



Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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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

We have recently encountered disconcerting, and violent, events across our nation. One begins to fear for the tenor of the civic relationships that bind us together and make the richness of a shared community life possible. Some political stances seem to validate violence on one side or the other. And yet, this just tears at the fabric of our common life.

Good people of the resurrection, fear not!!! Take up the task to be in community with all kinds of folks when God puts them in your path. Remember the example of the Saints, like Harriet Ross Tubman. She escaped slavery and went North, only to make 70 return trips back to Maryland to rescue family and friends from slavery. Her freedom, her life was at risk each time. She rallied black men to fight in the Union Army, she spied for the North behind enemy lines, and recruited soldiers for raids. ("Google" also Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth; who are remembered with Tubman each July 20. You will be moved and delighted!!) Each of these saints advanced the causes of Women's rights, and the abolition of slavery. Always done fearlessly without regard of personal loss or peril, but only caught by a vision of God's desire for the people!!

In ourselves, by faith, we overcome the anxiety of peril and danger, as we focus our thoughts, prayers and actions on the larger work of God. Life is no less complicated today than it was for Harriet; but we, like the saints gone before, abide in the knowledge what is of God cannot be beaten down. Go in faith to proclaim the marvelous works of God!!

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

THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our July 3rd cook out such a wonderful success. After four years of prayers and invitations, there were many guests at the cookout from our neighborhood. Thank you to all who made our neighbors feel welcome.

Please plan to join us for an ecumenical service and picnic with Elm Street Congregational Church. The service and picnic will be at the Westville Dam on Sunday, August 7, 2016, at 10:00 AM (notice the change in time from our service). There will be a service of Morning Prayer with a lay leader at Holy Trinity at 9:30 AM. Grills and charcoal will be provided. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Vacation Bible School this year. The organizers, teachers, decorating committee, and snack makers. In addition, a big thank you to the generous parishioners who provided food for snacks, monetary gifts and scholarships.

Thank you to the parents who made the commitment to have their children participate and learn to follow Jesus, The Light of the World. I look forward to learning the songs during our Sunday service on August 14, 2016.

I would like to thank Rose Reith for volunteering to organize the Yard Sale on August 20, 2016. We will pray for good weather. Thank you to everyone who will contribute to the success of the yard sale.

As you can see we have much to look forward to in August. August will be a busy month of ministry, fellowship and fun. Please plan to join us.

Nancy Waugh

Join us for Family Worship in

Blakely Hall

August 14 & 28

When families come together to
worship with kids in mind.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 28

DURING THE 9:30AM SERVICE

ANYONE who is going to school may bring in their backpack (that means pre-school to graduate students) to be blessed. We want all students to know that God is with them during their days at school.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3—Pheobe Reith-Lowery

11—Linda Spooner

17—Suzanne Sharp

25—Ethan Anderstrom

11—Joel Khattar

14—Jared Burns

17—David Monroe

25—Braden Bullard

11—Emilynn Bousquet

16—John Linton

20—Colleen DeMings

28—Fr. Richard Signore

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!

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Your donations of food, placed lovingly in the Food Pantry basket, are eagerly accepted by the St. John Paul Food Pantry. Please remember that each and every donation is a blessing to those in need. On Sunday, August 7, brown paper bags and a suggested shopping list will be on a music stand by the Narthex doors. Please take a bag and shop from the list as you are able. Items suitable for salads, green beans, tuna, chicken, dressings, etc., are always appreciated at this time of the year. Food returned by Sunday, August 28, will be blessed before going to the pantry that week. Thank you for your continued donations to the

Loaves and Fishes ministry. As we are blessed, may we be a blessing.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”.

Tamsin Lucey & Bill Nelson



Holy Trinity Church Financial Report June 2016

The June financial report is not significantly different from May. As we end the 2nd quarter, the pledge budget, correcting for pre-paid pledges, is still running a deficit, but other income lines are helping with that reality. Most expense lines are either at or under budget.

In July many of the large bills will be paid and we will have a better idea of where we stand; we don't anticipate any surprises. As you read this report:

- The major organ repair is finished: re-leathering the swell primary.
- The fire alarm system is finished, and we have all the inspection reports necessary for the YMCA to stay in our building; we will get one last payment from the YMCA for a few final expenses and we will pay the final bill.
- The vestry approved rental agreements for one time use of the building: one for parish members and one for non-parish members. Longer term rentals will be negotiated separately.
- We now have bids for re-shingling the back side of the parish hall roof and for the brick repair at the back of the church; work should start by the end of the summer/early fall.
- And, VBS is in full swing with 32 people participating on Week 1.

