



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,

Our liturgy for this next month takes its themes from the natural order. While all around us are in the final stages of growth and the harvest is ready to be gathered into barns and stored, there is a deepening sense of Joy that our God oversees the ceaseless round. Yet another season, and all is ready to sustain family and friends for yet another winter.

There is a comfort in our faith as well. The harvest of souls, starting with All Saint's Sunday (God making us objectively Holy by the imputation of the Sanctifying Spirit) and the celebrations of both Thanksgiving and the festival of Christ the King (the end of sequential time when Christ visibly establishes the eternal reign of God), underscores the Joy of the inevitable: Our sharing in the harvest of God.

We are God's planting, the Holy Vineyard; and we desire to know the companionship of all those whom God cherishes and whom God places in our path. We are called to a party! It will be truly 'out-of--this-world'!!!!!!! Bring a friend!!! I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

(The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

Harvest Supper Thank You!

We are doubly blessed when we host a meal for the community. "Blessed to give and blessed to receive." Blessed by those who attend—both parishioners and neighbors from the community. Thank you to everyone who made the Community Harvest Supper happen. A good time was had by all! We look forward to doing this again in 2017!

Tamsin Lucey

THANKSGIVINGS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Thank you to Tamsin for organizing and cooking for the Harvest Supper. Thank you to all who contributed to the Harvest Supper. The children had fun carving pumpkins, and a big thank you to the members of Bethlehem Lutheran for organizing and supervising this project. Thank you, Cat, for taking charge and grilling the sausages when we discovered there was no charcoal for the grill. Thank you to all who made our neighborhood guests feel welcome.

Thank you to the building committee for meeting to review the work that has been completed. In addition, the committee has prioritized the list of repairs that need to be completed and a list of preventive maintenance.

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

Nancy Waugh



Fr. Richard invites all children of any age to wear their Halloween costumes to church on Sunday, November 6, for **All Saint's Sunday**.



**November 6
@ 2:00 a.m.**

Join us for Family Worship

in Blakely Hall

November 13 & 27

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

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2—Mary Demers
8—Paige Spooner
23—Lana Pieczynski

4—Katelyn Anderstrom
8—Carolyn Anderstrom
23—Josh Spooner

6—Barbara Kalber
17—Hope Wilson
25—Eileen DeMings

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

Thank you for your donations of food during October. Food items suitable for everyday meals for December are much appreciated. Please know that every donation of any food is a blessing to those in need and eagerly accepted by St. John Paul II Food Pantry. On Sunday, November 6, 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. Food returned by Sunday, November 20, will be blessed and will be delivered to the pantry in time for Thanksgiving distribution. Thank you for your continued donations to the Loaves and Fishes ministry.

“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 September 2016

Income

- Not too much to report.
- The pledges are behind as expected.
- Despite some line-to-line variance, overall the income is over budget by a little more than the pre-paid pledges.
- None of the YMCA rent is budgeted, but reserves are kept for necessary repair and maintenance when it is needed.
- Rice-O-Rama figures are not final yet.

Expense

- There is nothing new to report other than what has been reported in prior months.
- Some lines are still under budget and most lines will even out by the end of the year.

Other News

- The brick work is finished but we have not received a bill; the roof will be finished this week.
- We did not buy oil to top off the tank yet.
- There has been discussion about how to bring the downstairs kitchen in line with the building code and health department requirements to make our kitchen more useable in the future . Cat Reith-Lowery drew up some preliminary plans and presented them to the vestry.
- We signed the license agreement with The Bread Box Company (Tamsin) for \$250/month.
- We have not received a quote for the fire suppression vent hood yet, but it will likely require a capital campaign.
- The YMCA plans to rent through August 2017.
- The finance committee met and drafted a 2017 budget that was presented to the vestry for review.

Susan Howland, Treasurer



Dear Thankful People at Holy Trinity

Our combined United Thank Offering of \$706.71 was taken to the UTO ingathering held during the Diocesan Conventions Eucharist...Thanks be to God!

THE MISSION PLATE

In November we will collect offerings for our local food bank. I have heard that they are experiencing shortages of food items, so whatever help we can give will be greatly appreciated. Most of us have enough food for the holidays, but for some of our neighbors in Southbridge a holiday meal would be difficult. Please consider an offering to the mission plate that would cover the cost of a holiday dish, like mashed potatoes, a roast chicken or turkey, vegetables or some pies. Then when you join your family and friends for your holiday meal, you can imagine another family's happiness and pleasure as they sit down at their table.

"The Lord bless this food to our use, and us to His service."

Also please let me know if you sponsor a child. We need to update our list for our prayers. I need the child's name and country where they live. Thanks.

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

BIBLE AND WINE: A BIBLE BOOK STUDY

Jesus turned Water to Wine. We expect He will show up here.

Study Book: **The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Bible**

By James Stuart Bell Jr. and Stan Campbell

Bible & Study Book required

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30-9PM, Isaac & Jacob: Lessons in Family Dysfunction.

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30-9PM, Joseph: Not Your Average Joe

Location details: 11/2—HTEC; 11/16—TBD—See Fr. Richard

WINTER COAT CLOSET

Winter coats for men, women, youth and children will be available on Saturday mornings from 9-11am through December 17. Clean, gently used coats are always in need!

