREE BODY COMBAT CLASSES** **Thursday 6–8pm and Saturday 1–2pm**

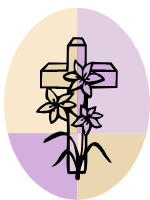
**Mixed martial arts for youth 16–18 and adults. Free of charge. The exercise program will include, but is not limited to, Karate, Kung Fu, and Kick Boxing. Wear loose clothing and sneakers. Bring a water bottle.**

## **EASTER EGGS**

Children will be handing out Easter Eggs after the 9:30 a.m. Easter Service. Please join in filling these eggs at 8:45am on Sunday, April 20, in the Parish Hall.



## **EASTER MEMORIALS**



During Easter services this year, you may wish to have a loved one remembered or to express special thanks to God for His blessings in your life. To do so, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Church office **by Sunday, April 13th**. The money for these memorials is used for flowers given to God's glory as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Exact wording of memorial will be:** Easter gifts for flowers are given to the Glory of God...

**If this gift is in memory of one who has died, choose one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ in Thanksgiving for the life of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of your loved one or ones)

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ in Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of your loved one or ones)

**OR**

**If this gift is in Thanksgiving of a living person, choose the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ in Thanksgiving for the Blessing of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person or blessing)

**ALL DEDICATIONS: PLEASE NOTE WHO THE MEMORIAL/THANKSGIVING IS GIVEN BY:**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

(Your Name/Names -Please use exact wording you would like to have published. You may use, for example, "by his family" or "by her husband" followed by your name or you may simply use your name(s).]

Please return this information sheet, along with your offering (no donation is too small), to the church office or drop it into the offering plate by **Sunday, April 13th**. Please make checks payable to **Holy Trinity Church** with the notation "*Easter Memorials*" on the memo line. \*\*Do you know someone who would appreciate Easter flowers from the church? Please write their name and address here so that the Altar Guild can arrange to bring them flowers:

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## **JOIN US DURING LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**



**Sunday, April 13 @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion:** Liturgy of the Palms & Reading of the Passion narrative, with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Maundy Thursday liturgy:** Stripping of the Altar, and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**9:00 p.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Overnight Prayer Vigil at Holy Trinity Church:** Sign up to serve a one-hour shift, keeping watch with Christ on His last night on earth.

**Friday, April 18**

A Children and Family Stations of the Cross Service @ 11:45 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament @ 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 20: Easter: the Sunday of the Resurrection**

9:30 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with music

### **OVERNIGHT PRAYER VIGIL AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Can you spare just 1 hour of your time for prayer this Lenten season? We will start our prayer vigil immediately following the Maundy Thursday service on April 17 and will continue in 1 hour increments into Good Friday. We need all slots to be filled and you can feel free to come alone or bring a friend, spouse, other family-member etc. The church is kept securely locked throughout the vigil with the person in the church only opening the door to their successor. This can be a very powerful moment of prayer, reflection and meditation and an integral part of the Easter experience for you individually, and for Holy Trinity as a church body.

Devotional materials, prayer booklets, and other helpful meditational reading will be left in the sanctuary for your use and each prayer volunteer is encouraged to leave prayer requests that others, who follow, will pray for. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church!

*-Lana Pieczynski*

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

1—Karen Ballou  
1 - Anna Burns  
5—Beverly Lavallee  
6 - Nolan Bachand  
18—Susan Howland  
23—William Nelson  
24—Brenda Baker  
27—Aaron Anderstrom  
27—Patricia Bair

If we are missing anyone or have the wrong date for this month's list, please contact the office.

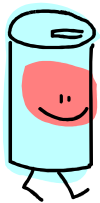


### **Youth Christian Formation**

**Join us for Family Worship  
in Blakely Hall  
April 13 & 27.**

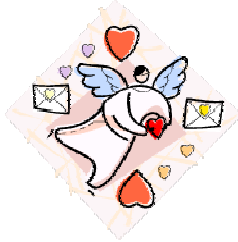
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL  
DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST. IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT  
CHRIS BOLTE, PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE  
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(TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9AM-1:30PM) OR BY EMAIL.  
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### **Can & Bottles, Mission & Outreach**

