



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

Dear friends!!!

It is exciting to see it coming to be; for me to become your priest – in official capacity. I am planning to create a schedule of office hours, and start spending more disciplined time in our parish and in our city!! Ministry is always challenging, engaging, and a surprise each day. But what I count on is the desire to BE for Jesus, in each and every one of us, that I have seen every time I am at HTC! To be working together in the fields of the Lord!! It cannot get any better, yet it does every day and with each new project. Together, then, let's tend the Garden!!

(Cue the ewoks with drums!!!!)

Peace and all good!!

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

June 1st is Fr. Richard's first day and Sunday as Priest-in-Charge!!

Senior Warden Speaking

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write and confirm that the Diocese, Father Richard Signore and I, on behalf of the parish, have all signed the Letter of Agreement and as of June 1st, Fr. Richard is officially our Priest in Charge. Please welcome him and Nina, officially, the next time you see them! There will be a special service presided over by Bishop Doug Fisher in celebration of Fr. Richards installation on Tuesday, September 30th 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Please save this date and join us for this joyful occasion. A more formal invitation will follow, not only to each parishioner but also to all the clergy in the diocese, all the local churches and community members!

The 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale was hugely successful – thank you to everyone that made it possible. The weather cooperated, connections with the neighbors were made, lots of people went home happy with their bargains and new treasures, children made crafts and with lots of helping hands, clean-up was a snap. A special thank you goes to those that “carried” the glass display cabinet out to the front of the church, it was gone within 5 hours!

Bishop Doug Fisher’s visitation on May 18th was very exciting, with 3 baptisms, 4 confirmations, 1 reception and nearly everyone receiving a personal blessings from the Bishop. It was a full service that did not last too long! After the service the Bishop met with the vestry, Fr. Richard, and lay leaders in the parish, asked some questions, listened to our individual answers, offered some insights and gave us ideas to think about. Church in the 21st Century will not look like church in any of the previous centuries!

There are lots of Sunday Celebrations in June, and lots of behind the scenes work is being done for parish events and activities. There will be opportunities for everyone to be involved as they are able and offer time, talent, prayers and support. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the July 3rd Community Cook Out at the church and Vacation Bible School the 1st week of August – more details to follow about both these events – in the Sunday bulletins, July Tidings, on the web site and Face Book.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Richard, Nina and the vestry as we move forward continually guided by the Holy Spirit, we are moving towards God’s Promised and Preferred Future for us as the Hands & Feet of Jesus on Hamilton St. Southbridge:

If you have comments, concerns or questions please know that I am always available via email 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.

United Thank Offering



Holy Trinity is thrilled to announce that Heather Bousquet has picked up the baton from Barbara Kalber as **United Thank Offering** Coordinator. Our parish ingathering will be Sunday, June 1 with a second chance of Sunday, June 8. Watch for the celebration and count up the coins in your Blue Box and Thank You!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS COLLECTING CANS AND BOTTLES FOR MISSION & OUTREACH. DONATIONS GO IN THE LARGE SILVER BOX IN THE PARISH HALL.

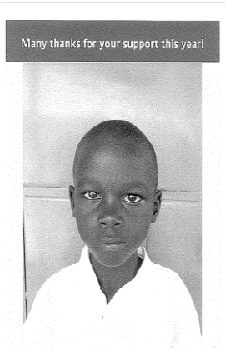
THE MISSION PLATE

As many of you are aware from the service led by the Bishop on May 18th, we had a special offering for South Sudan. This month we will continue to collect offerings for Episcopal Relief and Development/South Sudan. This crisis has been going on for far too long. I wonder how the displaced families survive. The need for humanitarian aid for almost 5 million people is great.

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless our offerings.

Suzy Sharp

CHILDREACH



We received a note of thanks from Nicholas Onyango Okondo. His Aunt Margaret writes, "Thanks a lot for your concern and care. It's with great pleasure that we thank you for your letter and the drawings. Nicholas and the family were so delighted and we pray for the best for you. Thanks a lot!"

Thank you to everyone who supports this important ministry! Your contributions are making a difference in a child's life.

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BOLTE, PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, DURING OFFICE HOURS 508-765-9559 (TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9AM-1:30PM) OR BY EMAIL.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 - Teddy DeMings
14 - Joe Pieczynski
22 - Trish Briere
23 - Joe DiSalvatore
24-Barbara Meservey
28 - Chris Bolte

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

Box Tops for Education

West Street School, like many other schools, collects Box Tops for Education. These can be found on a large variety of food products that you may already be buying. Please bring Box Tops for Education and place them in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

Youth Christian Formation

**Join us for Family Worship
in Blakely Hall**

June 8 & 22.



