



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.

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD SIGNORE

Dear Friends!!

Savoring the scriptures set for the Epiphany season is one great way to draw close to Jesus. Epiphany (appearing), is associated with the Star that appears to lead one to Christ, as it did the Magi. One might start with considering how you were led to Jesus, to the Church, to our Holy Trinity parish. Some "holy appearing" has surely undergirded the ups and downs of your personal journey!

The events depicted in this season are the revelatory milestones of Jesus' earthly ministry in our midst, revealing the power of God. The season starts with the Magi's Visit and in the Baptism of Jesus (again revealed as God's son), the miracle at Cana (changing water to wine), the feeding of the 5,000 from a few loaves and fishes, the raising of Lazarus; sacred signs point to the joyful, unimaginable truth: God has yoked Divine life to the most ordinary experiences we know, to sanctify these for all time, to be the place where God's Greatness is breaking in on us. Birth, death, eating, venturing out on a Holy impulse; God owns the dynamic and we can find blessings in the outcomes. This faith has encouraged and moved the faithful to monumental and brave actions. This faith instills hope. It is God finding you, where you are, in this holy season.

From Mark Searle's "Epiphany:"

"By this they knew him: that he, like them was marked for death; And, knowing this, they knew themselves no longer strangers. They fell down before him and offered gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh, the wealth of nations laid at his feet, nothing held back. They had observed his star at its rising and had come to pay him homage."

And we, in all things simple and plain and yet full of Divinity pay homage. And so the journey towards the star continues.....

*Blessings on you this Epiphany!!!
(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore*

SENIOR WARDEN SPEAKING

Excerpt from the report given at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2014

This past week when thinking about what to say at this point in the service, a very clear image came to me—that of the stained glass rose window behind you.

As others who stand here can attest, it is a wondrous sight to behold.

I would ask that you turn and look at it closely, even get up out of your seat if necessary. At the very least look closely at one of the other stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

If you look at the individual pieces of glass in the window, you will see that they are quite ordinary, nothing really special at all, even the small pieces making up the center. Think about the small pieces. Think about the difference to the window if some were missing. There would be holes, gaps, not big ones, but the picture would be incomplete. See how each piece of glass is surrounded by lead. Looked at it in groups, those individual pieces come together and create a wonderful picture. The whole is greater than the sum of its individual parts. The whole window is enclosed with a wooden frame and a stone surround, which holds everything together. A keystone at the top keeps everything in place. Stained glass windows are special. They are designed so that in any light—the light of dawn or dusk, the little light there is on a cloudy day, as it is today, no matter how much light comes through the window—the window always looks spectacular. Rose windows are special. They are always circles, and a complete circle keeps you in, always brings you back.

Now, as I see it, we as individuals are like the individual pieces of glass—nothing special at all—but bound together with our common faith, cemented, joined together by our common belief in Christ. Together, as a whole, we become so much more, the keystone keeping everything in place. God is the keystone by which all creation is founded. With that keystone we are held in place by God's Love. As individuals bound together by our common belief in Christ held in place by God's Love, together we become like a stained glass window. The whole is greater than any one of us. Together things happen. Like the stained glass window, with the light shining through it, with the light of God shining through us, God's Love lights up the world.

When we come together in Christ's name with God's love, spectacular things happen.

Thank you for entrusting me as Senior Warden for another year. I pray that I remain your humble servant. Thank you.

~Tamsin Lucey

Ninety dollars with God goes further than one hundred dollars without God.

Office Hour Change in February

- For the week of February 17th, the office will be open on Monday only from 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- For the week of February 24th, the office will be open on Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY

At the end of January, 4 brown paper bags full of groceries were delivered to the Food Pantry housed at Blessed John Paul II. Thank you for your most generous donations.

On the first Sunday of February, 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 the bag with your donation before the last Sunday in February when bags will be blessed.

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

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

**The 2013 Annual Report is available on our website at
www.holytrinitysouthbridge.org.**

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

Youth Christian Formation

Join us for Family Worship
in Blakely Hall
February 9th & 23rd.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2—Tamsin Lucey
5—Nancy Waugh
18—Judith Reich
20 – JoAnne Markey
23—Emily Waugh

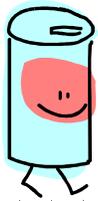
If we are missing anyone or have the wrong date for this month's list, please contact the office.

"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY



*February 2, 2014
following the 9:30am service*

**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES AND
FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
BY REQUEST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
COPY, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BOLTE,
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, DURING
OFFICE HOURS OR BY EMAIL.
HOLYTRINITYSOUTHBRIDGE@GMAIL.COM
OR 508-765-9559
TUESDAY OR THURSDAY.**



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.

SHROVE TUESDAY Invitation to a free **PANCAKE SUPPER**



WHO: All reading this, their families and friends

WHAT: Pancakes and sausage, juice, coffee, and tea

WHEN: Tuesday, March 4th food served 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

WHERE: In the undercroft (downstairs) of

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton Street Southbridge.
www.Holytrinitysouthbridge.org
Facebook Holytrinitysouthbridge
Phone 508 765 9559

A free will offering will help support outreach.

Prayers to Partake and Participate

Sharing Prayers -

I found the following prayer in my sisters bible - given to her by our grandmother.

A "God Moment" came to me, this prayer should be shared.

~Laura Gervais.

Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart with your Holy gifts. Let my wellness be penetrated with Your Strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no ones feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advice me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, and soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a Holy life and grow in goodness and grace.....