**Did you know that Holy Trinity Church collects redeemable cans and bottles? The money collected goes into the Mission and Outreach plate. You can support the Mission and Outreach plate by bringing in your redeemable cans and bottles! Please place them in the very large silver box that is in the parish hall. Thank you.**



### **New Prayer Card Ministry**

We now have pre-printed and stamped postcards at the back of the church that you may use to let others know that we are praying for them. As you fill in prayer requests on the prayer sheet for the worship service on Sunday mornings please feel free to take one of the cards provided, address the face of the card and, on the message side, fill in the name of the person(s) you are praying for, sign and date it then drop it in the mailbox. This is a great way to let others know that they are cared about and it encourages them in the power of prayer as well. Any questions? Ask Lana Pieczynski: lholland@rocketmail.com or 704.458.6204.

### **LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY**

Thank you for sharing in God Abundance and donating groceries to the Food Pantry at Blessed John Paul II. We delivered more large bags of food at the end of March. On Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, brown paper bags with suggestions for donations will be placed at the back of the church. Separate lists will also be available. Please take a bag and give as you are able. Please return your donations before Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> when bags will be blessed.

*With Love, Peace and Joy, Service & Ministry.  
Tamsin Lucey.*

### **Prayers to Partake and Participate**

Almighty God, we thank you for filling us with your life-giving Spirit. We pray that your love is reflected in all that we do. During this Lenten season open our eyes to the needs of those around us and help us to prepare for the coming of Easter. May we continue to spread your love as we build relationships with our neighbors. All this we ask through your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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We would like to print prayers each month that readers can partake of and participate in saying together. If you have a prayer you wish to share please send it to the church for the attention of Parish Administrative Secretary.

Many thanks!

### **BCH CAMP 2014**

*Children's Summer Camp Program  
A Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of MA*

Registrations due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Camp brochures located on the Narthex table.

### **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING**



The Good Friday Offering will support the work of the Bishops, Priests and people of the Province of Jerusalem.

Epiphany, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank God for the witness of the clergy and people of The Episcopal Church as the faith we share expands hope through the various ministries of our parishes and institutions. As you read this I hope you take to heart how important your role is in bringing God's hope and peace to those whose lives you touch.

You may be aware that the theme of our recent House of Bishops meeting in September was Transforming Loss into New Possibilities. This theme continues to shape my prayers and thoughts of our ministry. The Church and the world are wrestling with many losses in terms of trust, hope and opportunity as the world continues to polarize along economic, political and religious lines. It is one thing to be comfortable at home musing over theoretical notions of transforming loss into new possibilities. It is quite something else to stand in solidarity with people who know loss at the deepest levels and who embrace that pain and loss yet do not descend into the abyss of hatred and resentment.

I continue to be inspired by the Christians who are a small fraction of the population of most of the nations throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This past May I had the privilege of participating in a conference held in Beirut, Lebanon, sponsored by the WCC and the Middle East Council of Churches, which focused on the serious challenges facing indigenous Christians throughout that region.

Time and again in quiet conversation with Christian leaders and in public statements and presentations I witnessed the pain of loss expressed with passion and grief by so many on account of political and social pressures and the cycles of violence which continue in Syria, Israel/Palestine, and Egypt. While there was great sorrow expressed about loss, there was also great hope and expectation that peace and prosperity are possible.

Is it possible? In human terms, some doubt and wonder. In divine terms, I join our sisters and brothers of the Christian churches in the Middle East and say, "Yes, not only possible, but inevitable because it is God who has the last word."

I encourage you and your congregation to join in supporting our sister and brother Anglicans throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. Good Friday Offering materials will soon be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and French: [www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering).

I am deeply grateful for your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Your support of the Good Friday Offering helps transform what is loss today into tomorrow's possibility.

I remain

Your servant in Christ,

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori



# COMMUNITY YARD SALE



**May 17, 2014**

**8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

Booth space available to the community for \$10 per booth.  
Tables (approximately 9'x9') will be available on a first come,  
first serve basis. Inside and outside space is available.

Contact the parish office (Tuesday or Thursday mornings) to receive an application and reserve a space. (508-765-9559) Parish members are invited to donate yard sale items to the church between April 21st and May 15th. Items will be accepted during office hours, on Sundays after worship service, or by other arrangements with Tamsin Lucey.