FALL PIES

Pie time is here! Thank you to all who have taken some labels from our supply board. There are still labels to be taken—it isn't too late!

Schedule:

October 30 - Focus on Apple Pies—apples, sugar, spices, and volunteers for apple cutting and pastry rolling.

November 6 - Focus on Pumpkin and Pecan Pies - pumpkin, condensed milk, pecans, karo syrups, eggs, brown sugar, and spices. Volunteers for pastry rolling or filling mixing.

November 13 - Focus on Meat Pies - meats, onions, spices, and volunteers for pastry rolling and onion cutting.

November 19 - Focus on any pies necessary to complete orders.



If you are interested in helping with baking, please contact Cat Reith-Lowery (619) 962-1946 or Joe DiSalvatore (617) 875-5741.

This year we are offering Meat, Pecan, Pumpkin, Apple and Dutch Apple Pies. They will be fully cooked and frozen. Cooking instructions will accompany each pie purchased. Thank you!

Stewardship Ingathering and Harvest Service

Sunday November 20th @ 9:30 am

As life brings us back around each year, we gather to celebrate the In Gathering of Pledge Cards and Harvest Service, this year on Christ the King Sunday - the last day of the liturgical year when we celebrate the Big Harvest of God at the end of time, when all is brought into His Kingdom. We will be celebrating all of our great harvest and bring them to the Lord with great joy, openness of heart, and splendor! Please plan to join us for this special service, during which pledge cards will be collected in the offering and placed on the altar. {Pledge cards will be mailed to households separately & are available on the Narthex table.} Everyone is invited to enjoy brunch in the parish hall after the service.

You're Invited!

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO THE
STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 20
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.

Gathering of the Great Bounties for the Harvest

We will be adorning the Sanctuary with Fall Harvest Bounties on Saturday, November 13. Come One, Come All and bring a little touch of fall with you to help decorate. We are looking for contributions of pumpkins, gourds, squash, corn stalks, bales of straw, mums, kale, colored leaves, anything that reminds you of the Great Harvest ! Contributions may be dropped off no later than **Sunday, November 13**. If you would like to help with decorating, please see Tamsin Lucey.



SHARE ADVENT TRADITIONS & MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

All materials supplied. Free Will donation welcomed!



Come either

Sunday, November 27 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

OR

Monday, November 28, drop in between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELL RINGERS

That time of year is nearly upon us. Tamsin Lucey has accepted the challenge to coordinate the Red Kettle Bell Ringers for the Sturbridge/Southbridge area. This is your opportunity to volunteer to "Ring the Bell" and help an organization dedicated to "Doing the Most Good." Red Kettles will be located in both towns starting Nov. 21 through Dec 24. Please contact Tamsin if you would like to know more about volunteering to "Ring the Bell." This is an ideal opportunity for those looking for community service hours. Start new family traditions. Caroling and playing of instruments are welcomed. The proceeds collected in this area stay in this area. Please contact Tamsin Lucey at

[774 200 4279](tel:7742004279) or RedKettleSbridge@gmail.com.



Living Generously Stewardship Series

I am amazed at the response to the invitations I made to parishioners to give a stewardship minute. I am so grateful for those willing to give the stewardship minutes. Holy Trinity is such a trusting community that parishioners are willing to share their stories.

The first week we heard from Cat Reith-Lowry and her gifts of time. Cat told us how she uses her gifts in VBS. She enjoys teaching the imagination station. Cat also enjoys leading Family Worship. Recently Cat used her architectural talent to draw up plans so Holy Trinity could pass the Board of Health inspection from the town of Southbridge.

The second week we heard from Eileen DeMings. Eileen shared her exciting news and answered the reflection question on the insert "When have you experienced a miracle in your life?" Her news, the DeMings will become a family of five in April, was the perfect answer to the reflection question. Eileen gives God all the credit when she shares the news.

The next week the reflection was about perseverance. Mary Bridgette Burns shared her story and the importance of being part of a community. Her story reminded me it has taken perseverance to gain the trust of the community to become "the hands and feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street."

October 23, 2016 was United Thank offering Sunday. Susan Howland told her story about how it was the United Thank offering that started her stewardship journey. Susan was inspired by the United Thank offering tradition started by women who wanted to make a difference by being thankful. The grants from all the thankful Episcopalians come together for mission.

I am so thankful to those who have shared their stories. I am looking forward to hearing the stewardship minutes for the next four weeks. On November 20, 2016 please join us for brunch following the service. During the service we will bring our pledge cards forward during the offertory. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Living Generously bulletin inserts. If you have missed any of the inserts and would like to read them, they are posted on the Holy Trinity website under the stewardship tab.

Nancy Waugh, Stewardship chair

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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

Saturdays in November—9:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet

10:30 a.m.—First Communion Class

(No class on November 26)

Sundays in November—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 2—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine—HTEC

Sunday, November 6—9:30 a.m.—Wear your costume-All Saint's Sunday

Wednesday, November 9—7:00 p.m.—Vestry Meeting & Book Study

Sunday, November 13—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Wednesday, November 16—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Wednesday, November 16—7:30 p.m.—Bible & Wine Study

Sunday, November 20—11:00 a.m.—Stewardship Brunch

Sunday, November 27—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Sunday, November 27—11:00 a.m.—Advent Wreath Making

Monday, November 28—5:30 p.m.—Advent Wreath Making