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

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Thank you to all that contributed food during the month of May for the Food Pantry housed at Blessed John Paul II. The need is just as great in the summer months as in the winter, please continue to help as you are able. Brown paper bags and shopping list suggestions are always available at the back of the church –they will be by the font on Sunday June 1st – food returned by Sunday June 29th will be blessed before going to the pantry that week.



"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.
Bill Nelson, Josh Spooner, & Tamsin Lucey*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



- ⌚ Drivers to deliver meals to seniors living at the high-rise on Charlton Street
- ⌚ Drivers to deliver meals to seniors living at TAG on Theresa Avenue.
- ⌚ Volunteers to help with the packing of meals before they are delivered.

We are looking for people who can give 2-4 hours per week to help those in need. If you are interested in helping, please call 508-764-1469 or drop by the Community Center between the hours of 8am and 12 Noon, Monday through Friday.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED FOR FLOWERS

Once our Sunday service has ended, our weekly altar flowers are delivered to shut-ins or those that can use cheer and comfort. The coffee cans are used for the flower delivery. The cans get wrapped in foil to make them look pretty, then the flower arrangement from the altar is placed in the can for easy delivery. A card letting the recipient know that they have come from the altar of HTC is added and then they are delivered. Please donate your used coffee cans!

DINING CHAIRS NEEDED!



The Foyer/Narthex transformation is nearly complete! We are looking for a donation of 2 or 4 upholstered dining chairs for the foyer to allow people to sit awhile, either before or after a service or to change their shoes in the winter or for an exercise program in the parish hall. If you have something we could use, please speak to Tamsin Lucey.

TEMPTATION 101

At 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge at St. Anne's every Thursday through July 17, we are invited to join in reading C. S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. The series of 9 readings will be lead by Bro. Paul Henry, A.A. Please look for more information on the flyer on the Community Events board in the foyer, or contact St. Anne's in Sturbridge.

Family Worship (FW) News

Greetings! Summer may be upon us (soon, hopefully) but that does NOT mean Family Worship is on vacation! Family Worship is YEAR ROUND at Holy Trinity, the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. June brings many joyous occasions for us to participate in and I would like to invite you all to be involved in Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. This year the kids will process into "big church" on June 8 with simple banners/flags to show their understanding of the Holy Spirit. During FW on the 8th, we will prepare something for the congregation to extend the celebration of "the birthday of the church". Banner making will take place during coffee hour on May 25 and June 1. Parents please facilitate this with your children and leave banners/flags in the FW office. Every parishioner that would like to make a banner/flag, and/or process into "big church" on June 8th, please do so! June 8th is a RED Sunday - everyone is encouraged to wear RED to church that Sunday.

I am scheduling Family Worship Leaders through September. There is a sign up sheet on the HTC notice board (by the kitchen) in the foyer. If you have been identified as a person who would like to lead FW, please look for a group email to sign up for a date. Family Worship continues as a ministry for youth Christian Education, because we have parishioners who volunteer to lead- thank you!!! If you feel called to lead Family Worship and I haven't contacted you, please get in touch with me :)

Lastly,

Get ready for VBS!!!! August 4-8 will be a fun -filled, non-stop, spirit-lead week with the theme "WEIRD ANIMALS" Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-kind. Don't worry- this year's curriculum has been reviewed by the harshest critics at church- the kids- and they love the energy, the message and the music. Please save the date and sign up. There are many ways to support VBS as well, most importantly right now is to start praying for the little children to come to us!!!!

That's all for now.....

Eileen DeMings

June 8th, Pentecost Sunday, is the birthday of our church!
PLEASE WEAR RED!

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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

Sunday, June 1—9:30 a.m.—Parish UTO Ingathering and Fr. Richard's
first day and Sunday as Priest-In-Charge!

Sunday, June 8—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship & Pentecost Sunday, the
birthday of the church: please wear red.

Monday, June 9—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting

Sunday, June 15—Trinity Sunday—Our namesake Sunday, another
celebration!

Monday, June 16—7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Prayer Group

Sunday, June 22—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Class Information

Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.—Yoga

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga

Fridays @ 7:30 a.m.—TaiChi