**Application deadline is May 10th.**

*Light refreshments available all day for a free will donation.*

**STAY CONNECTED - LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHBRIDGE**

## 2014 Member & Friends Directory Updates

**Francine Bloch  
860-334-5768**

**Tamsin Lucey  
abritinusa@gmail.com**

**Elizabeth Hammond  
Deceased 3/11/14**

Please make these  
corrections in your  
paper copy.  
Thank you!

**Daughters of the King will meet in the small chapel on  
Sunday, April 6th, following the service.**

Please join us  
immediately  
following the Palm  
Sunday Service for  
Coffee Hour and to  
make Palm  
Crosses.



## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

*St. Joseph's Church*

*10 H Putnam Road Ext.. Charlton*

**Friday and Saturday, April 4 & 5**

Cheese and Cracker Social @ 6:30pm

Performance @ 7:30pm

**Sunday, April 6**

Coffee and Pastry @ 1pm

Performance @ 2pm

*Tickets \$15 Call: 508-721-9600*

## **FINANCIAL REPORT—February Financial Update**

### **Income**

- Total income looks good, but we had a large prepaid pledge, so you will see the actual underpaid pledge in line 5600-unfulfilled pledge.
- As a result of the large prepaid pledge there is a sub fund called Prepaid Pledges that you will see on the Statement of financial position. Money will be released monthly back into the available funds.
- **Expense**
- The \$2,500 for organ repair was paid from funds reserved from last year, and this will end up being a capital expense, not operating budget.
- Many expense lines are under budget because funds were not called for.
- You will notice a negative expense for office supplies; this is because we got a rebate of \$70 on the laminator bought in 2013 and was posted as a credit to that account.
- Electric is over budget, but it is winter. We will be getting a rebate of the sales tax we paid to National Grid and Direct Energy. There will be a \$127 credit on the next electric bill and a \$108 check coming from Direct Energy.
- The Organist and Clergy lines are and will be under budget until we have salaried people.

We have had some issues with the thermostats and two were replaced. Because of the exceptionally cold winter 400 gallons of oil was delivered in March at a price of 3.60/gal. The differential in degree days between last year and this year is roughly 20%. We burned just about the same amount of oil this year as last, so I do believe the burner boosters are working!

Please see the Budget vs. actual and Statement of financial position, for exact figures.

Blessings,

Susan Howland, Treasurer

*Holy Trinity Church cordially  
invites you to join us for a*



## **Community Easter Party**

**Saturday, April 26  
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Activities to include:

- › Cookie decorating
- › Crafts
- › Family photo booth
- › Take home goodie bag

**FREE FAMILY FUN!**

*This is a family event. All children  
must be accompanied by an adult.*



## **FAMILY WORSHIP NEWS**

Dear Families,

Family Worship is going strong during this season of Lent. The children have been learning about Jesus and His followers. The church has a different look to it and Colleen noticed all the purple. Hopefully the Lenten materials that you received have been helpful resources for your Lenten journeys!

This year we will have a Good Friday service for families at 11:45 am. Make this a meaningful "day off from school" for your children. We will do Stations of the Cross and make Resurrection Eggs which will tell the story of Jesus and His final days. Bring a brown bag lunch to start and we will start the stations at 12:15pm.

Please collect empty egg cartons for us! We need them for the activity.

See you in church, Eileen





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\*unless otherwise noted\*

The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
Massachusetts

The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

## Sunday Services

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

Guest Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore

### Save These Dates

#### **Holy Trinity Church**

Monday, April 7—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, April 13—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

10:30 a.m.—Coffee hour and making of Palm Crosses

Thursday, April 17—7:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18—11:45 a.m.—Children & Family Service w. Stations

7:30 p.m.—Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20—6:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service at OSV

Monday, April 21—7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group

Saturday, April 26—4:00 p.m.—Children's Family Easter Party

Sunday, April 27—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

#### **Class Information**

Mondays @ 1:00 p.m.—Zumba Gold

Mondays @ 2:15 p.m.—Line Dancing

Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.—Yoga

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga

Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.—Body Combat—Ages 16+

Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.—TaiChi (no class 3/28)

Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m.—Body Combat

Fridays @ 6:30 p.m.—Salsa—6 week sessions