Blessings in Christ,
Susan Howland, Treasurer



Ecumenical Service on August 7 at Westville Dam

Elm Street Congregational Church has invited Holy Trinity Church to join them for an outdoor worship service at Westville Dam at 10:00 am followed by a picnic! Please come and join us for worship and fellowship! Please bring your own grilling meats and a side to share. Beverages provided. *There will be a "said" service on that day at Holy Trinity for those who are not able to attend this outdoor service.*

THE MISSION PLATE

Donations to the plate this August will be for West Street School. The children need supplies, socks, and underwear. Let's lend a hand and help again to get the kids off to a good start!

Please contact me if you have suggestions for the Mission Plate. I would love some ideas. Thanks for every nickel and dime that you could tribute. May God bless you richly as you bless others.

Suzy Sharp [774-241-3426](tel:774-241-3426)

BE THE PEACE: A FREE MEDITATION GROUP TO HELP US COME OUT OF THE PATTERNS OF VIOLENCE:

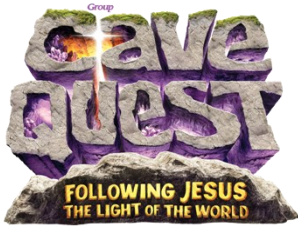
Mondays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and September 12, 19, 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge

Please see Lynn Garland (508-801-4638) for more information

VBS UPDATE

We are all having a great time at VBS, which started July 15. Currently we have 23 campers who are hearing things like, "God gives us HOPE" and "God gives us courage." We are sharing times in which we had given up or were afraid and now we know that it was God who has always and will always be at our side.



All of this is possible because God is Good and provides. He provides like-minded parishioners who understand the value of VBS and contribute to the financial needs. He provides parishioners who are willing to bring in items for snack and lunch and those who are behind the scenes building caves and boats. He provides teachers and crew leaders who volunteer to lead, sing, and pray with all the campers. He provides opportunities for children to meet with positive role models during the long, and for some, lonely summer. He provides a caring atmosphere for those new to HTEC so they can take along infants and toddlers so all can hear the Word. Good is sooooo good!

Thank you to all at HTEC for adjusting your pew preferences while there is a cave in the church, for spending time praying for us, for asking how we are doing and for being YOU!

Eileen DeMings



Holy Trinity Community Yard Sale

Saturday August 21

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Rain or Shine



Everyone is invited to have a table to sell their own goods – things you no longer want or need, or items you make and would like to sell. The more and greater variety of tables we have, the more successful the whole day will be!

Tables and/or spaces (if you bring your own table) are available inside or outside for just \$10 each, to parishioners and non parishioners alike, on a first come, first claim basis. Registration forms are available on the Narthex table OR call the office and talk with Chris Bolte.

Holy Trinity will have a table, and will gladly sell any donations of household goods and small pieces of furniture, etc. Donations to the Holy Trinity Table can be brought to church on Sunday August 14 or during the week of August 15 – please make arrangements with Rose Reith. Items will NOT be accepted to the Holy Trinity Table on Saturday August 21st! (unless they are clean and in immediately ready-to-sell condition).

We will have a "grill" table outside that will be serving hotdogs, etc. We will be selling slices of apple and pumpkin pies. **Is anyone interested and willing to person a Lemonade table for us?? Please talk with Tamsin as soon as possible.**

If you can **help with set up on Friday evening after 5 pm, or Saturday any time between 7 am and 2 pm, or with clean up between 2 to 4 pm**, Rose Reith (619)518-8360 or Tamsin Lucey (774-200-4279) would love to hear from you today!

Celebrating 150 Years on Hamilton Street

In 2019 Holy Trinity Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the construction of the building we call our church home.

The church was built by the Hamilton Wool Company in 1869 for the Union Church. Holy Trinity became a mission in 1905 and purchased this building in 1921. The church was renovated to accommodate the Episcopal worship style. The church building survived two major fires, one in 1931 and one in 1941. Each time the congregation rallied to fix the building.

In recognition of this sesquicentennial, we will be planning a variety of events over the next three years. We will tell our history through stories, displays and events ending with a year of celebration including a historical Eucharist service and a July 2019 community barbecue.

As stewards of this building your vestry and the congregation have made substantial repairs over the last three years. To celebrate the 150th we will establish a 150th Anniversary Building Fund.



Holy Trinity Church was placed on the National Historic Register in 1989.

Please share your celebration suggestions with a member of the vestry and watch for details.

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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

Friday, August 5—9:00 a.m.—VBS

Sunday, August 7—9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

Sunday, August 7—10:00 a.m.—Ecumenical Service at Westville Dam
followed by picnic with Elm Street Congregational

Wednesday, August 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

Friday, August 12—9:00 a.m.—VBS

Sunday, August 14—VBS Sunday

Wednesday, August 17—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King Meeting

Saturday, August 20—9:00 a.m.—Community Yard Sale

Sunday August 28—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship and Blessing of the
Backpacks