AMEN.....AMEN!

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!

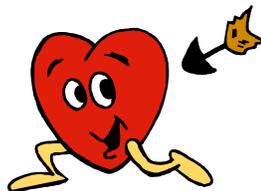
Holy Trinity Church cordially invites you to join us for a

Community Valentine's Day Party

February 15th
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Activities to include:

- ♥ Cookie decorating
- ♥ Valentine card making
- ♥ Crafts
- ♥ Family photo booth
- ♥ Take home goodie bag



FREE FAMILY FUN!

This is a family event.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 2014 Budget

| | Category totals | Totals |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Projected Income | | |
| Total Plate | \$9,720.73 | |
| Pledge - Current Year | \$98,431 | |
| Total Pledge and Plate | | \$108,151.73 |
| Total Investment Income | \$7,935.00 | |
| Total Rental Income | \$2,775.00 | |
| Total Fundraising | \$2,000.00 | |
| All other Income | \$500.00 | |
| Total Operating Budget Income | | \$121,361.73 |
| | Unpaid pledges | \$2,900.00 |
| | Available Funds | \$118,461.73 |
| Projected Expenses (Fixed) | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$13,998.00 | |
| Organist | \$10,765.00 | |
| Secretary | \$7,984.48 | |
| Sexton | \$6,596.25 | |
| Worker's Comp | \$331.00 | |
| Total: Support Staff/benefits/Insurance/Wider church | | \$39,674.73 |
| Clergy | \$38,800.00 | |
| Sabbatical Supply Clergy Fund | \$150.00 | |
| Church Building | \$31,047.00 | |
| Total Fixed Expenses | | \$109,671.73 |
| Projected Other Expense | | |
| Program | \$3,200.00 | |
| Adult Christian formation | \$1,125.00 | |
| Youth Christian formation | \$2,800.00 | |
| Evangelism | \$750.00 | |
| Liturgical | \$915.00 | |
| Total Other Expense | | \$8,790.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | \$118,461.73 |
| Excess/deficit | | \$0.00 |
| Non-operating designated income | | |
| Tangible Property Fund: Buckley Fund Income | \$2,500.00 | |
| Parrettie Fund | \$8,475.00 | |
| Fitzpatrick Fund | Reinvested | |
| Legacy Fund | Reinvested | |
| Clergy Housing Fund | Reinvested | |
| Foodshare | Whatever is in loose plate on 2nd Sunday | As Donated |
| Flower Fund | Funded as donations come in. | As Donated |
| Mission and Outreach | Funded as donations come in. | As Donated |

Vestry Approved 1/13/2014 Susan Howland, Treasurer

THE MISSION PLATE

For February we will be donating your offerings in the mission plate to Southbridge Fuel Assistance. I cannot imagine running out of oil for heat, especially with little children or elderly family members. Whatever we can do to help a family stay warm will warm our hearts too. No amount is too small. Thank you for your generosity. Hope Wilson will be keeping you posted about the mission plate. If you have questions, please talk with her.

Suzy Sharp, Green Valley, Arizona

Sunday Services inclement weather closure plan for Winter 2014

Every Sunday in February, weather permitting, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 p.m.

Please know that if, due to inclement weather, it is deemed necessary to cancel the service or hold Morning Prayer instead, and the means to do so is in place, an announcement will be posted on the Holy Trinity Web page, Facebook, and an all parish email sent out. Please consider the road conditions and parking availability when making your decision to attend the service. If you are in any doubt please contact either the Senior Warden Tamsin Lucey [508 347 1414](tel:5083471414) or [774 200 4279](tel:7742004279) or the Jr. Warden Nancy Waugh [413 245 3307](tel:4132453307) or [413 883 4491](tel:4138834491).

FAMILY WORSHIP NEWS

January was off to a wonderful start with Family Worship. Several families joined in the Epiphany Agape and Potluck Service. The kids enjoyed the music and danced along. They sat on the floor during Father Richard's service and ate a wonderful meal afterward. One adorable moment was when three of our toddlers, Jack Burns, Emilyn Bousquet and Teddy DeMings, got together in front of the altar to enjoy chocolate cupcakes. Thank you Jean Frost for quick thinking and capturing the moment with a picture!

Our lessons continue to be lead by our faithful parishioners. We have the same Gospel lesson as you all have in "big church"! We are exploring more and more ways to be involved, including family parties and incorporating more music into the program.

Reminders for Families:

- **Valentine's Party**, February 15, 4pm to 5:30. Please plan on attending and inviting friends.
- Family Worship will be involved in **Child Reach Sponsorship** in March. Please start saving coins and dollar bills. If we all contribute a little, we can get to the \$30 goal for Nicholas.

*Peace,
Eileen DeMings*

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

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

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, February 2—10:30 a.m.—"Soup"er Bowl Sunday Soup Sale
Sunday, February 9—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship
Monday, February 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Saturday, February 15—4:00 p.m.—Community Valentine's Day Party
Monday, February 17—7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group
Sunday, February 23—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Class Information

Mondays @ 1:00 p.m.—Zumba Gold
Mondays @ 2:15 p.m.—Line Dancing
Tuesdays @ 6:15 p.m.—Zumba
Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.—Yoga
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga
Thursdays @ 3:45 p.m.—ChiKung/TaiChi
Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m.—Yoga
Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.—TaiChi (no class 2/28)

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