



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

Dear Friends,

We opened the question of an "Easter Spirituality" by asking you to leave the dark places and move toward rejoicing. One can "Rock with God" through your favorite music, or by engaging in the adventurous activity that opens a sense of wonder. The Gospels 'keynote' the teaching of the Church. In this season of Easter these texts have asked us to synch-up our emotional faith and our intellectual assent (Doubting Thomas); to seek the Living God in Holy Scripture and Holy Sacrament ("Emmaus Road" resurrection appearance); to follow the voice of Jesus within: understood as 'conscience' and/or inspiration (Christ the Good Shepherd); and to believe with a child-like simplicity that Jesus reigns to support and hold us ("I am the way, the truth, and the life..."). For the remaining Sundays in the season, we honor God in Creation; and wait for the Holy Spirit to claim us for God.

I have often thought that people are happiest when they are learning and growing; alternatively we become bored and disengaged. Easter Spirituality can be typified in the desire to know God, and to seek God in the simple things of life. We never cease expecting a miracle. We know asking in prayer comes before recognizing God's answer. Life's Joy leads us back to the Giver, the Risen Christ, and so the inspiration leads to new growth. He is Risen; and it is glorious in our eyes!

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

THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thank you to Ray Beaupre and Paul Aloia for installing the cup hooks in the pews. Tamsin revealed their use to the parish this week. Welcome cards will be hung on the hooks to facilitate communication with new parishioners and current parishioners. If you have a change of address or would like to communicate changes to your personal information on file in the office, please fill out one of the welcome cards and put it in the offertory plate. Thank you to Tamsin and Peg Nelson for making the welcome cards a reality. In addition to the welcome cards, there will be an electronic giving card hanging behind the welcome card. Thank you to Susan Howland and Lynn Garland for editing and ordering the electronic giving cards. If you give through bill pay, prepaid pledge or electronically please place a card in the offering plate so your gift can be blessed.

Thank you to Fr. Richard for your interactive sermon on stewardship. Everyone learned a valuable lesson on giving, receiving, and having enough. Fr. Richard gave out cards he called "wampum," used as currency. The exercise taught us that in giving, we all had to learn to receive and to realize we always had enough.

The month of June will be a busy month. The choir is preparing for Pentecost on June 4 and Trinity Sunday on June 11. I look forward to listening to their special music. The gardening event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4. Please plan to join us for this community event.

Gratitude for all these blessings and thanksgivings for the time, talent, and treasures that Holy Trinity receives abundantly.

*Nancy Waugh
Senior Warden*

**Join us for Family Worship
in Blakely Hall
June 11 & 25**

**When families come
together to worship with kids in mind.**

LOAVES AND FISHES

Anyone can donate any non-perishable food item at any time - you don't have to sign up to participate! If you would like to sign up to bring food one month, there are still several months available. Sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Questions - please speak with Tamsin Lucey in person or call [774 200 4279](tel:7742004279).

BIBLE AND WINE: A BIBLE BOOK STUDY Study Book: **The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Bible**

By James Stuart Bell Jr. and Stan Campbell

Wednesday,

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30-9:00PM – TBD

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30-9:00PM – TBD

**Please see Fr. Richard for location!*

SPECIAL JUNE DAYS!

**Pentecost is on Sunday, June 4. Please wear
RED to Church to celebrate!**

**Sunday, June 11, is Trinity Sunday. Please join
us during coffee hour after service for
celebration cupcakes decorated by Family
Worship!**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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!

THE MISSION PLATE

In May, we started collecting donations for St. Luke's Guesthouse, and this will continue through June. To have a place such as this, right here in Southbridge, is a blessing to us all. Thank you, Susan Howland, for telling us about this "home" at the service on May 14th. I am hoping that we can collect enough donations to pay their monthly electric bills for May and June, \$120/month.

It is so interesting to visit their webpage, so if you have a chance, go online and browse their stories, needs, and services. Thank you to the Howlands and all those who support St Luke's Guesthouse.

