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

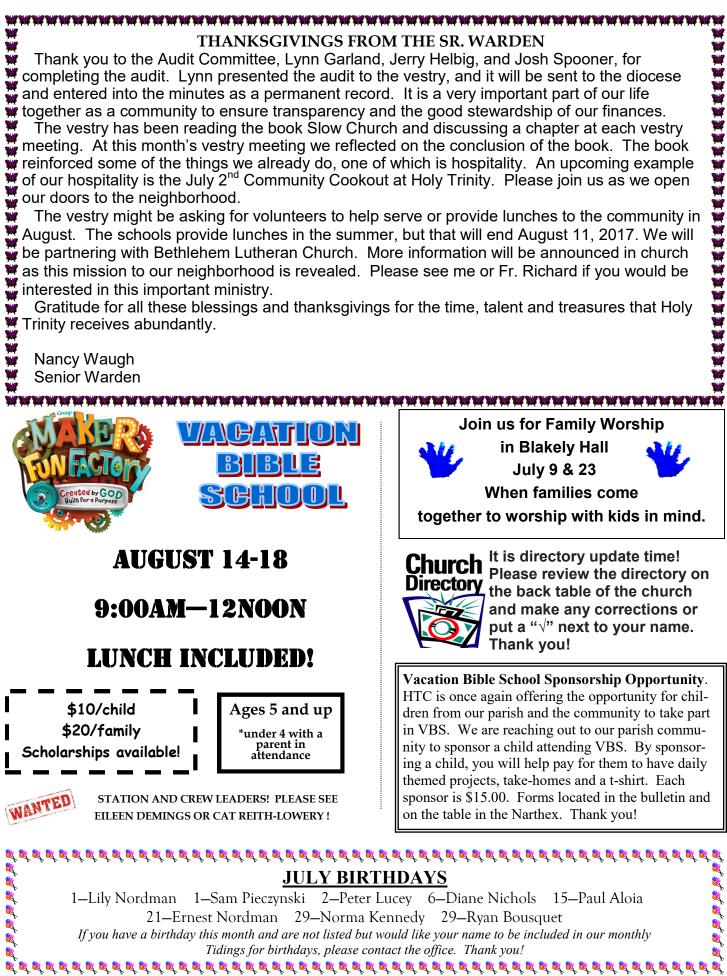
A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Friends,

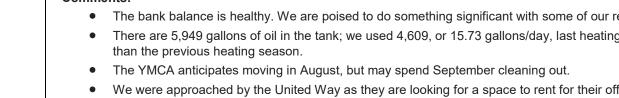
When the humidity hits and the heat rises, there will be a natural innate tendency to slow the pace and begin to do no more than the basic chores. Who knows, even more time spent sitting and enjoying a leisurely cold supper, a lemonade, and a conversation about things of the moment; or on things that have pulled at your curiosity over the last 30 years. One can hardly do anything else when the summer is "full-on!"

GOOD!! The One who designed creation was not fooling around!! The design is to slow down and enjoy the foods that give us sustenance, to recognize God in the people around us, to be curious – together – until all are re-armed for the tasks of living and the witness we have to bring. God looks to walk with us in the "slow and natural" that we can carry God through the pulsepounding pace we assume to be the way life is lived. Let us not miss that there is some "Eucharist" in every meal we share; some holiness in every bond we fashion. When we recreate, we re-create the self that stands in God. Let the heat do its worst, so we can be at our best!! I remain, your friend in Christ,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore



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THE MISSION PLATE

CHANGE FOR BABIES

For the months of July and August we will add our loose change and dollar bills to the large jar that supports the Mampong Babies project. These are babies whose mothers have died, and they are raised in the orphanage for Prive years and then returned to their families. Rev. Betsy Fisher tells about this in her video, and says that it costs D about \$1500 a year for each child. Multiply that times twelve months and then 40 children! Let's put the jar right up Definition the second second second and the second se Dearound the world. I am UPDATING our list of SPONSORED children and would appreciate your letting me know 🐌 the name of your child that you sponsor and the country they live in. Send me an email to

sharpgiberson@earthlink.net or hand me a piece of paper with the information at church so that I can compile the Iist for our Sunday prayers. Thank you .

Suzy Sharp, 774-230-3426

JULY 2ND GOOD OLD-FASHIONED COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Holy Trinity celebrates July 4 on the Sunday afternoon closest to July 4 - this year JULY 2! The time last year worked well for everyone so we have kept the time the same - 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The buffet in the parish hall continues to work well so that will be the same! Tables and chairs will, as last year, be put up outside knowing that their use is very weather dependent. We have people to grill and a couple of folks signed up to bring baked beans; angels are still needed. Please let me know if you can help with:

- Food prep in the kitchen starting at 1:00 pm or earlier if more convenient for you
- Set up tables and chairs, either after the service or at 1:30 pm
- Clean up help with taking down tables and chairs, etc.
- Facilitate activities and games for children outside at the front of the church!

It is said that Love in Action is Ministry and Mission. Holy Trinity's Love of God is expressed partly in food - sharing our Love of God we remain intentional about inviting our neighbors. Flyers have been put up, and conversations started.

Most importantly, please come, bring friends and neighbors of yours. Join the celebration in the front of the church as we extend what we do best - Christian Love and Hospitality.

Tamsin Lucey 774 200 4279

May Financial Report

Income

- Pledges are up to date adjusting for pre-paid pledges
- Income is over budget (See report for details) •

Expense

- We are \$9,000 under budget, but that money is held in reserve funds. (oil, insurance, general) • Comments:
 - The bank balance is healthy. We are poised to do something significant with some of our reserves.
 - There are 5,949 gallons of oil in the tank; we used 4,609, or 15.73 gallons/day, last heating season, a little more
 - We were approached by the United Way as they are looking for a space to rent for their office. We will update if there is progress.

LOAVES AND FISHES Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring food for the John Paul II food pantry. There are still empty months and still time to sign up if you would like to do so. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. You don't have to sign up to participate; anyone can donate non-perishable food items at any time. Questions - please speak with Tamsin Lucey in person or call 774 200 4279.

Susan Howland, Treasurer



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The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts 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 2-3:00 p.m.-Community Cookout Sunday, July 9—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship Wednesday, July 12-7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting & Book Study Sunday, July 16—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service Wednesday, July 19-4:00 p.m.-Daughters of the King Sunday, July 23-9:30 p.m.-Family Worship