Suzy Sharp, [774-230-3426](tel:774-230-3426)

HTEC MUSIC NOTES

Choir will sing until June 11th, Trinity Sunday, with rehearsal after church on June 4th.

Thank you to all the people who volunteer their time and talents for the music program at Holy Trinity. We owe you a gratitude of thanks because of the your spirituality that you generously donate to our church. We are a small but mighty choir and you are always up for what I pick out for music.

To all the instrumentalists that help add such variety to our church program, I am grateful for your time and openness to the music that Fr. Richard and I pick out for us to try. My goal is to add a genre of music to the church service so there is something for everyone.

I am always looking for people to volunteer their time during the summer for the offertory. If you are interested in participating, please speak to me or email me at anniebouv@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and see you in October for the beginning of choir.

God Bless, Anne

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOE!

What better way to celebrate turning 60 than having a party!! Joe DiSalvatore would like to invite you all to a traditional 7-course Italian meal (or as close to traditional as we can do here in America) on Saturday, June 24, here in the undercroft at 4:30pm. Water and non-alcoholic beverages will be available throughout the night. Wine will be served with the pasta meal, and Limoncello will be served as an after-dinner cordial. In lieu of gifts, Joe asks that you make a donation to Holy Trinity's building fund in his name. Please let us know if you'll be attending by either emailing Joe at jdisalva21@hotmail.com, or calling [617-857-5741](tel:617-857-5741). Please leave a message if there is no answer. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you there!



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF PENTECOST?

The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world.

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HTEC Old Fashioned Summer Cookout

July 2

Food served
3:00-4:30 pm

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Homemade Baked Beans, Apple Crisp, Watermelon, Iced Tea and Lemonade. Parishioners, their families, friends, neighbors, and the community are all invited!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help is needed, can you please provide: Baked Beans in a crock pot ready to serve?

Help set up? - following Hospitality Hour;

Help clean up? - 4:30-5:30 pm

*Help needed getting the potatoes ready for the Oven Baked Potatoes.

If YES, please sign up on the volunteer form on the Narthex table, speak to Tamsin Lucey after church, or call 774-200-4279.



SOUTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENTS

June 3

**9 am to 11:00 am at Cross St.
Community Garden Plots**

Please plan to stop by and help out. Your doing so will make a difference! Activities will include:

Helping to prepare the plots for planting, helping to plant vegetables and herbs, and helping with watering of the plants. Compost, plants, seeds, some tools and watering cans provided. Breakfast provided.

June 3

**11:15 am to 1:00 pm at Worcester
St. Community Garden Plots**

Lunch provided. Please bring with you, if you can, gloves, tools, and a wheelbarrow!

June 4

**Community Container Gardening
11 am to 12 pm
Outside the church!**

Please plan to stay after the worship service and help out. Your doing so will make a difference! Activities will include: Welcoming neighbors, helping to fill containers with compost, helping to plant vegetables and seeds, and assisting our neighbors in getting their containers back to their homes! Please bring with you: gloves and tools. If you can bring a wheelbarrow, it would be appreciated!

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**Woot Woot
VBS is coming to
Holy Trinity Church!**

**August 14-18
9:00am-12:00Noon**



**STATION AND CREW
LEADERS! PLEASE SEE
EILEEN DEMINGS!**



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Sunday Services

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

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Richard Signore

Save These Dates

Holy Trinity Church

Saturday, June 3—9:00 a.m.—Community Gardens @ Cross St.

11:15 a.m.—Community Gardens @ Worcester St.

Sunday, June 4—9:30 a.m.—Pentecost Sunday—**WEAR RED!**

11:00 a.m.—Community Container Gardening—HTC

Wednesday, June 7—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine Study—TBD

Sunday, June 11—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, June 14—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

Sunday, June 18—9:30 a.m.—Healing Service

Wednesday, June 21—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine Study—TBD

Saturday, June 24—4:30 p.m.—Joe DiSalvatore's Birthday Dinner

Sunday, June 25—9:30 p.m.—Family Worship